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—*Luke 10:27*

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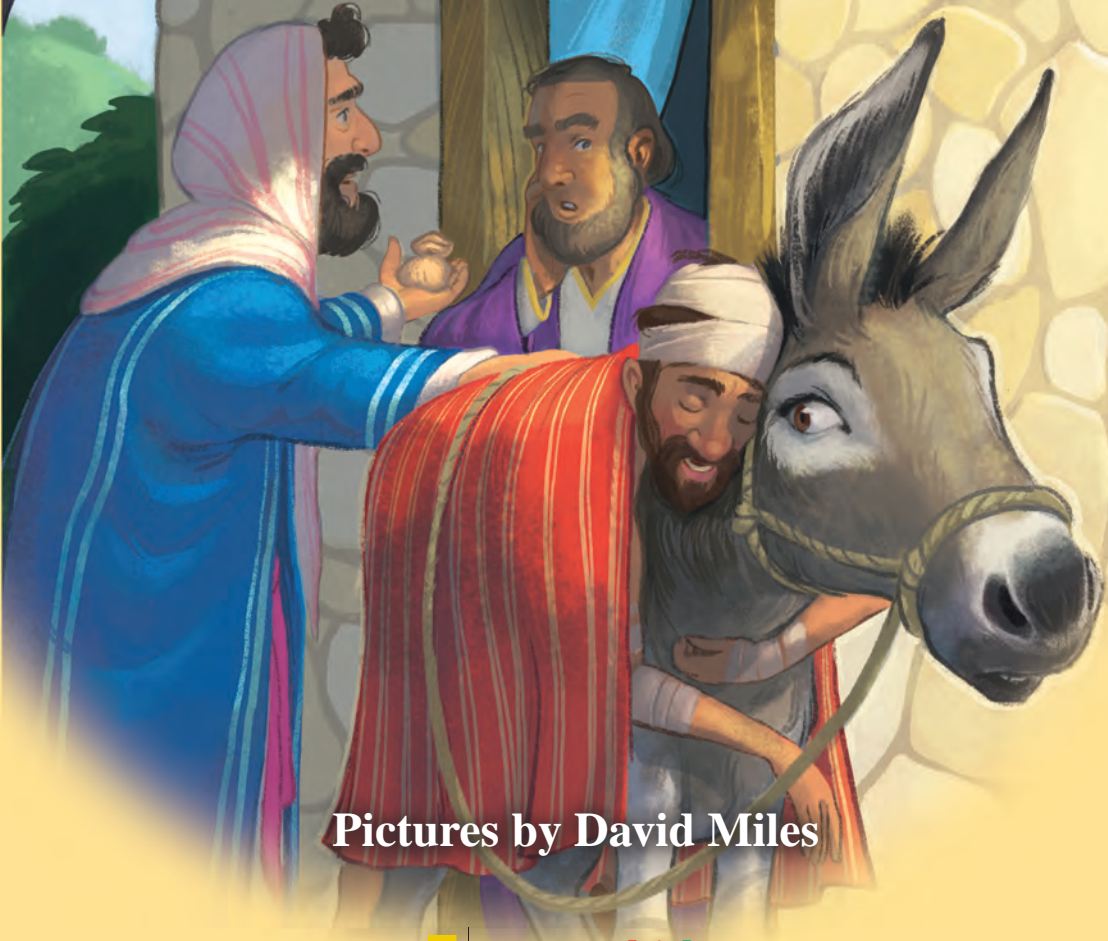
