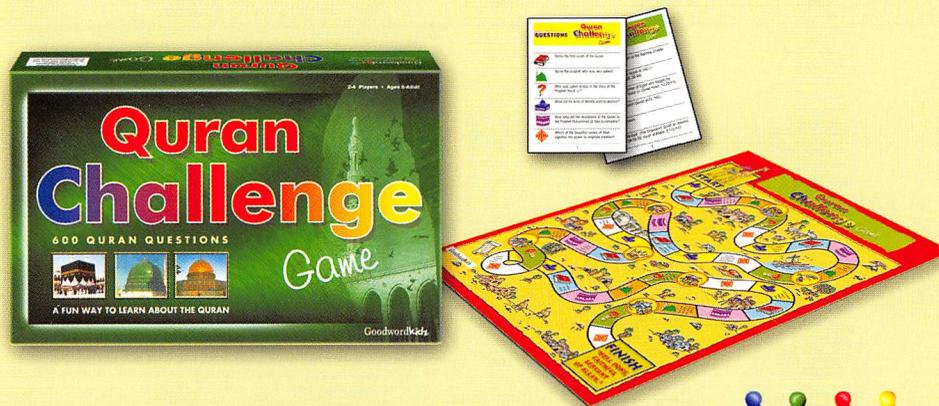


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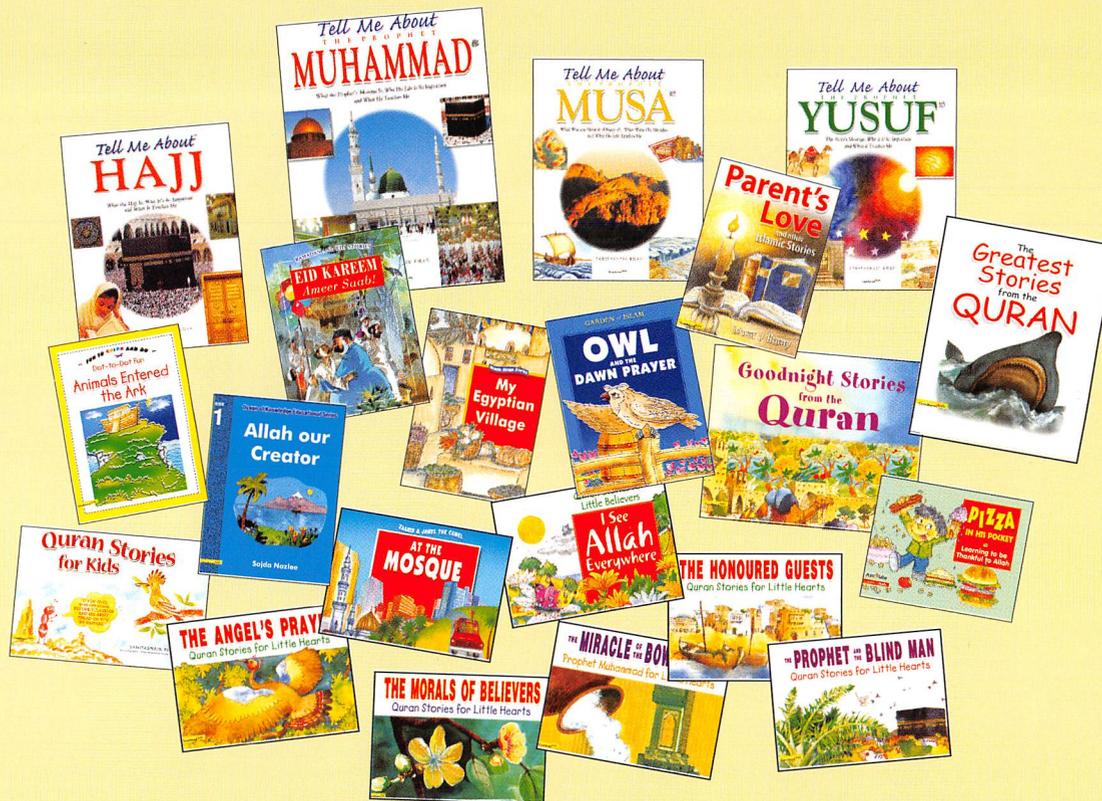
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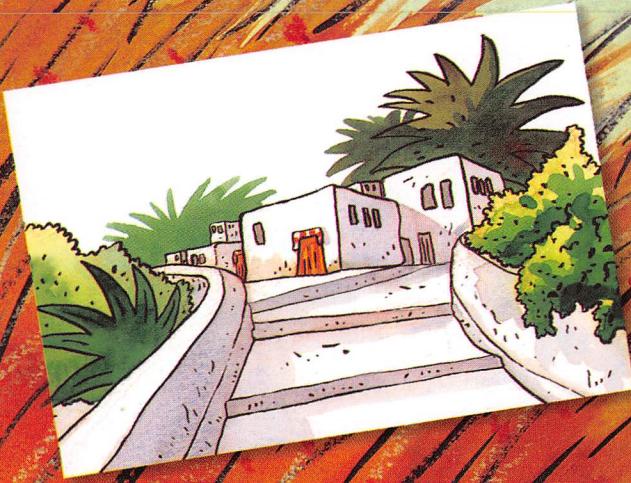
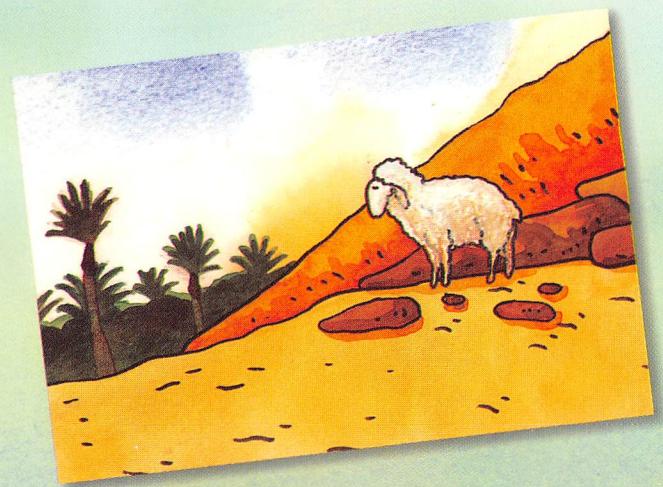
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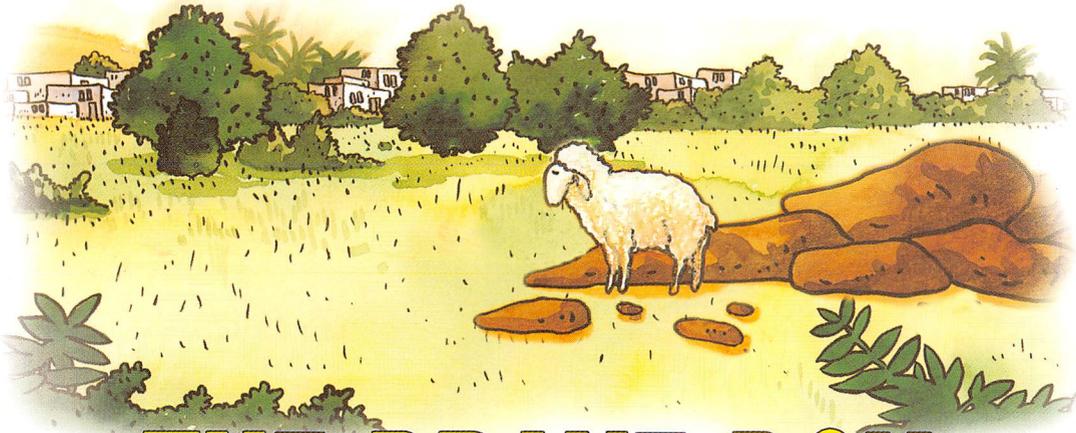
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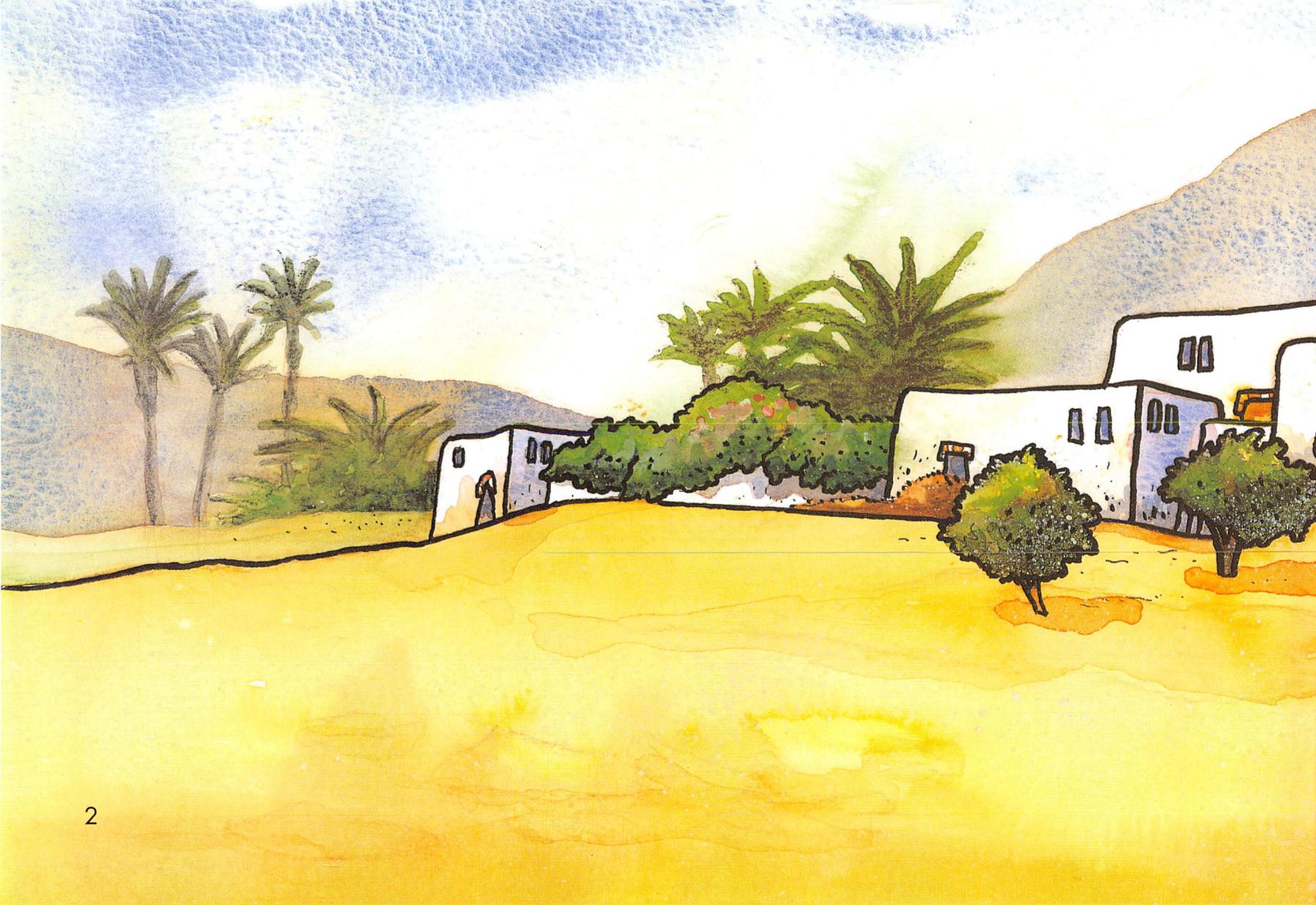


