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angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it
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Joseph the Dreamer

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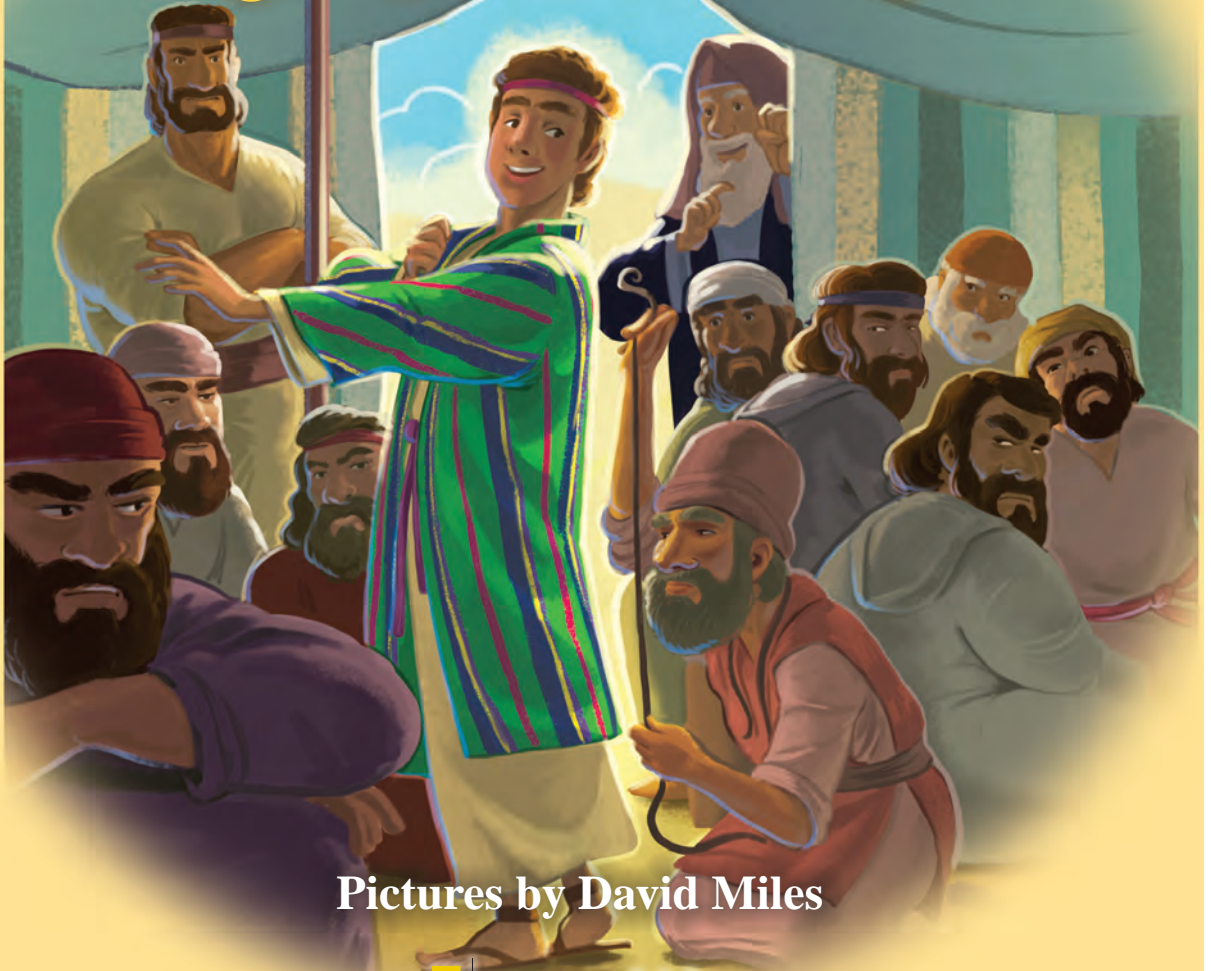
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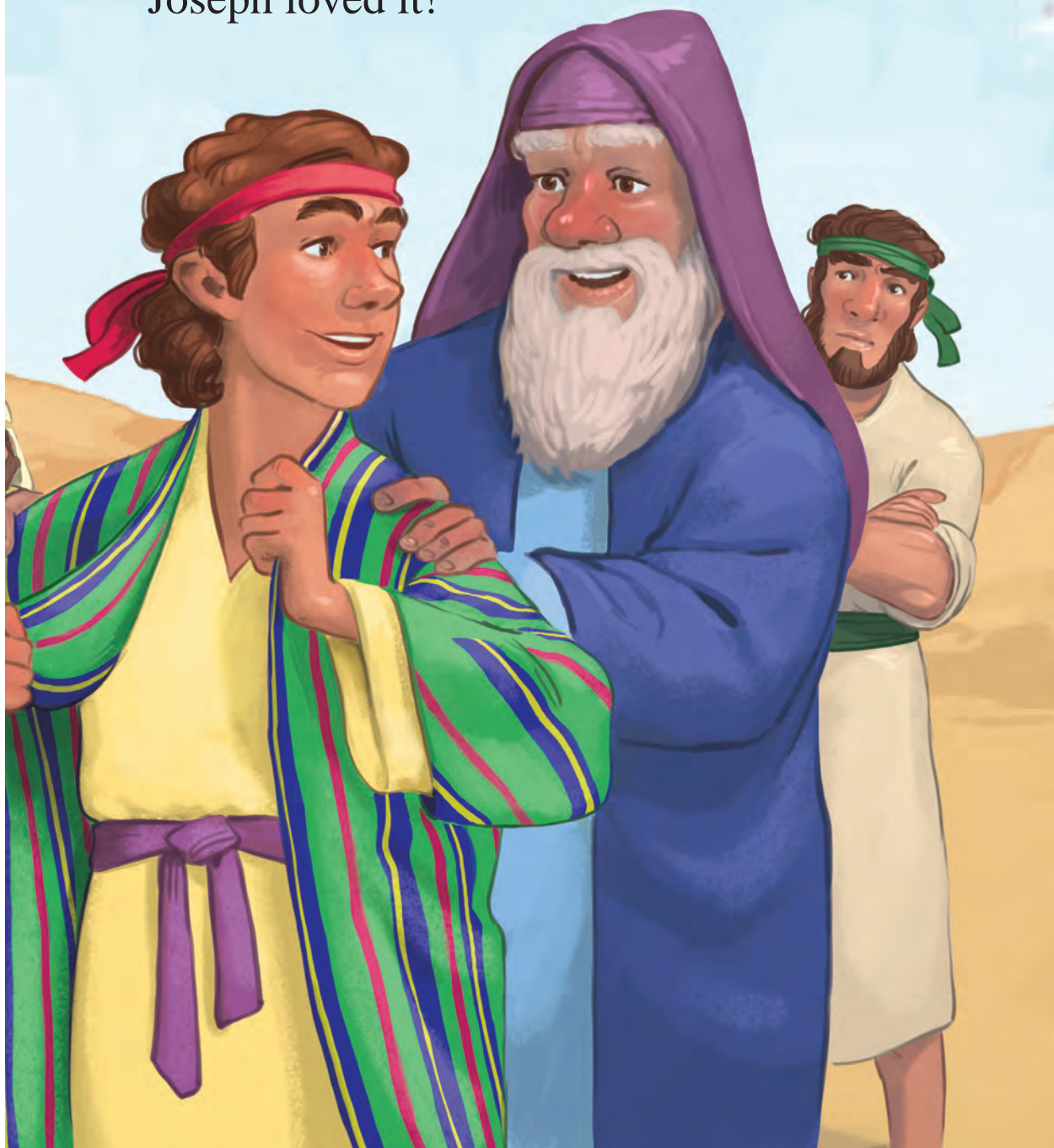
Joseph had a lot of brothers.

