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Story: David Moves the Ark

Supplies Needed

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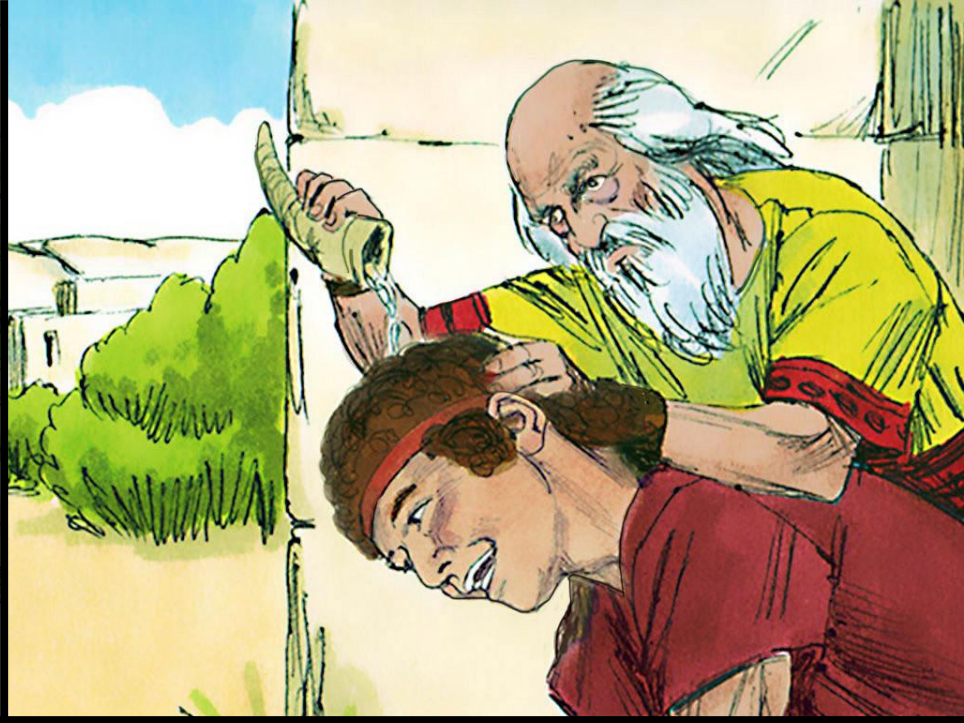
13 Sheets of Cardstock (8.5" x 11")
13 3 mil Laminating Film

Directions

- Print pages 2-27 two-sided on cardstock. Laminate the pages.
- Hold up the pictures while you read the story.