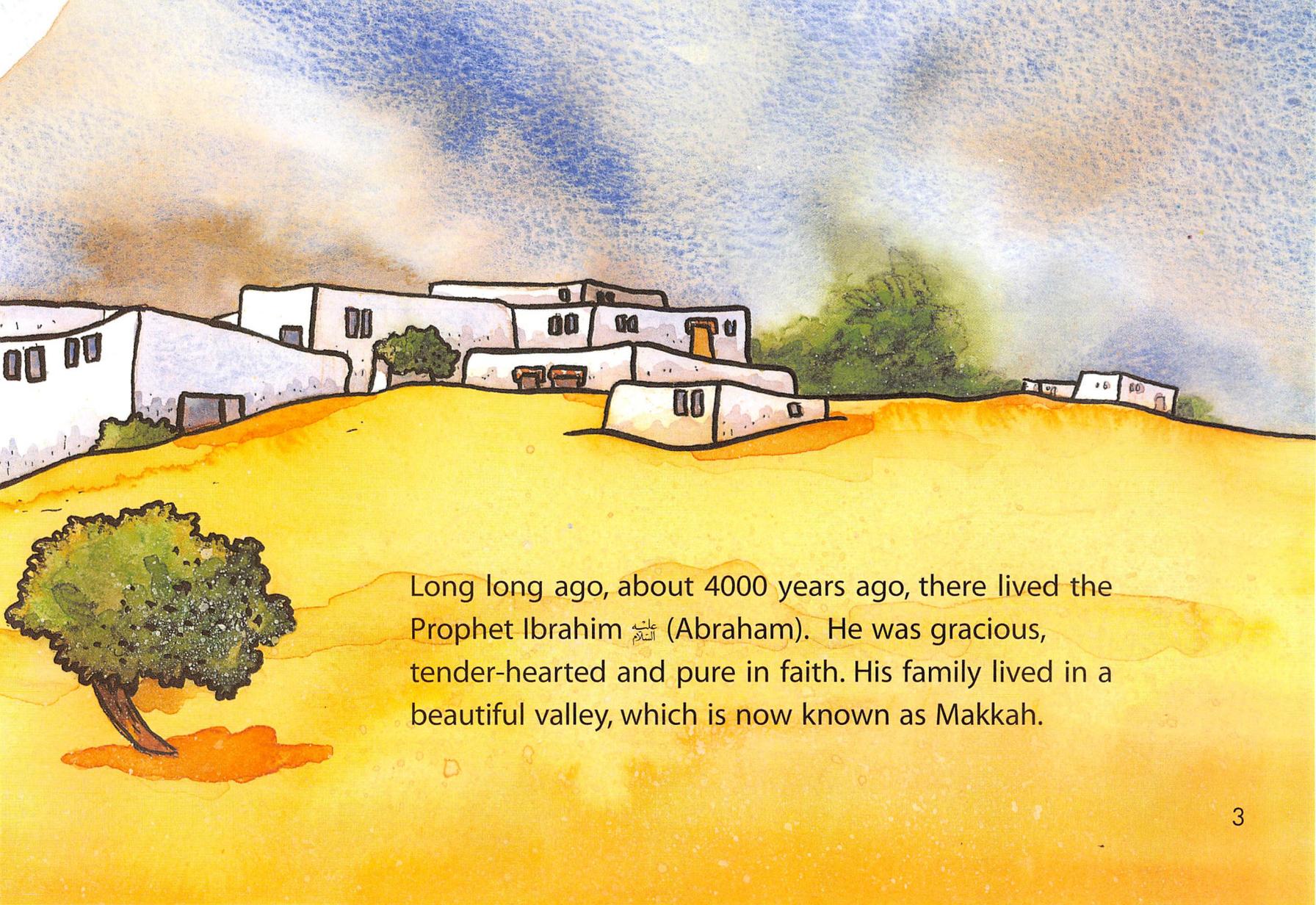
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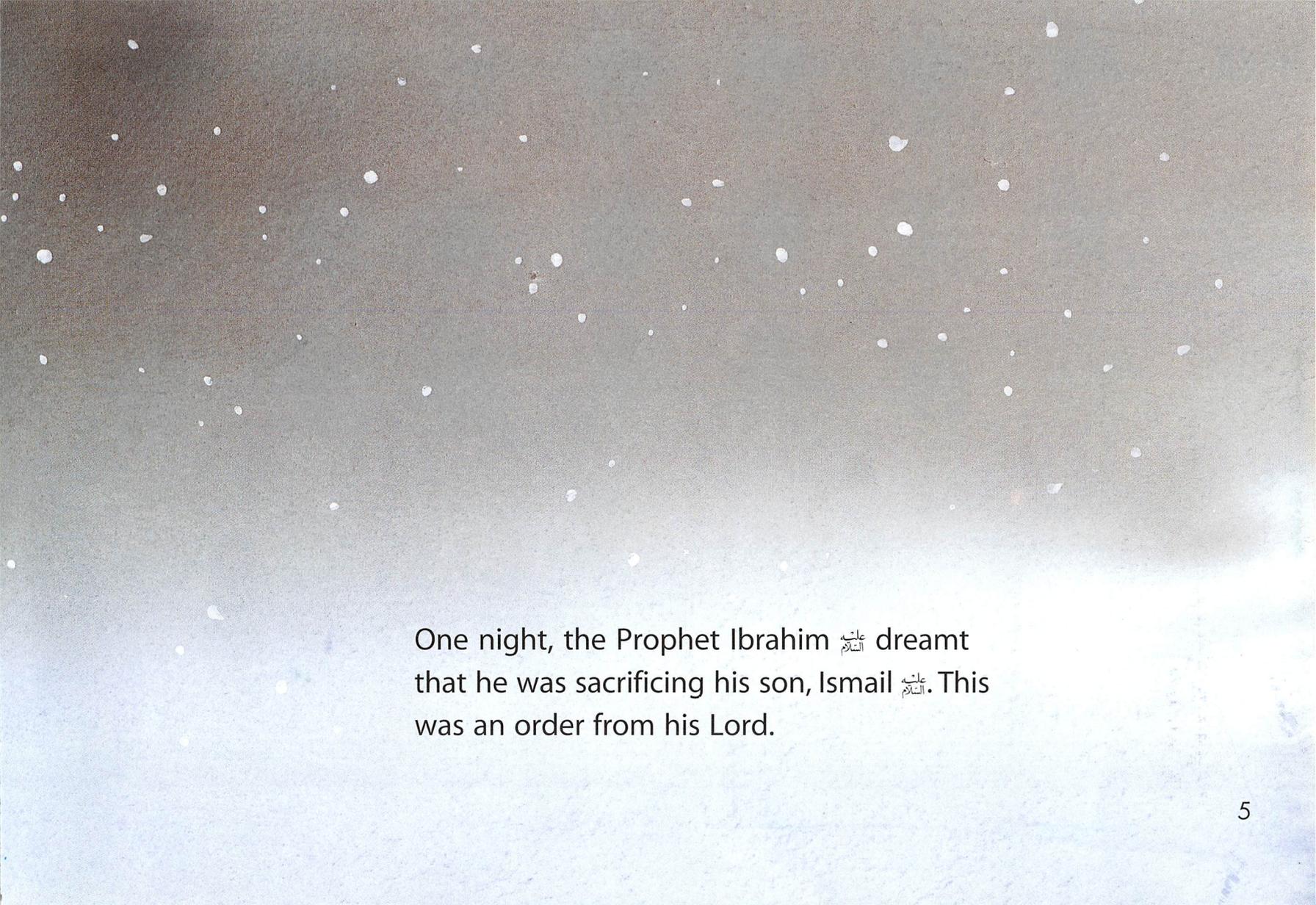
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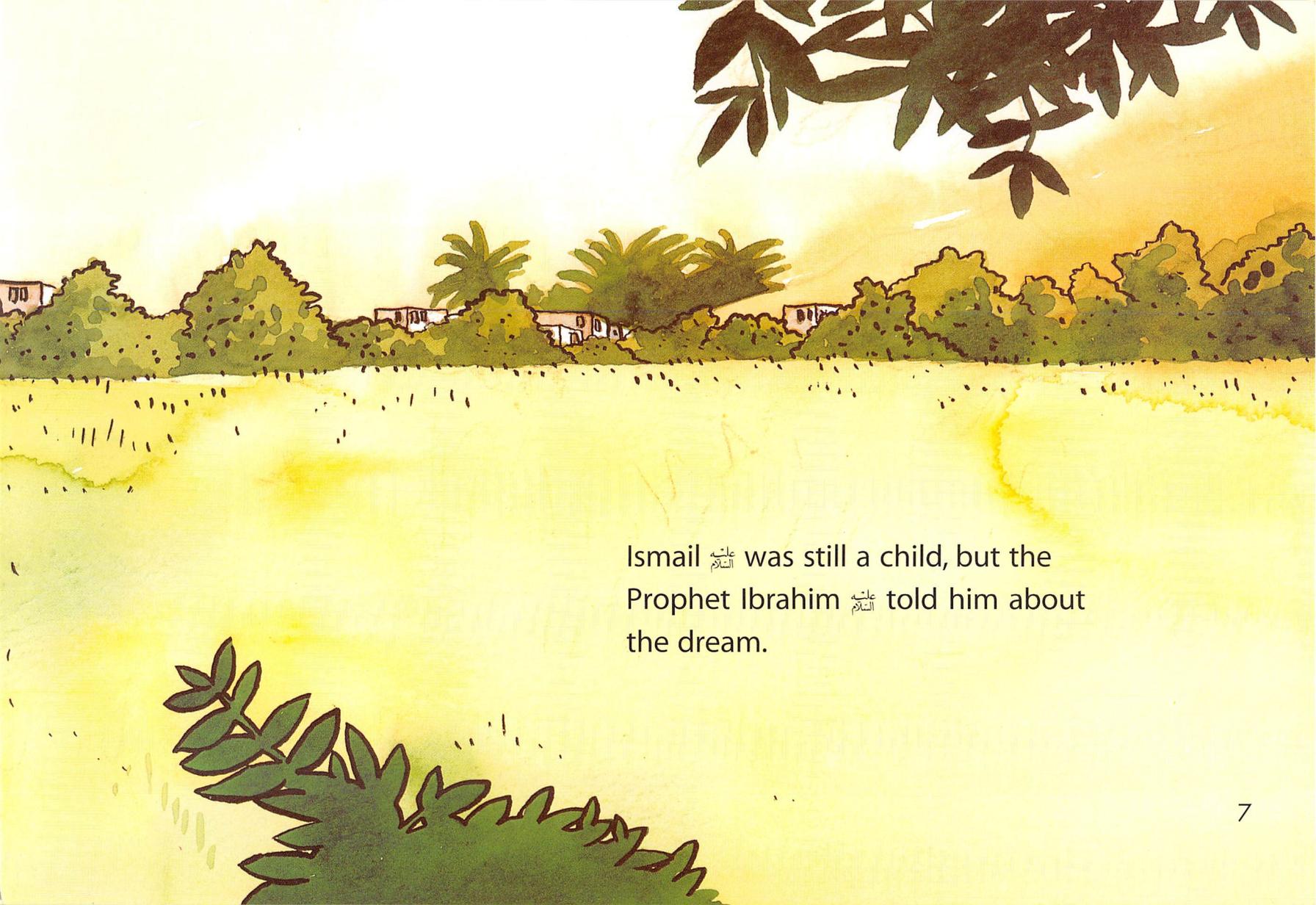
Long long ago, about 4000 years ago, there lived the Prophet Ibrahim عليه السلام (Abraham). He was gracious, tender-hearted and pure in faith. His family lived in a beautiful valley, which is now known as Makkah.





