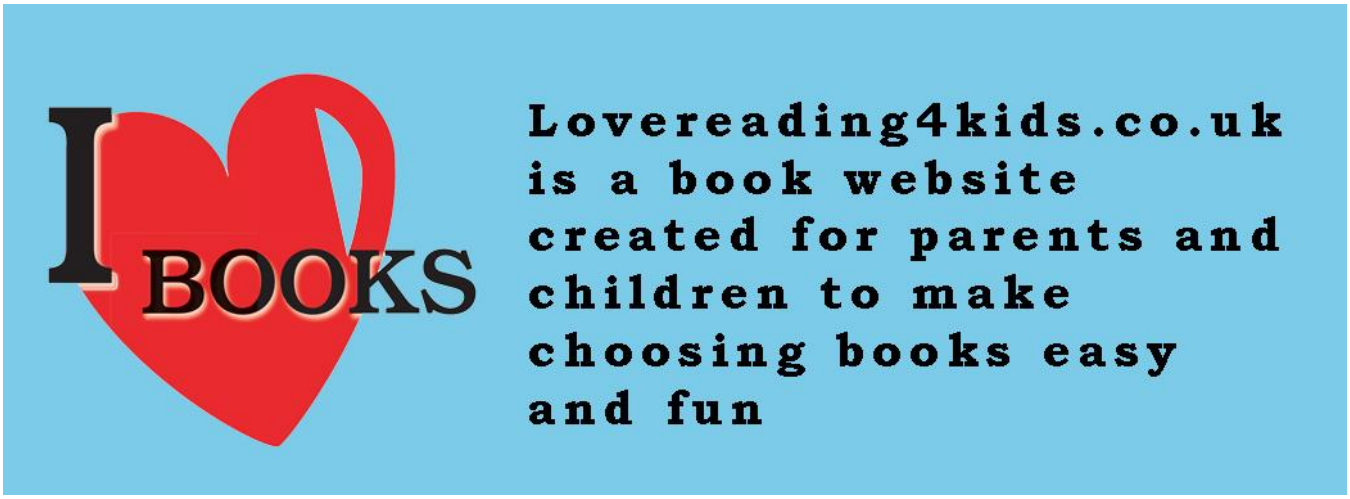


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The original Easter story comes from the Bible. You can find it in all four of the Gospels – Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

"He's not here. He has been brought back to life! Remember what he told you while he was still in Galilee. He said, 'The Son of Man must be handed over to sinful people, be crucified, and come back to life on the third day.'"

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Jesus was making a stir.

He made sick people well.