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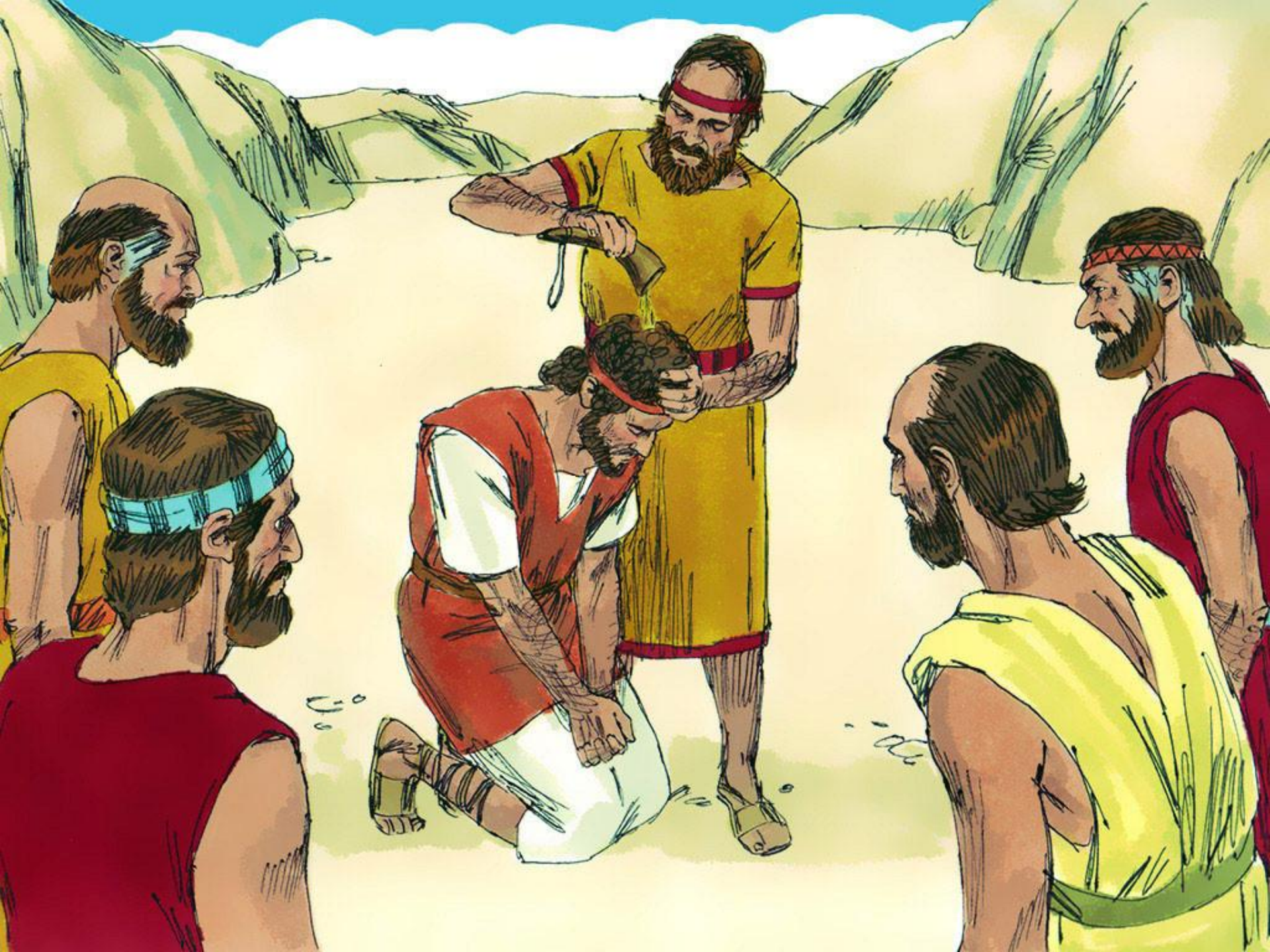


Before holding up the picture:

Has someone ever told you that they were sending you a special gift in the mail? You waited and waited, but that special gift never came. You might say to yourself: "Maybe he forgot. Maybe the mailman delivered it to the wrong house. I give up – it's not coming!" You're just so disappointed and you think you'll never receive the gift.

Hold up picture:

Well, think about David for a minute. When he was much younger and tending to his father's sheep, someone came and anointed David to be a king. Do you remember who that prophet was? *(Samuel)* God had told Samuel that Saul's kingdom would be taken from him because he had disobeyed God. Did David become king right away? *(No)* He continued to watch his father's sheep. He even helped Saul by playing his harp when Saul was upset. Later, Saul became so jealous of David that he tried to kill David. David suffered many years of difficulties as he had to run and hide from Saul. Do you think David ever thought: "I give up – I'm never gonna be king!"? *(No)* David trusted in God and he waited patiently for God to keep His promise.



Hold up picture:

After the death of King Saul and Jonathan in battle, David was first anointed King of Judah. David was king of Judah for 7 years. When Ishbosheth was killed, then David became king of all the tribes of Israel. David was 30 years old when he became King and he was a king for a total of 40 years.