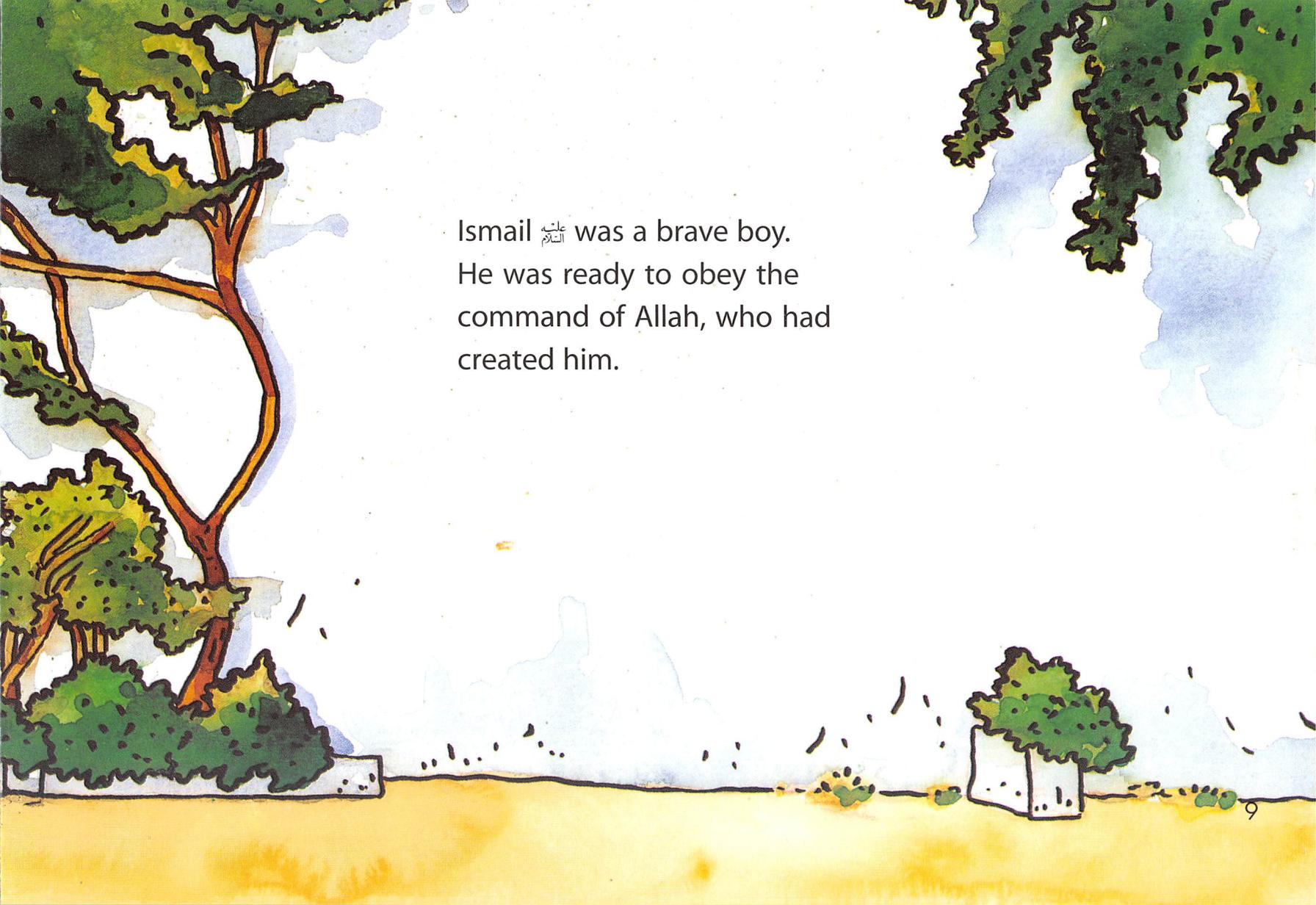
One night, the Prophet Ibrahim عليه السلام dreamt that he was sacrificing his son, Ismail عليه السلام. This was an order from his Lord.