Joseph was young.

And he was his father's favorite.



One day, Joseph's father gave him a robe.
It had many colors.
Joseph loved it!





When Joseph's brothers saw his robe,
they were jealous.

They asked, "Why don't we get new robes?
What makes Joseph so special?"



Then Joseph had a dream.
He told his brothers,
“Last night,
I dreamed we were picking grain.
Your bunches of grain
all bowed down to mine.”



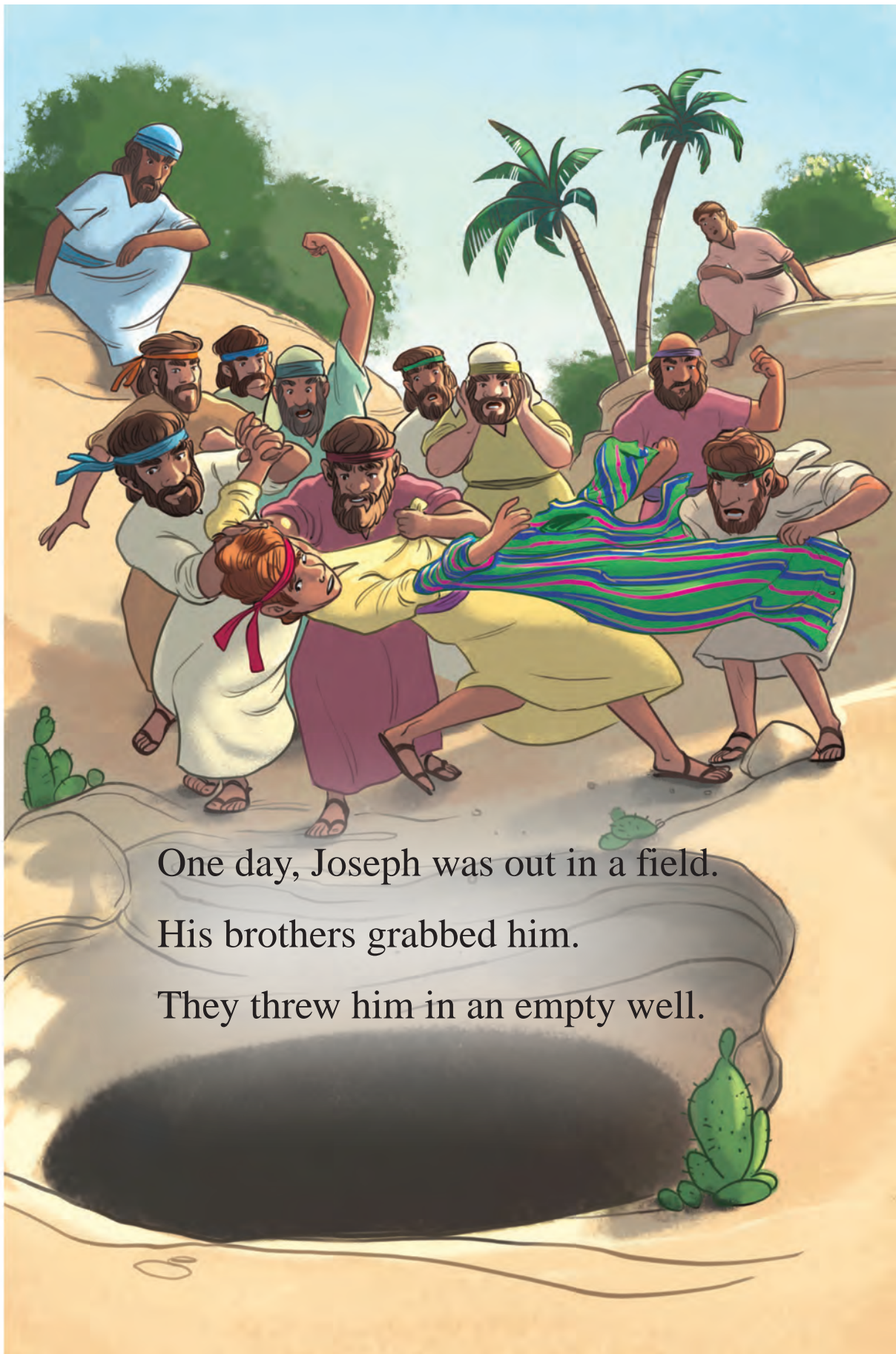
Joseph's brothers were upset.