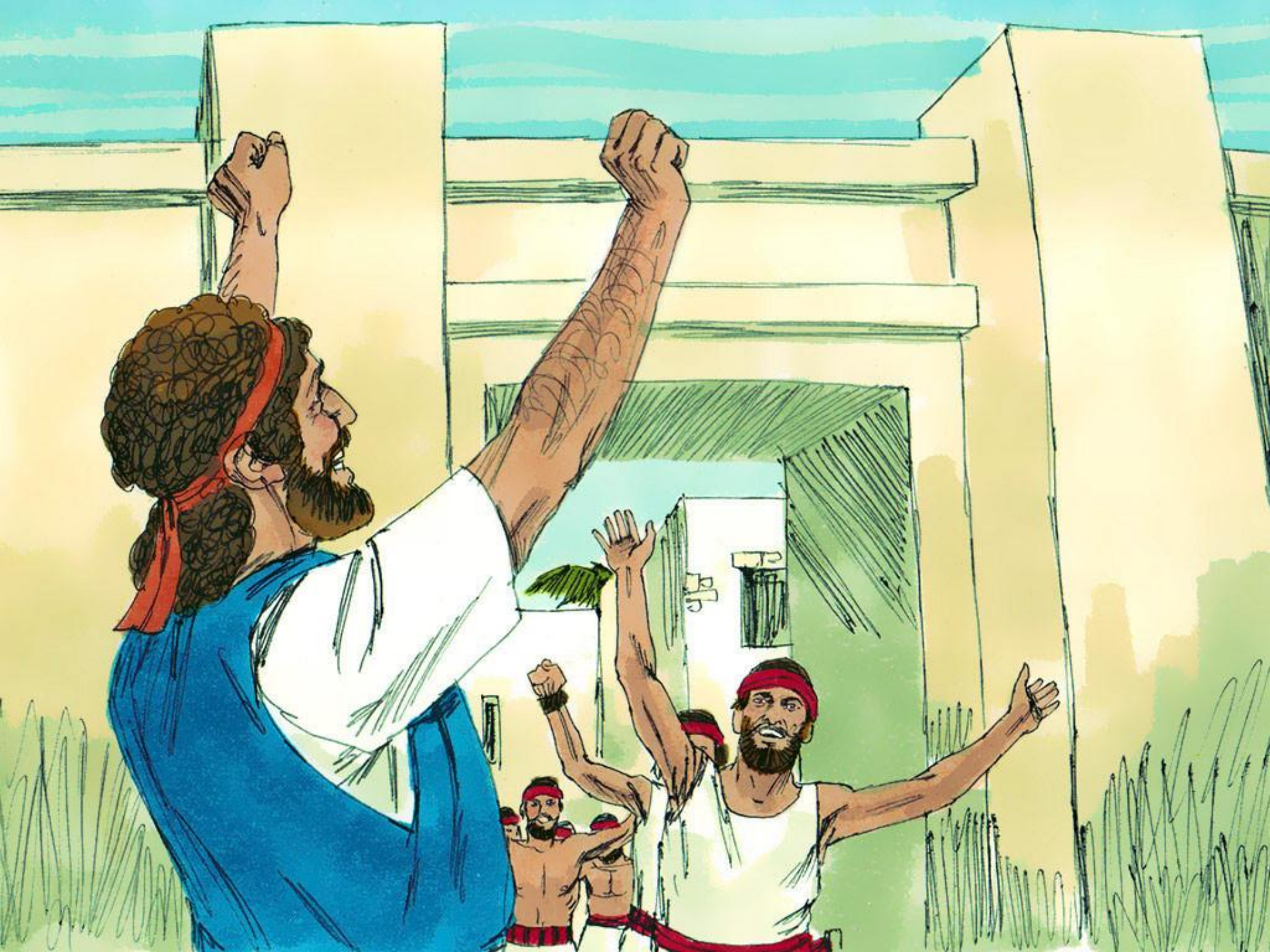

River
Jordan
Jerusalem
Dead
Sea
Hebron
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10 miles
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Hold up picture:

For the first seven and a half years of his reign David ruled from Hebron. David then decided to take Jebus, which was held by the Jebusites, as the new capital of his Kingdom. Jebus would become Jerusalem. Jerusalem, on Mount Zion, had a fortress that was so well defended the Jebusites boasted, “You will not get in here, even the blind and the lame can ward you off.”