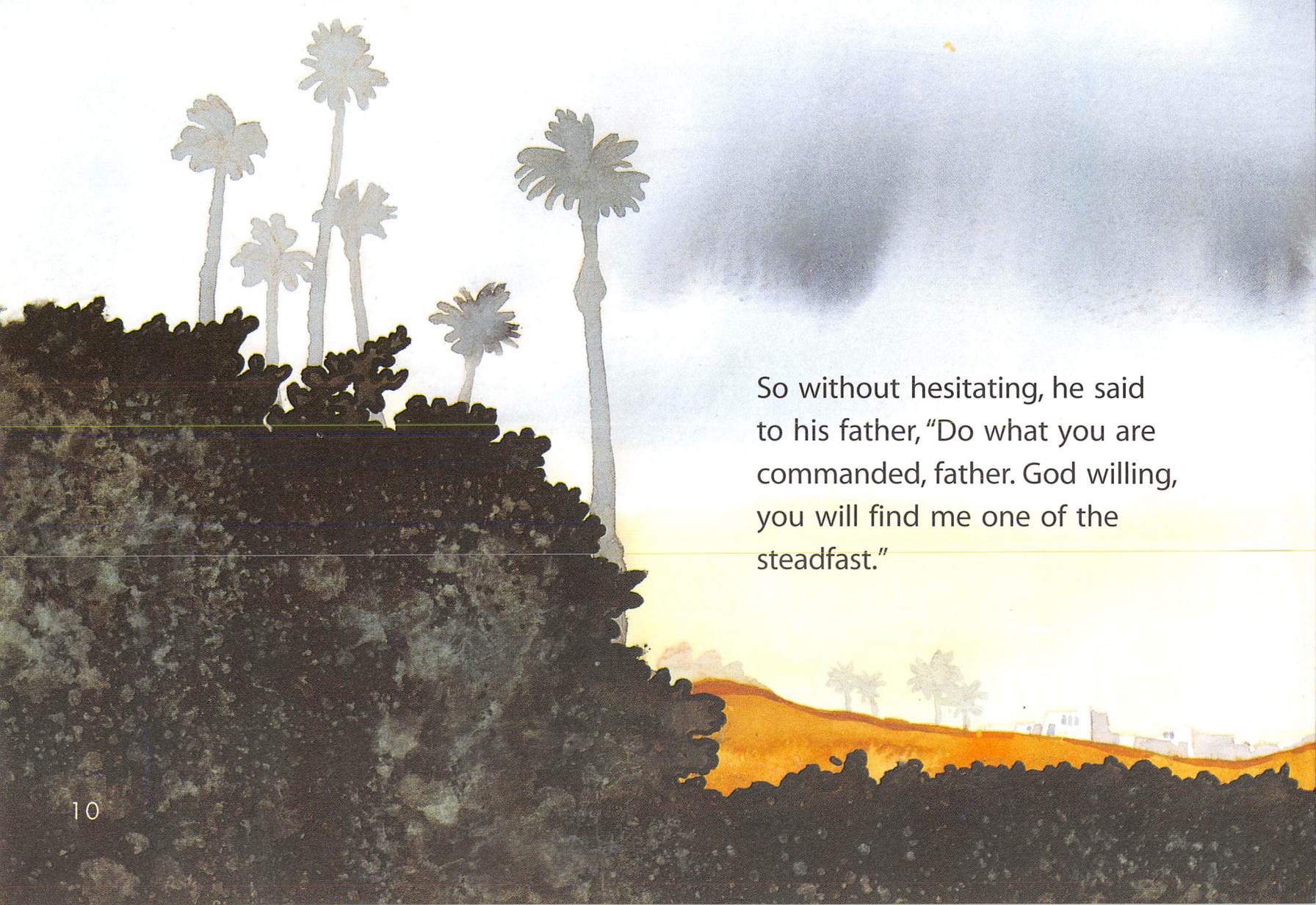


Ismail عليه السلام was still a child, but the Prophet Ibrahim عليه السلام told him about the dream.