They asked,

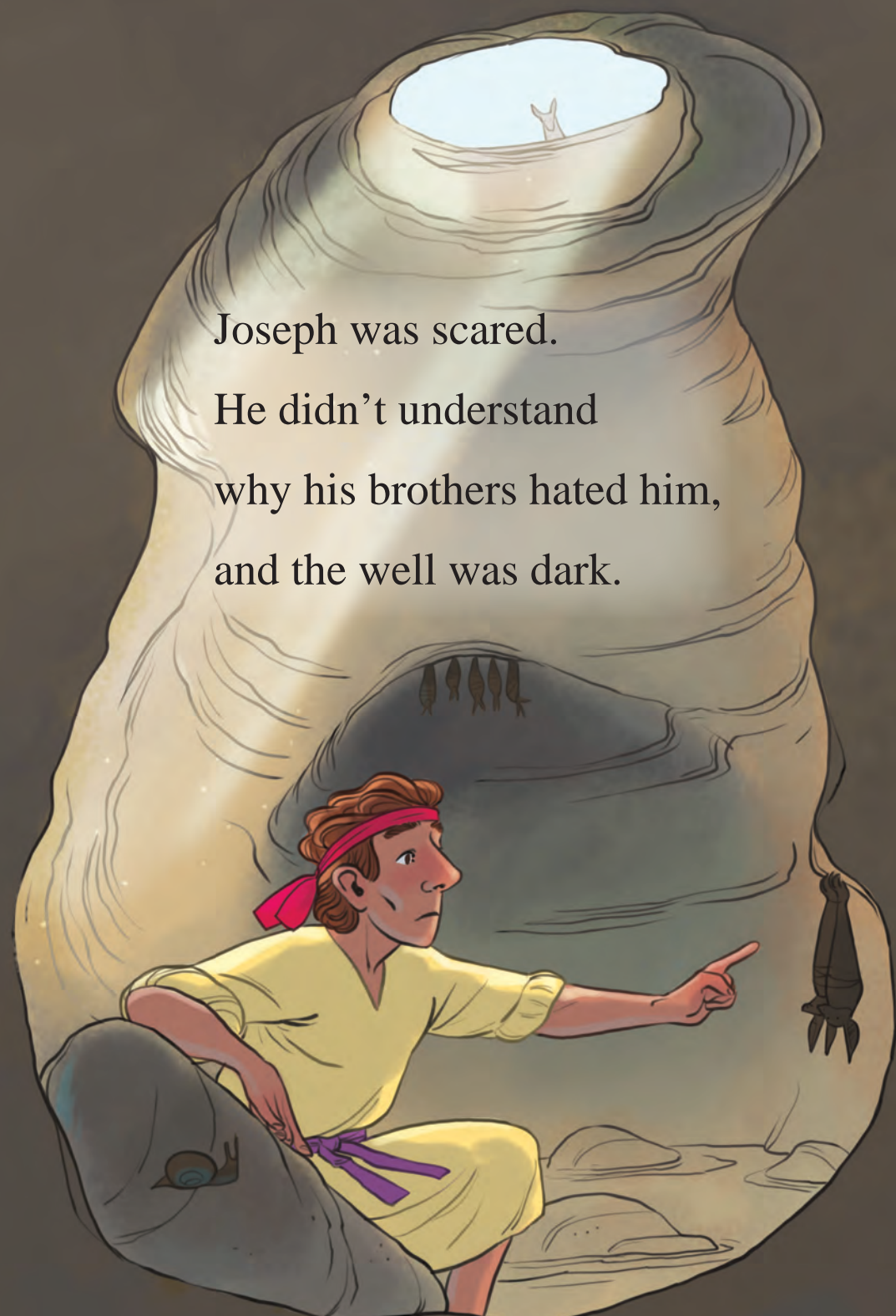
“Does he think he is better than us?

Does he think we should bow to him?”

They made a plan to get rid of Joseph.



One day, Joseph was out in a field.
His brothers grabbed him.
They threw him in an empty well.



Joseph was scared.
He didn't understand
why his brothers hated him,
and the well was dark.

Then someone threw down a rope.

They pulled Joseph out.

Joseph's brothers told him,

“We're selling you as a slave.”



Joseph's brothers dipped his
colorful robe in goat's blood.