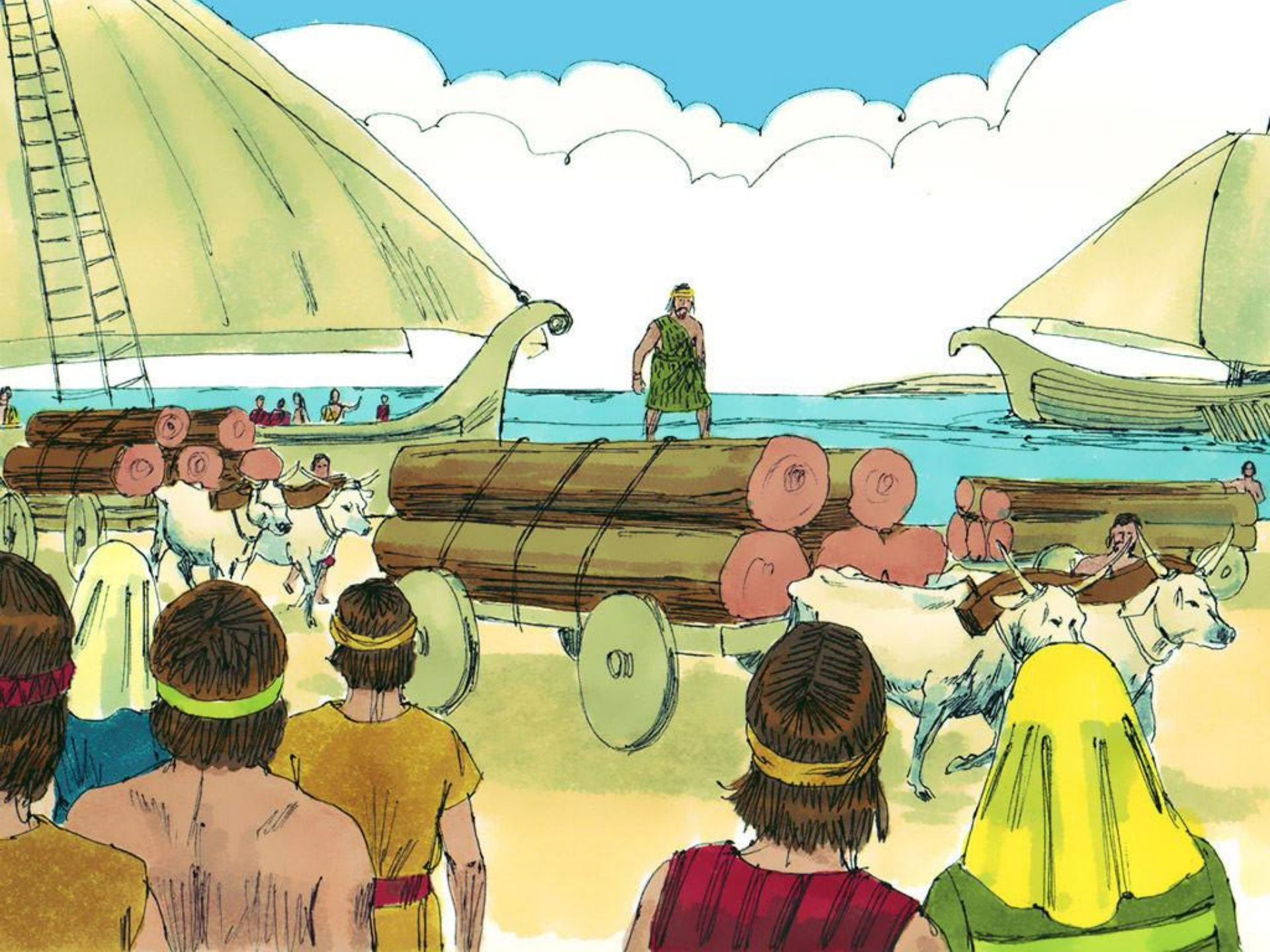
Explain / Ask:

Do you think David will capture the city? *(Yes)* Why? *(Because God will help David)*



Hold up picture:

David successfully captured the fortress of Zion and made Jerusalem the “City of David.” God was with him and he became great. David added more wives and children. He started developing the land around the fortress and the Lord was with him in all he did.