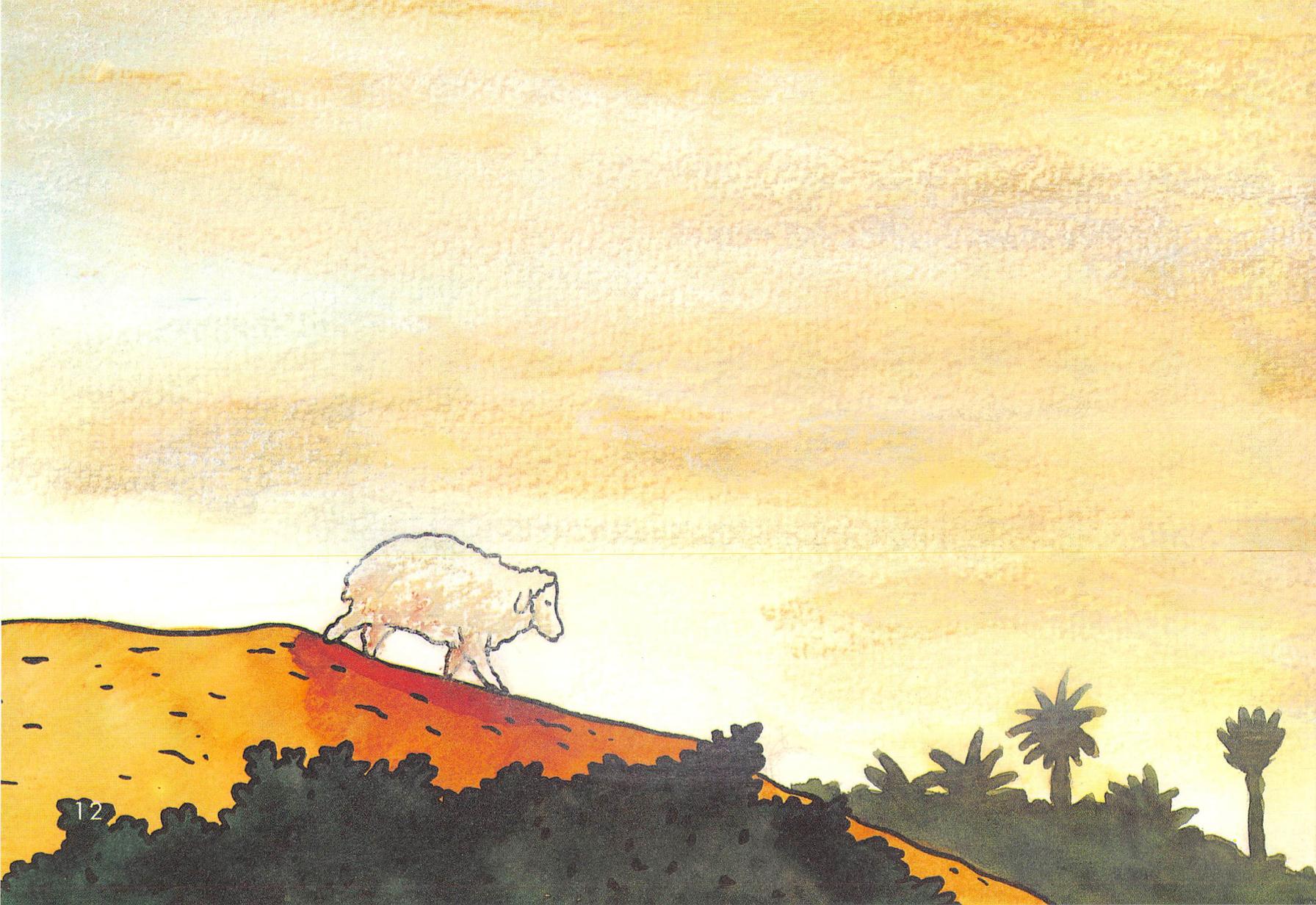


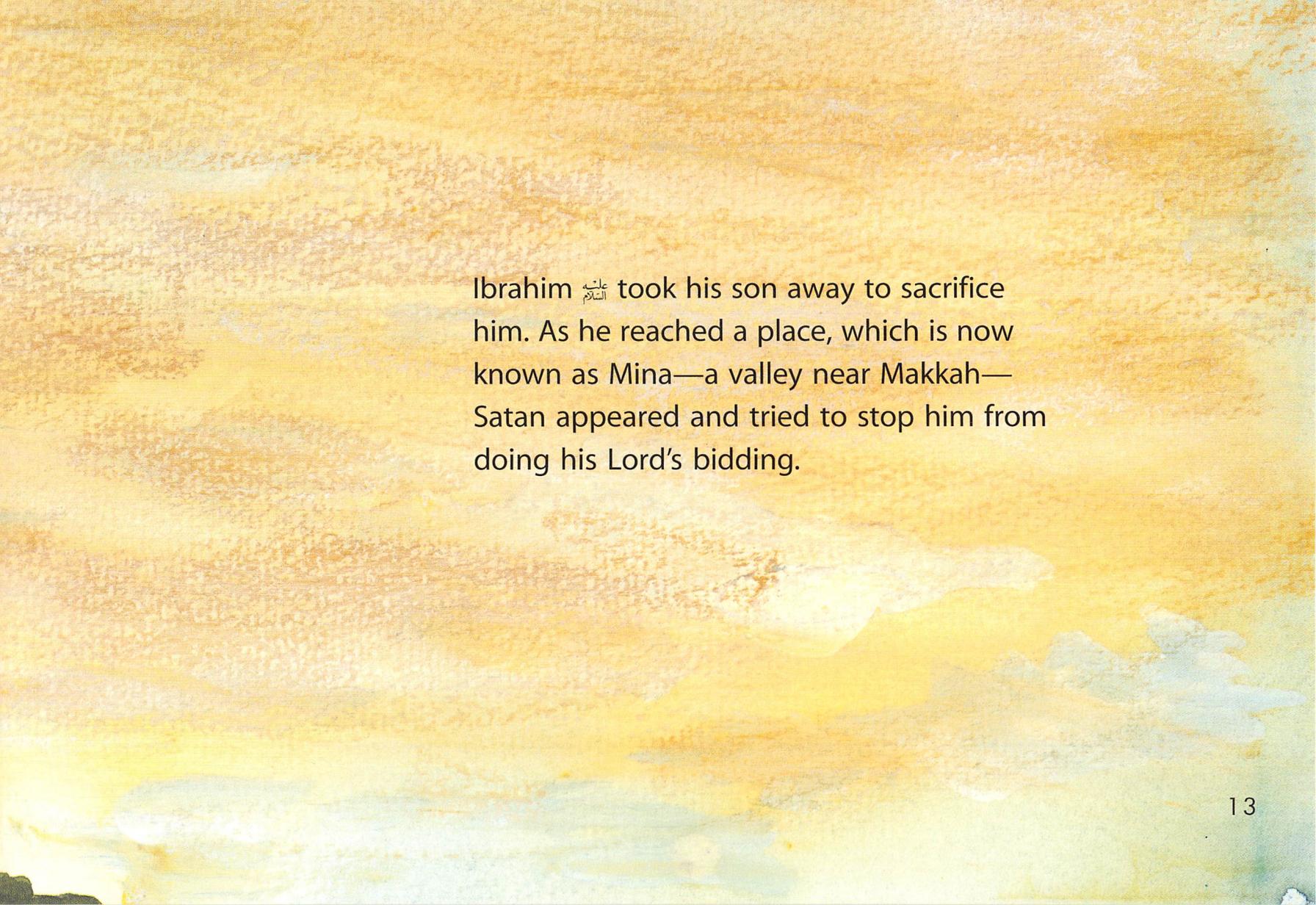
Ismail عليه السلام was a brave boy.
He was ready to obey the
command of Allah, who had
created him.



So without hesitating, he said to his father, "Do what you are commanded, father. God willing, you will find me one of the steadfast."