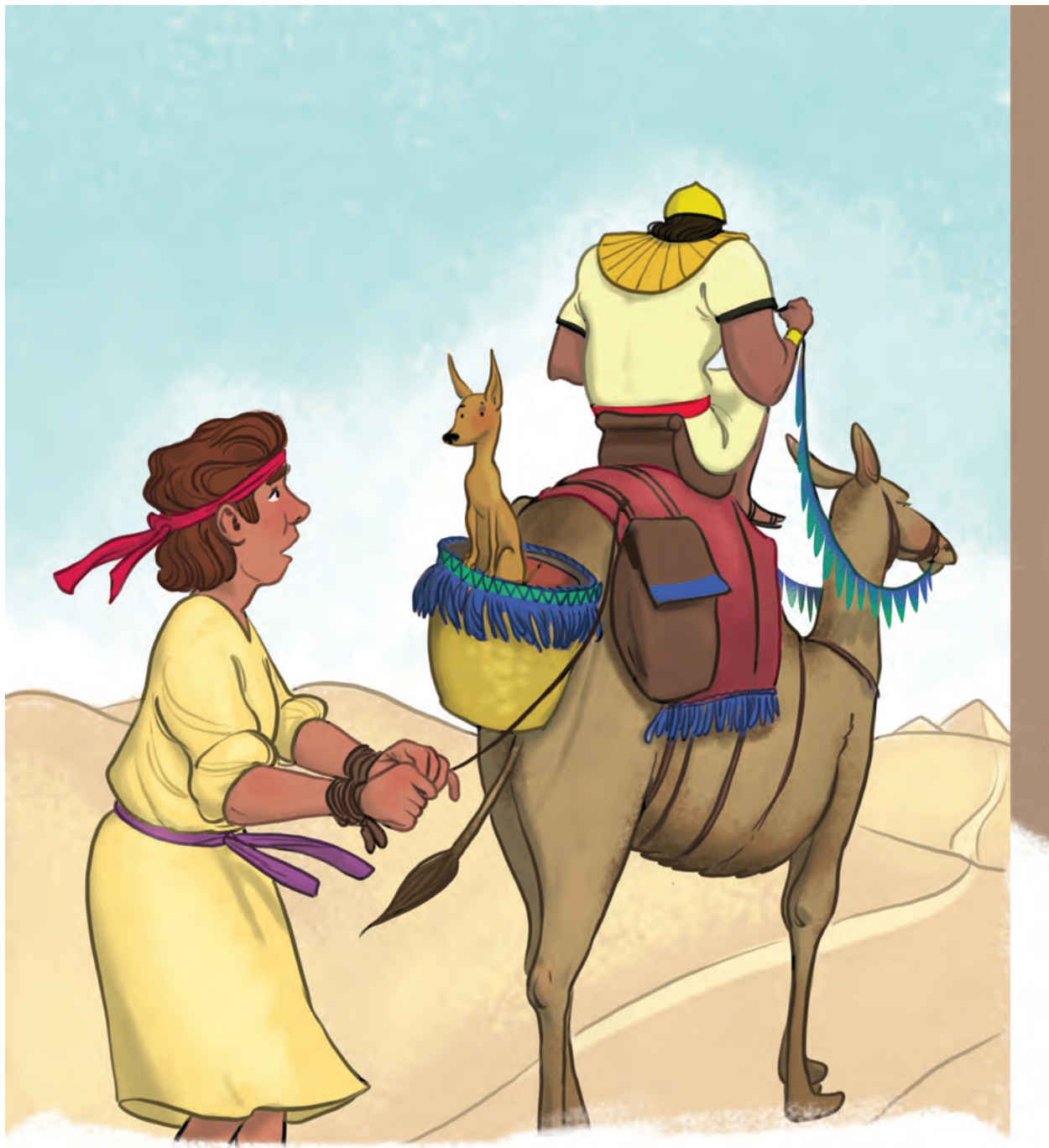
They showed their father.

They said,

“Your son has been killed
by a wild animal.”

Joseph's father was very, very sad.





Joseph traveled with the slave traders.
They went all the way to Egypt.



In Egypt, Joseph was sold
to a rich man.

The rich man threw Joseph in jail.

Joseph hadn't even done anything wrong!