Hold up picture:

Hiram, king of Tyre, sent envoys to David, along with cedar logs and carpenters and stonemasons, and they built a palace for David. David knew that God had established his Kingdom and he wanted to make Jerusalem a place of worship too.


ISRAEL
IN THE TIME OF KING DAVID
River Jordan
Jerusalem
Kirath-jearim (Baalah)
Dead Sea
Hebron
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Hold up picture:

The Ark of the Covenant had been at the house of Abinadab at Kirath-jearim (Baalah) for the last 92 years. David wanted to bring it to Jerusalem and put it in a new tabernacle he had built.



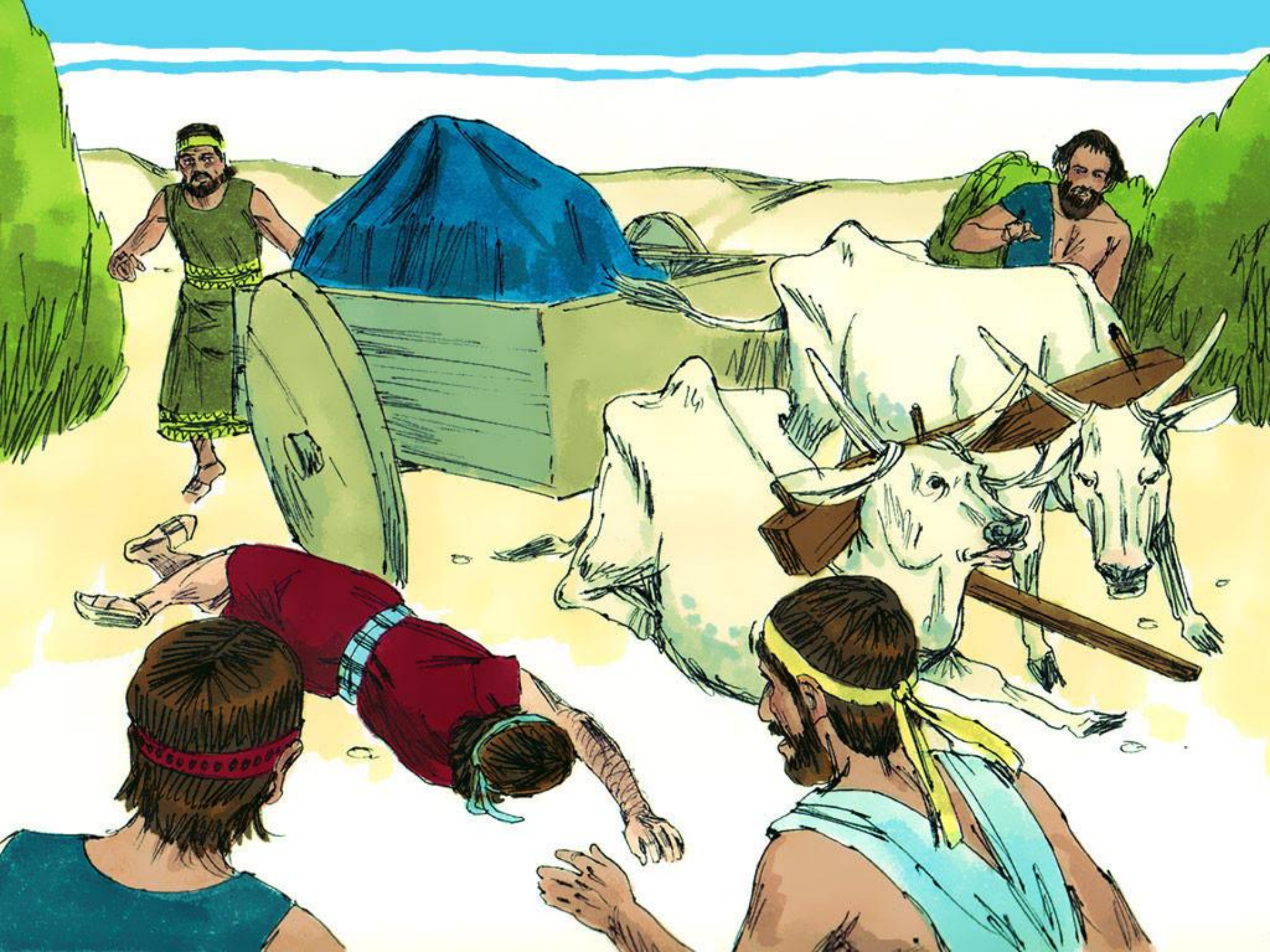
Hold up picture:

David gathered 30,000 of the best men and went to get the Ark of the Covenant. They put the Ark on a new cart with Uzzah and Ahio guiding it. David and all the Israelites were celebrating with all their might before God, with songs and with harps, tambourines, cymbals and trumpets. They did not think it was important to follow God's instructions on how the Ark was to be moved.

Explain / Ask:

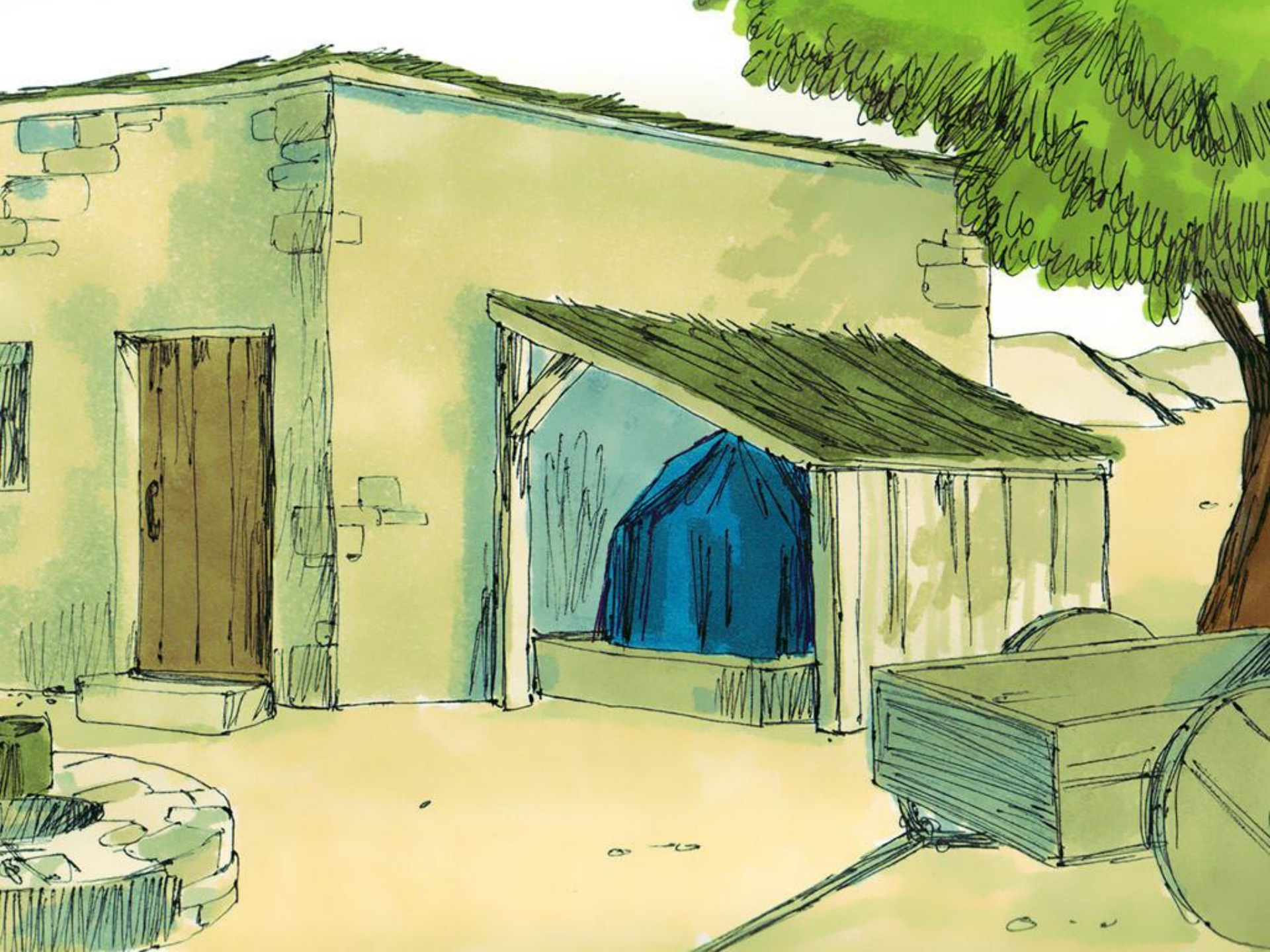
Do you remember how God told the Israelites to move the Ark in Exodus? *(Levites were supposed to carry the Ark using poles and nobody was allowed to touch the Ark.)*