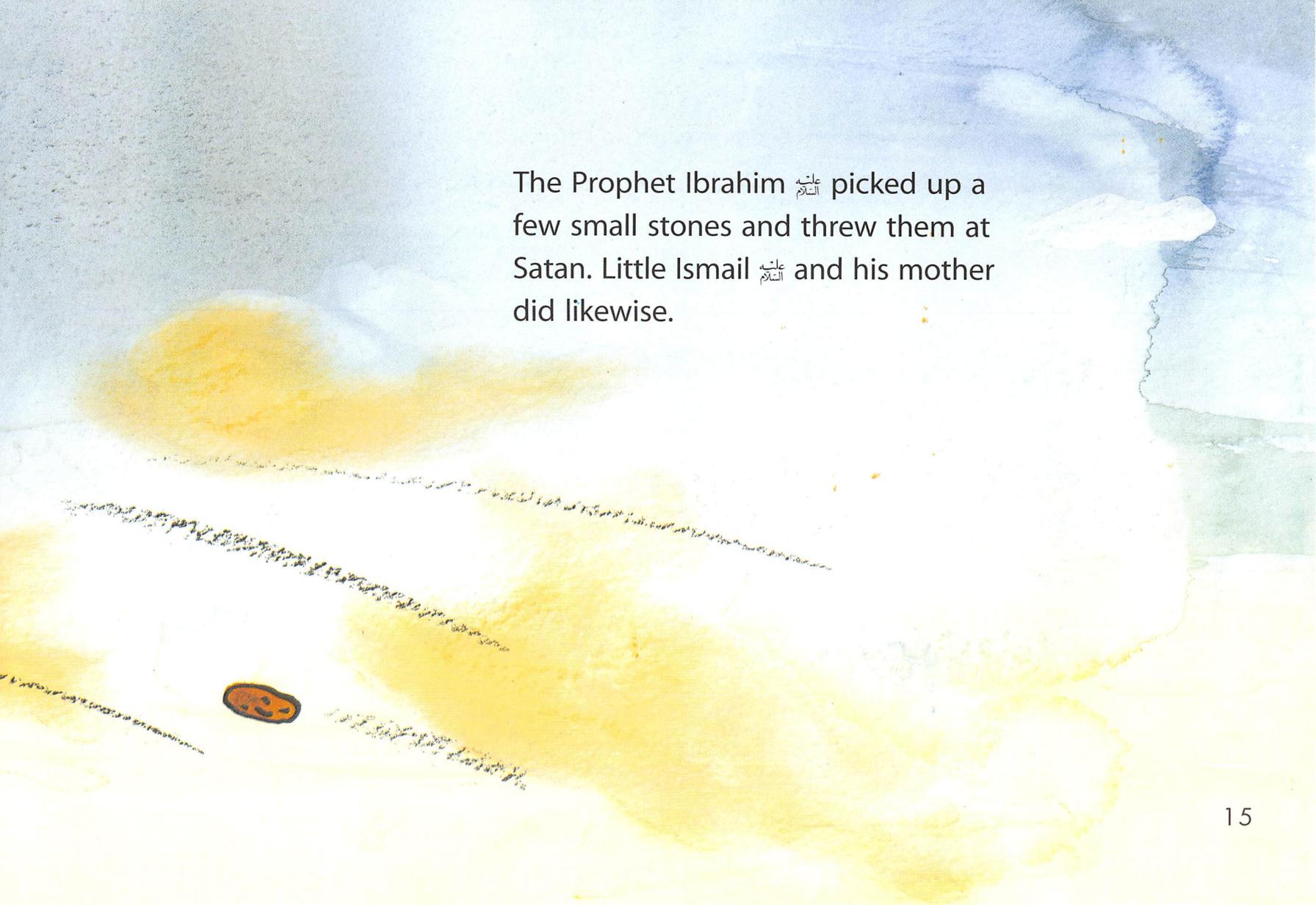






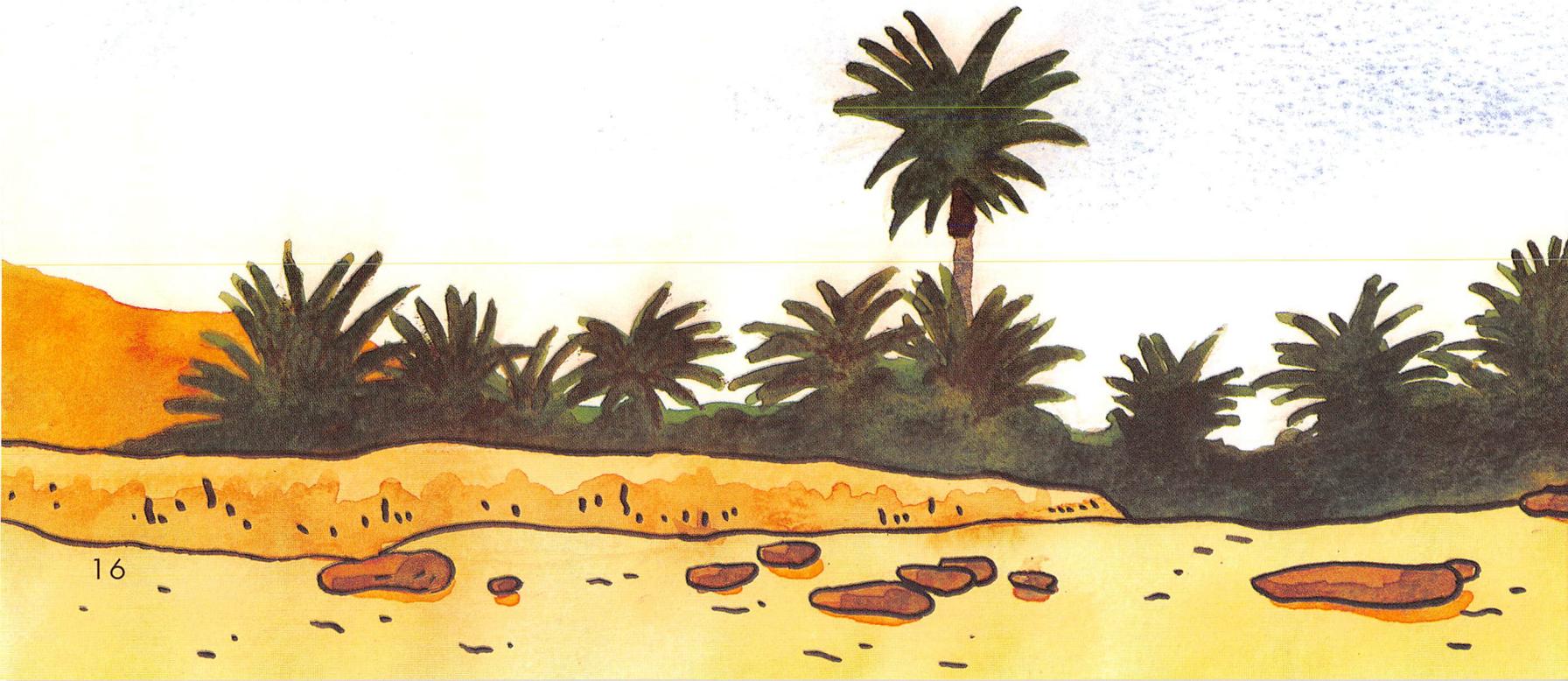
Ibrahim عليه السلام took his son away to sacrifice him. As he reached a place, which is now known as Mina—a valley near Makkah—Satan appeared and tried to stop him from doing his Lord's bidding.