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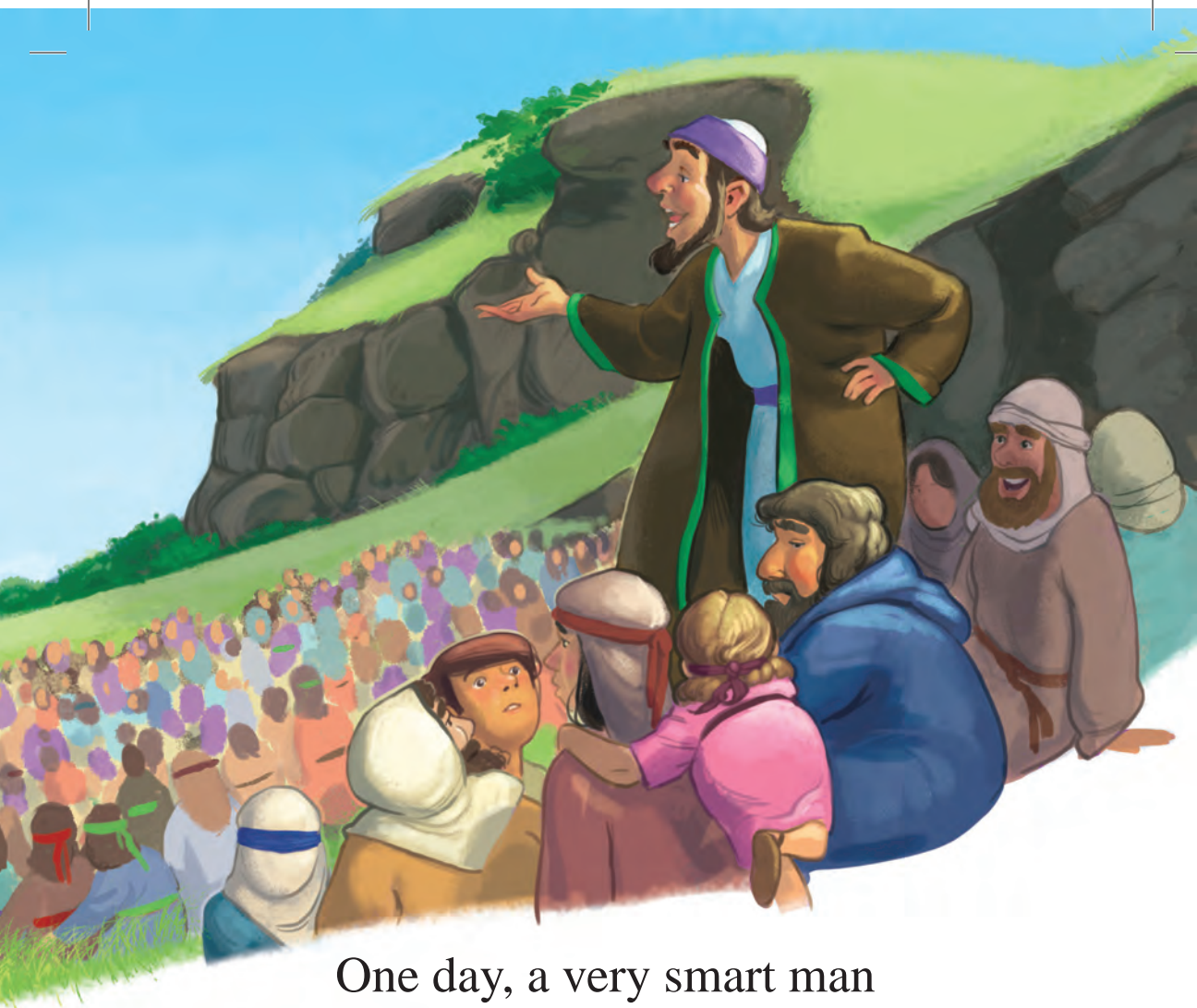
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Jesus loved to be with people.