Show chart "Moving the Ark of God" the right way vs the wrong way.
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Hold up picture:

When they came to the threshing-floor of Kidon, the oxen stubbled. Uzzah thought the Ark was going to fall, so he reached out his hand to steady the Ark. The Lord's anger burned against Uzzah, and he struck him dead because he had put his hand on the Ark.



Hold up picture:

This made David angry, but David was also afraid of God. He asked, “How can I ever bring the Ark of God to me?” David didn’t bring the Ark into the city. Instead, the Ark was taken to the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite where it stayed for the next three months. While the Ark was at his house the Lord blessed Obed-Edom and his family. David decided to bring the Ark to Jerusalem, but do it the way God had instructed Moses it should be moved.









Hold up picture:

“No one but the Levites may carry the ark of God,” David announced. “The Lord chose them to carry the Ark and minister before him.” When the Levites had carried the Ark for six steps, David made sacrifices to God.

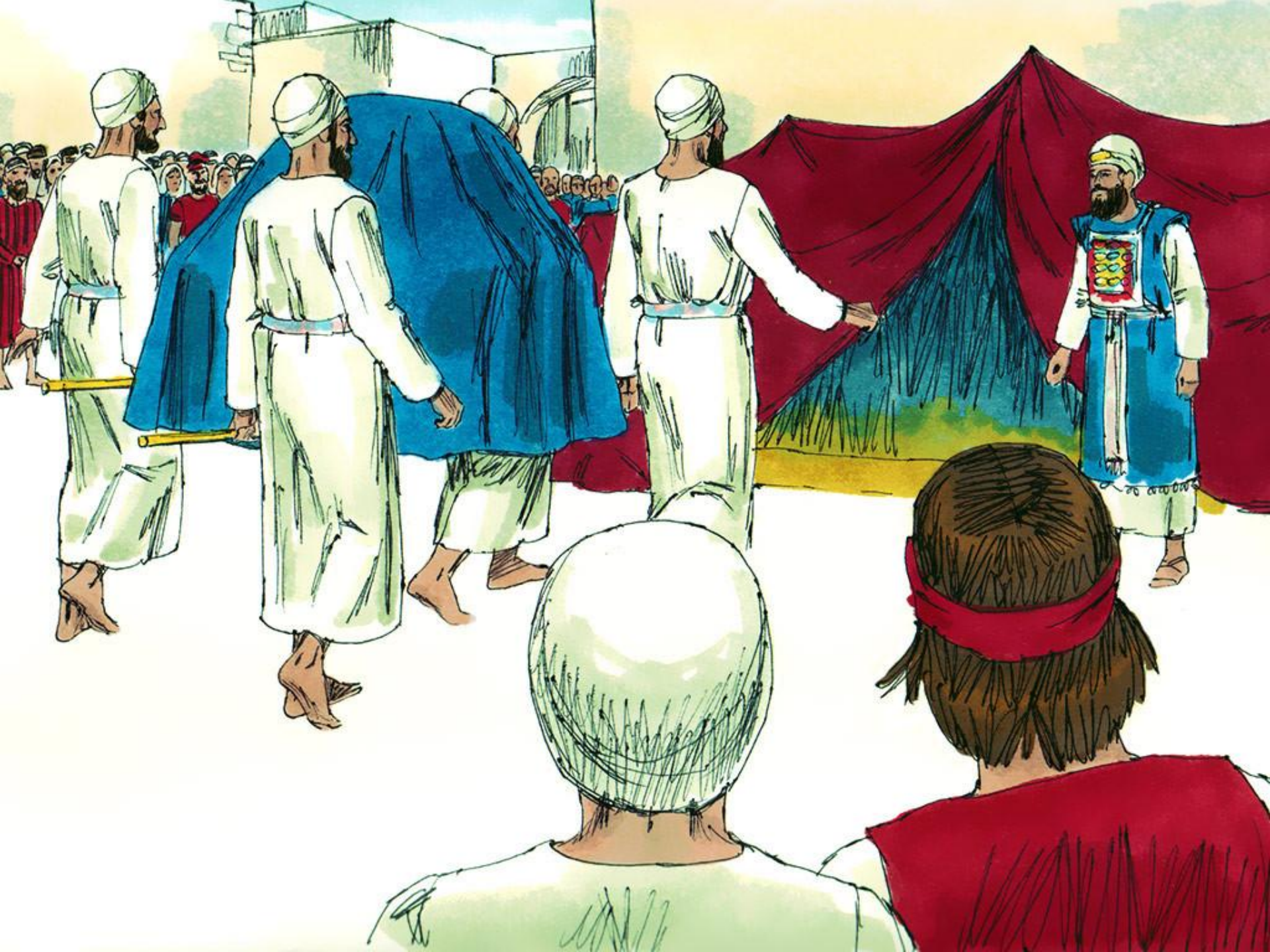
David asked the Levites to choose musicians to make a joyful sound with lyres, harps and cymbals. The musicians were led by Heman, Asaph and Ethan.

The Levites were clothed in fine white linen, as was David. Kenaniah was in charge of the choir who led the singing.



Hold up picture:

The people of Israel brought the Ark to Jerusalem with shouts of joy and the sound of rams' horns, trumpets, cymbals, and harps. As the Ark of the Covenant was entering Jerusalem, David's wife Michal, daughter of Saul, watched from a window. When she saw King David leaping and whirling, she despised him in her heart.



Hold up picture:

They brought the Ark and placed it inside the Tabernacle tent that David had set up for it. David sacrificed burnt offerings and fellowship offerings and blessed everyone in the name of the Lord. He gave a loaf of bread, a cake of dates, and a cake of raisins to each person in the crowd. Then everyone returned home.



Hold up picture:

When David went home to his wife Michal, she said, “Is it right for the king of Israel to behave so shamelessly like a vulgar person would, in full view of the slave girls and servants?” David replied “I was chosen to be king over your father. Therefore, I will celebrate before the Lord who chose me to rule Israel.” Because of her angry words, Michal did not have any children.

Explain / Ask:

What can we learn from today’s lesson? It’s very important to obey God exactly. Uzzah wouldn’t have died if the Israelites were carrying the Ark on the poles like God had instructed. John 14:15 says, “If you love Me, keep My commands.” God knows we love Him when we obey him.