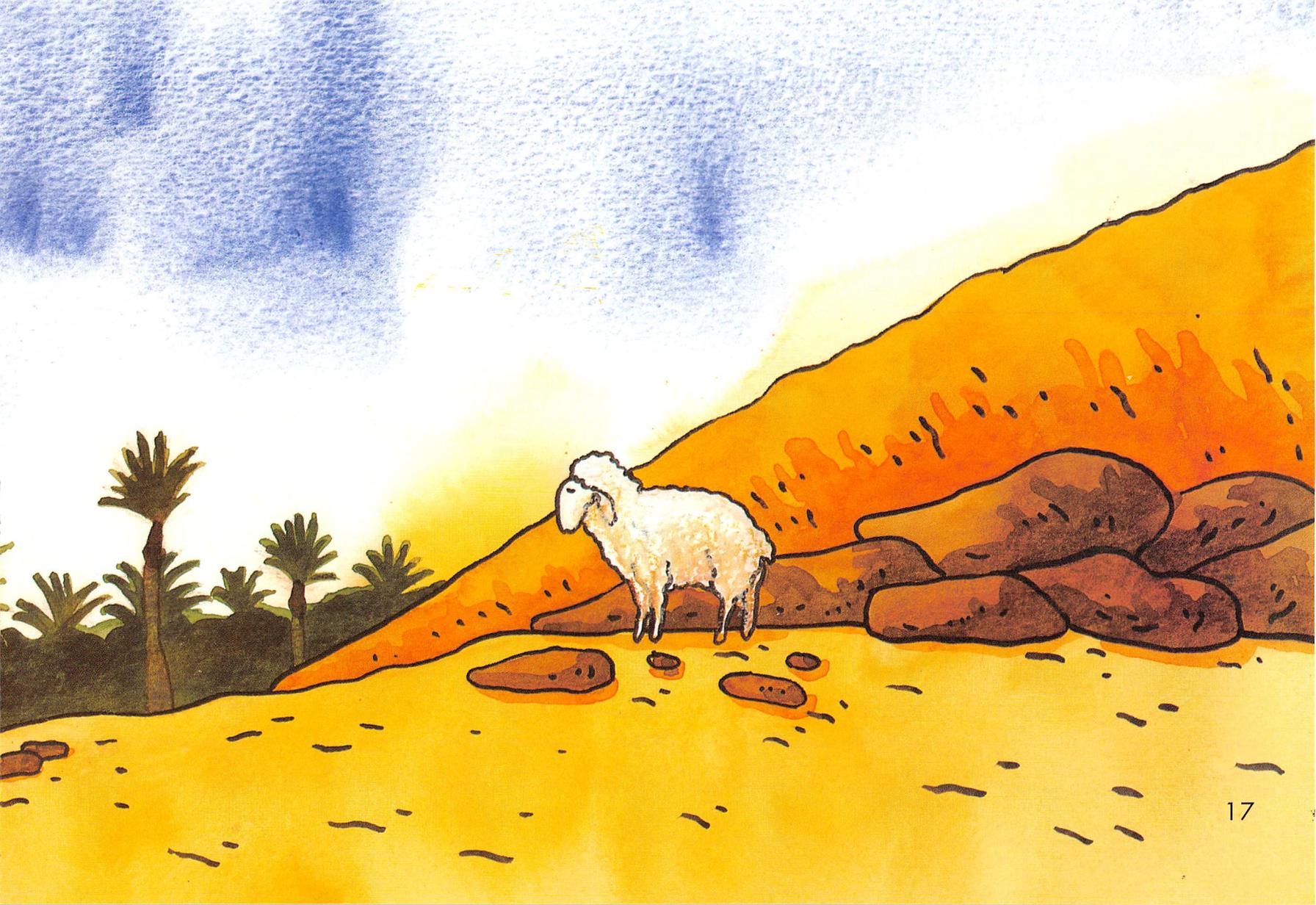




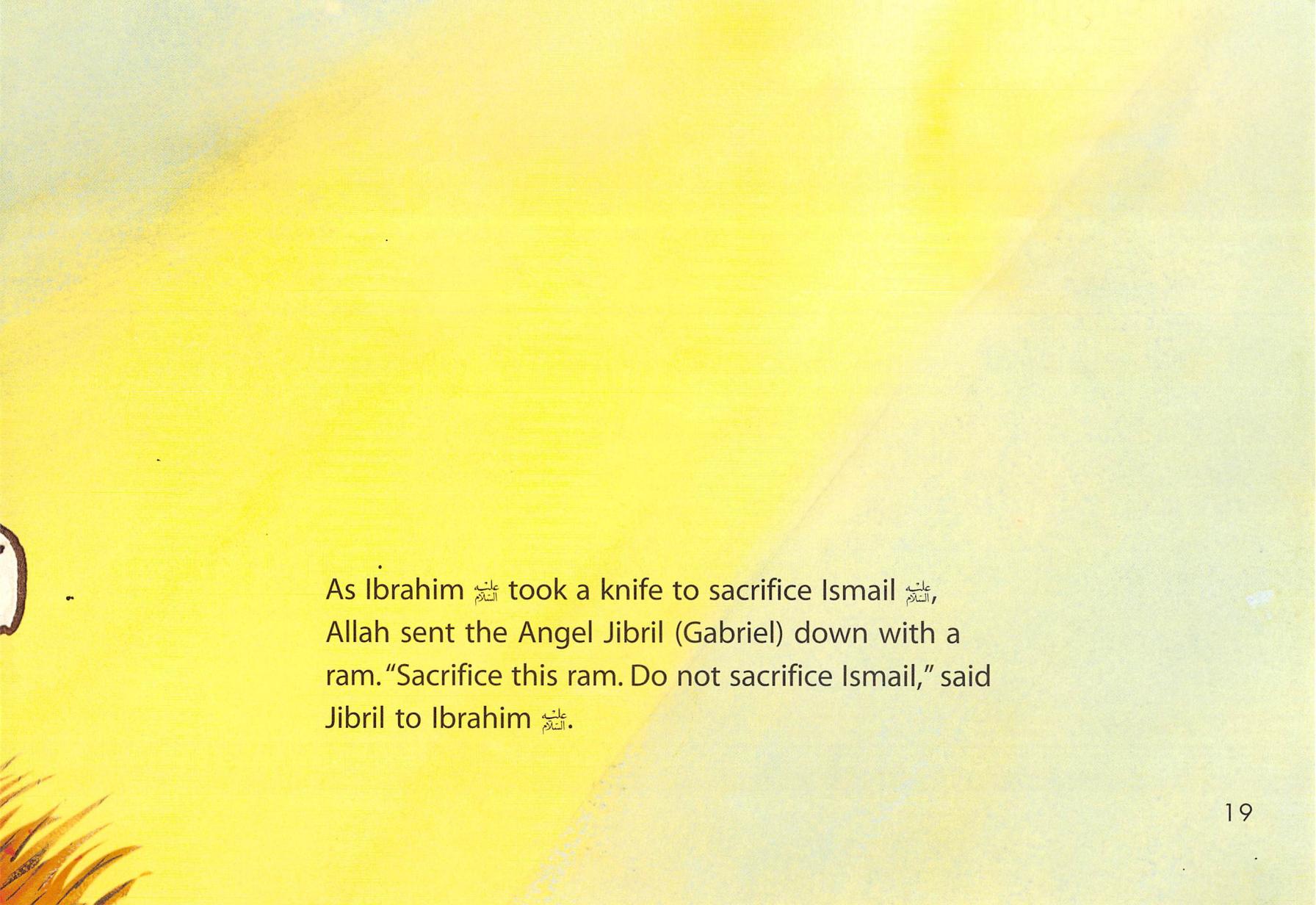
The Prophet Ibrahim عليه السلام picked up a few small stones and threw them at Satan. Little Ismail عليه السلام and his mother did likewise.

The Prophet Ibrahim عليه السلام gently placed his son on the ground and blindfolded himself with a handkerchief so that he could not see his beloved son while carrying out the Lord's command.









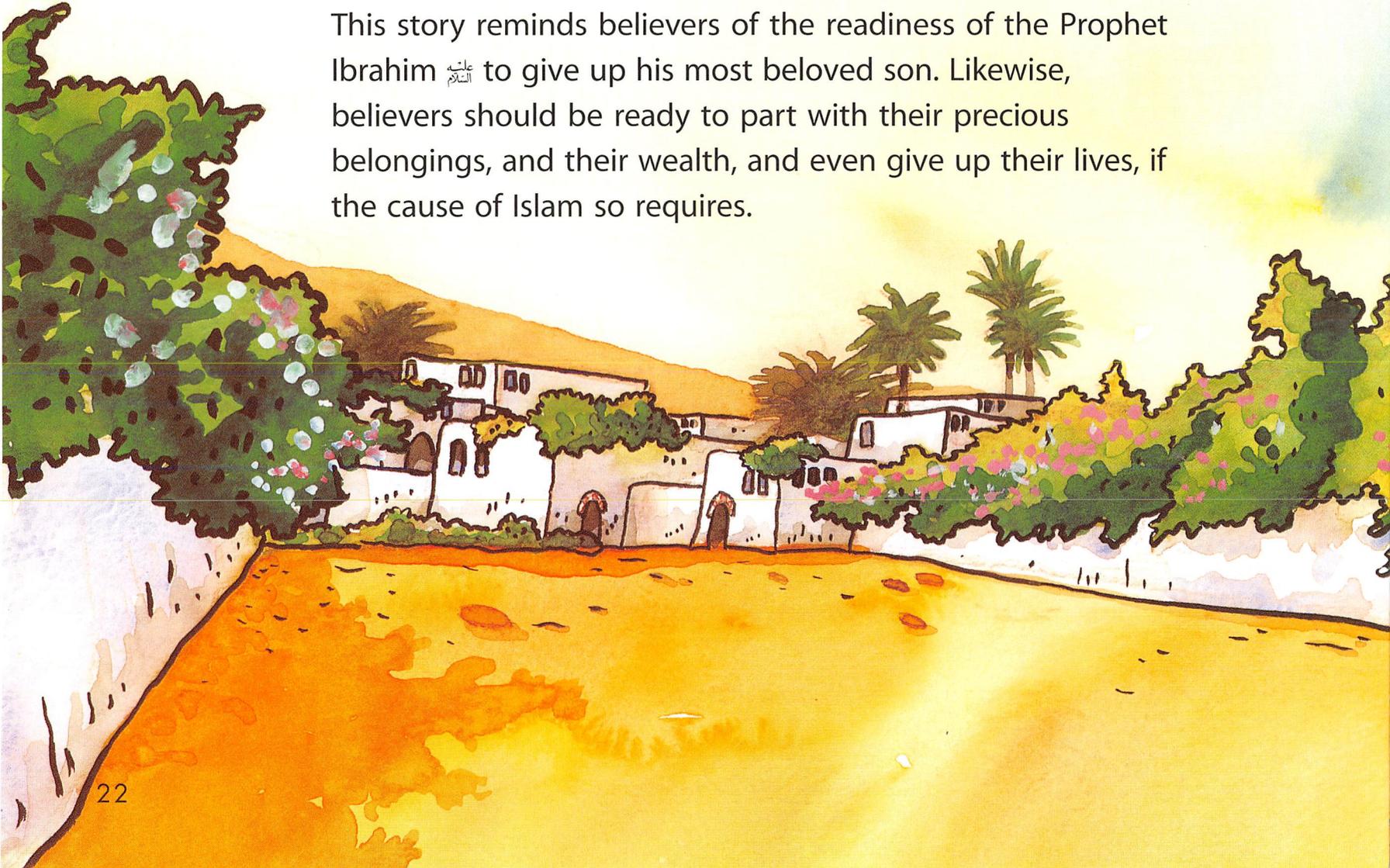
As Ibrahim عليه السلام took a knife to sacrifice Ismail عليه السلام, Allah sent the Angel Jibril (Gabriel) down with a ram. "Sacrifice this ram. Do not sacrifice Ismail," said Jibril to Ibrahim عليه السلام.