He wanted to teach others
about his Father's love.

And people went to hear his message.



One day, a very smart man
was listening to Jesus teach.
He wanted to test Jesus.
The man asked, “Teacher,
what can I do to make sure
I have eternal life?”

Jesus smiled. He said, “What does the Law say about eternal life with the Father?”

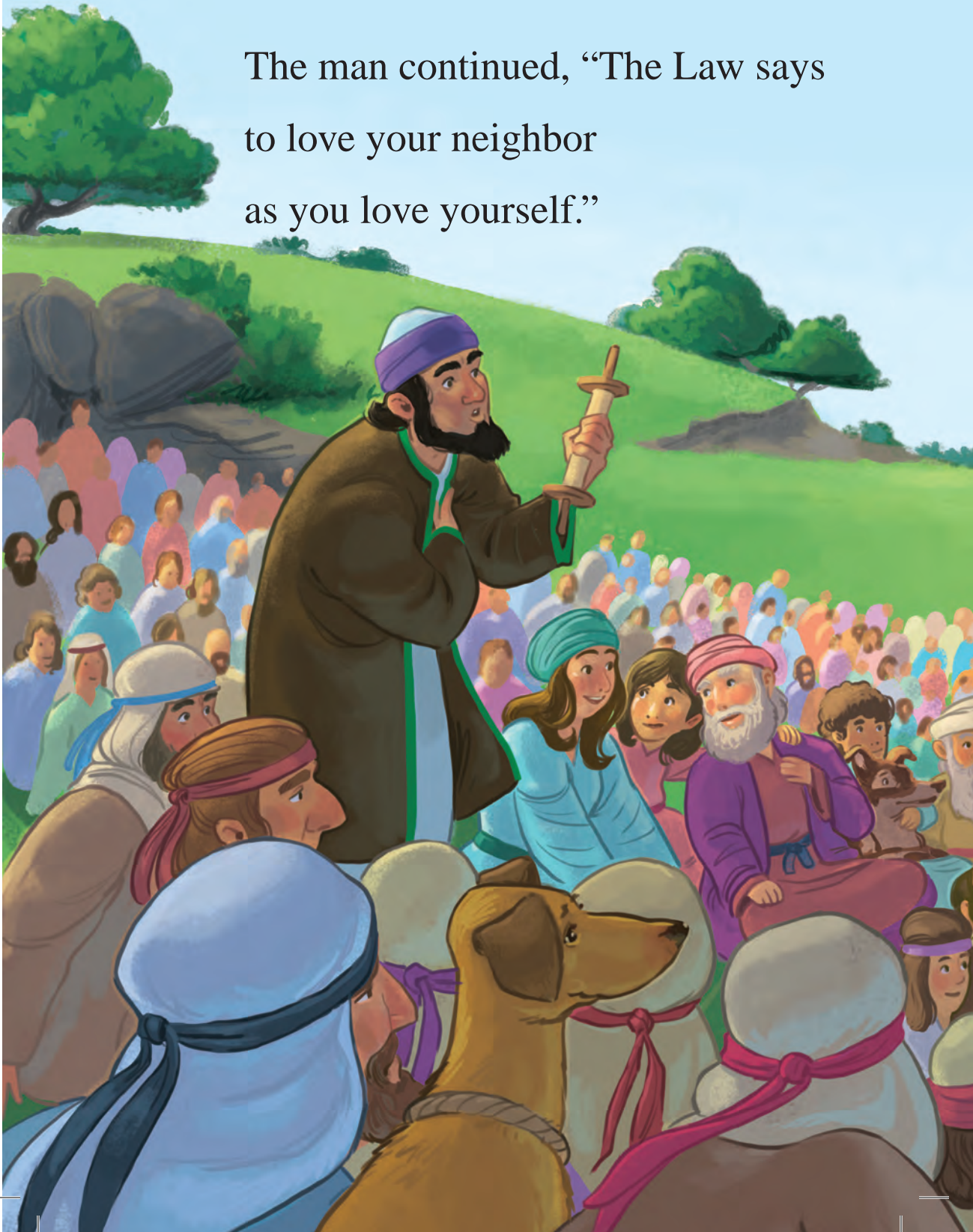
The smart man knew this answer.





He said for all to hear,
“Love the Lord your God with all
your heart and all your soul.
Love him with all your strength
and all your mind.”

The man continued, “The Law says
to love your neighbor
as you love yourself.”



“You know the Law well.
Now go and live this way,”
said Jesus.

“Then you will have eternal life.”



But the man was not done testing
how much Jesus knew about God.
He asked Jesus one more question.
“Teacher, who is my neighbor?”