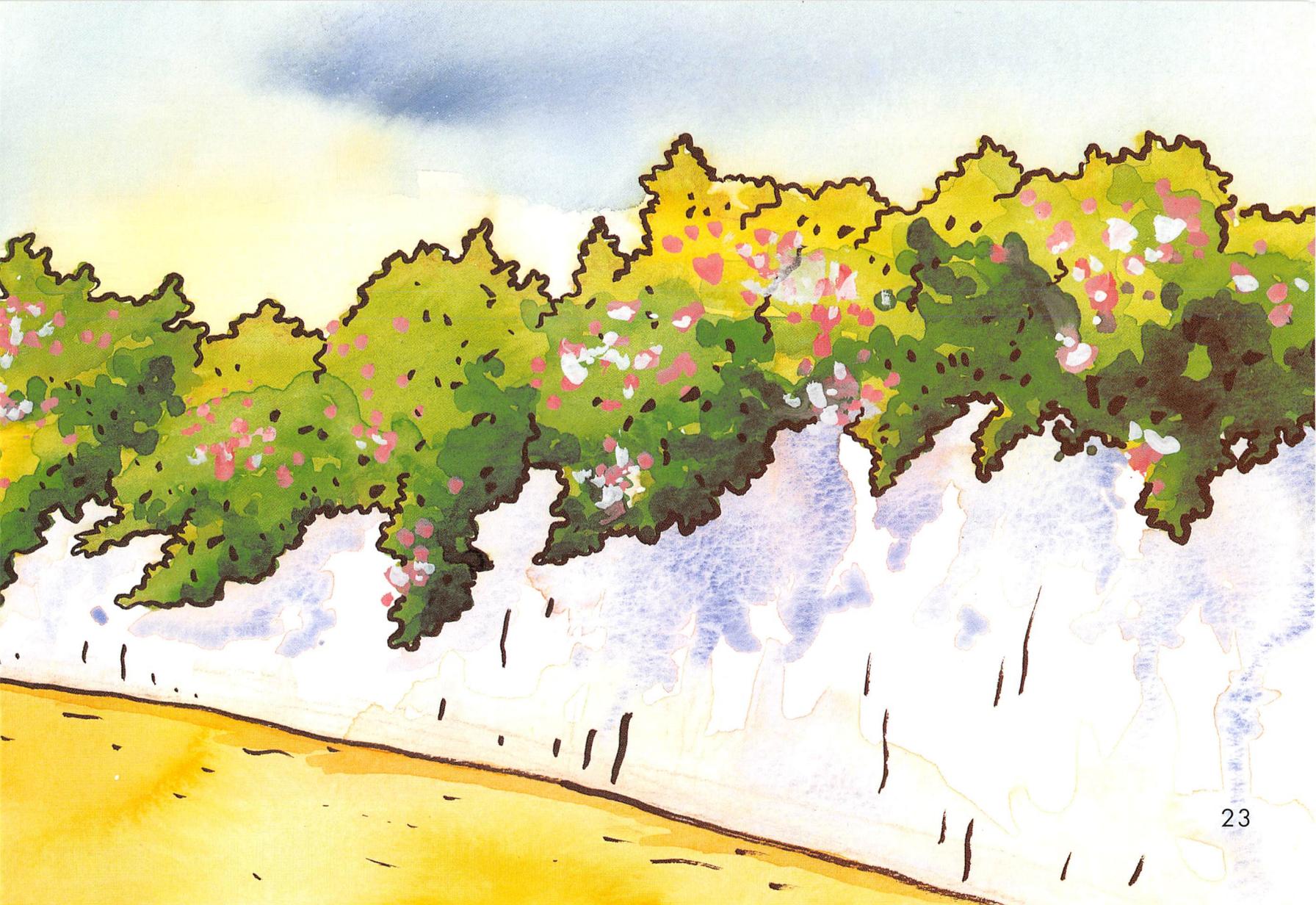
Allah was so pleased with the readiness of Ibrahim عليه السلام to sacrifice his beloved son, that He commanded the believers to observe this day as Id al-Adha or the Feast of sacrifice. Every year Muslims sacrifice an animal in remembrance of the Prophet Ibrahim's trust in Allah.



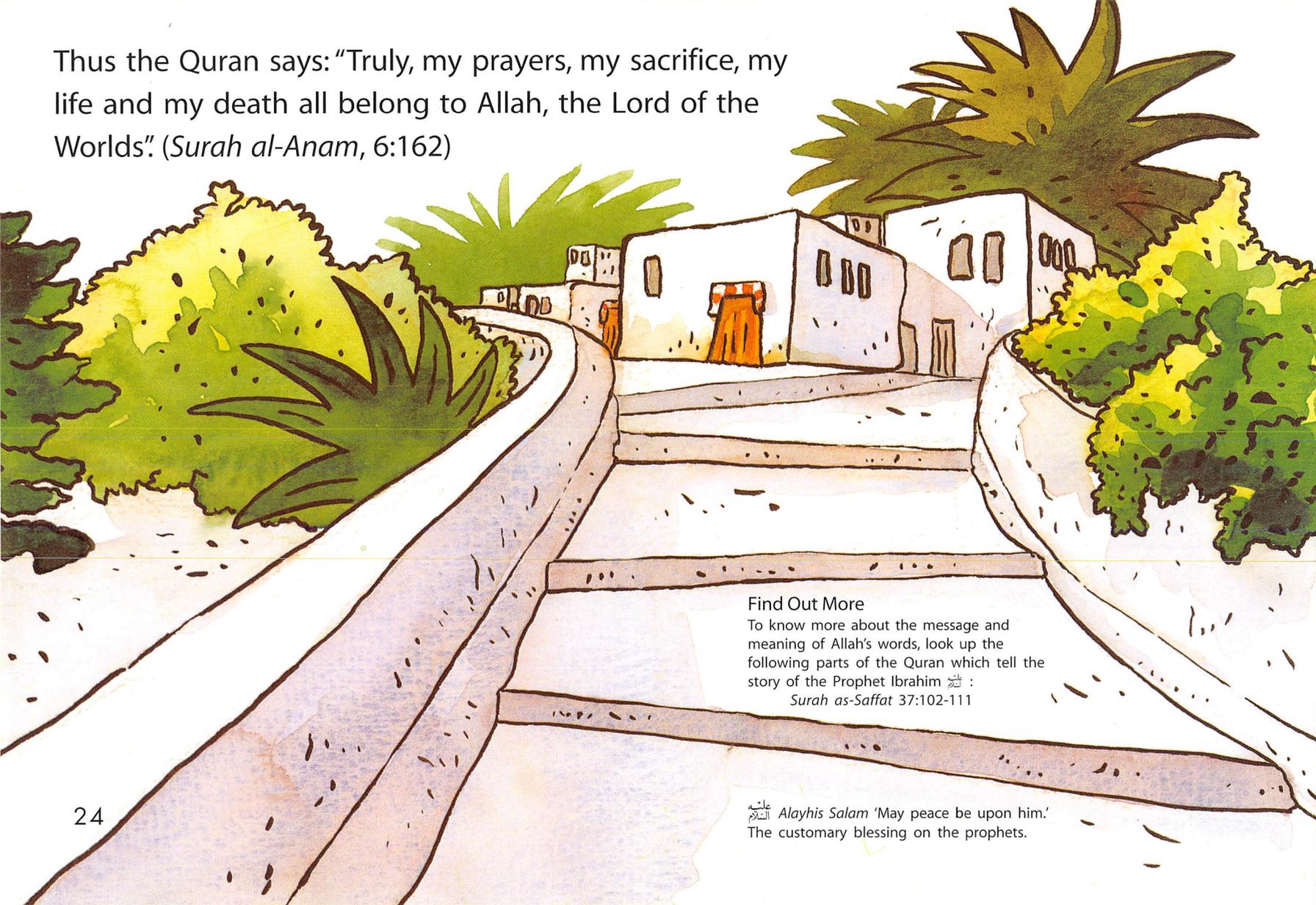


This story reminds believers of the readiness of the Prophet Ibrahim عليه السلام to give up his most beloved son. Likewise, believers should be ready to part with their precious belongings, and their wealth, and even give up their lives, if the cause of Islam so requires.





Thus the Quran says: "Truly, my prayers, my sacrifice, my life and my death all belong to Allah, the Lord of the Worlds". (*Surah al-Anam*, 6:162)



Find Out More

To know more about the message and meaning of Allah's words, look up the following parts of the Quran which tell the story of the Prophet Ibrahim عليه السلام :

Surah as-Saffat 37:102-111