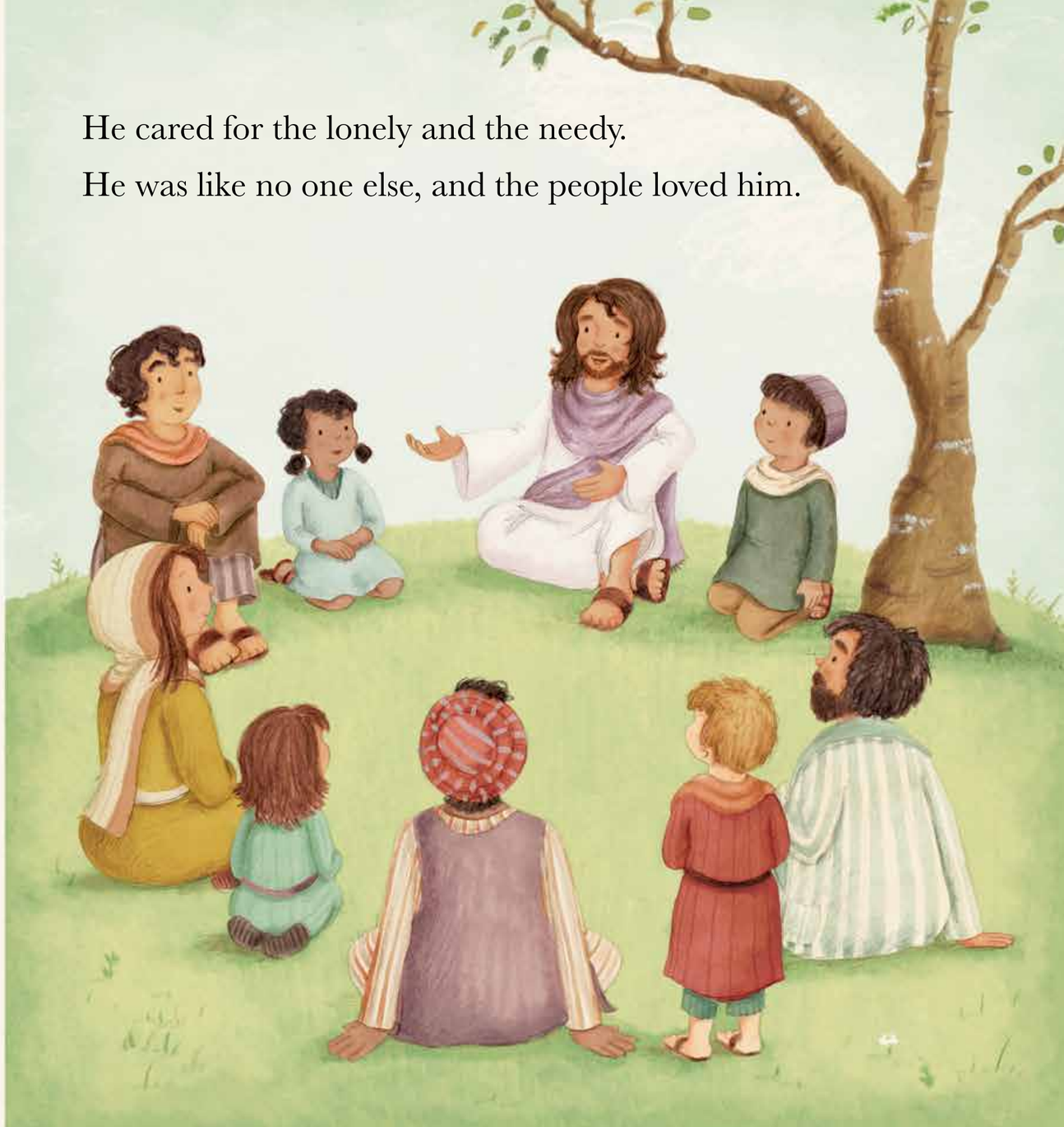
He made food for thousands

out of almost nothing.

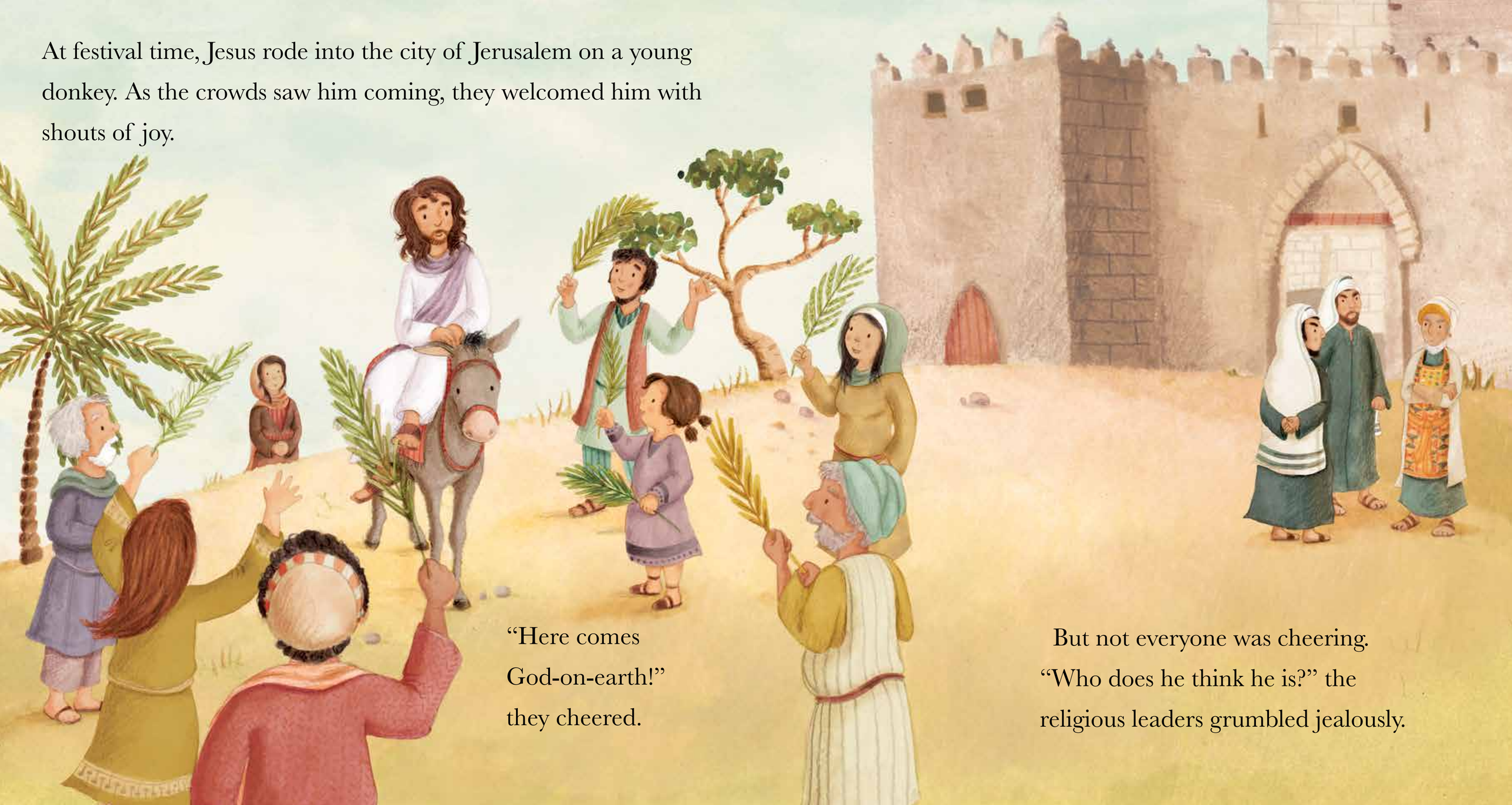


He cared for the lonely and the needy.

He was like no one else, and the people loved him.



At festival time, Jesus rode into the city of Jerusalem on a young donkey. As the crowds saw him coming, they welcomed him with shouts of joy.



"Here comes God-on-earth!" they cheered.

But not everyone was cheering. "Who does he think he is?" the religious leaders grumbled jealously.

When Jesus saw the festival stalls at the Temple, he was frustrated.

"You should be here to meet with God, but you are only here to make money. How dare you turn this special place into an ordinary market!"

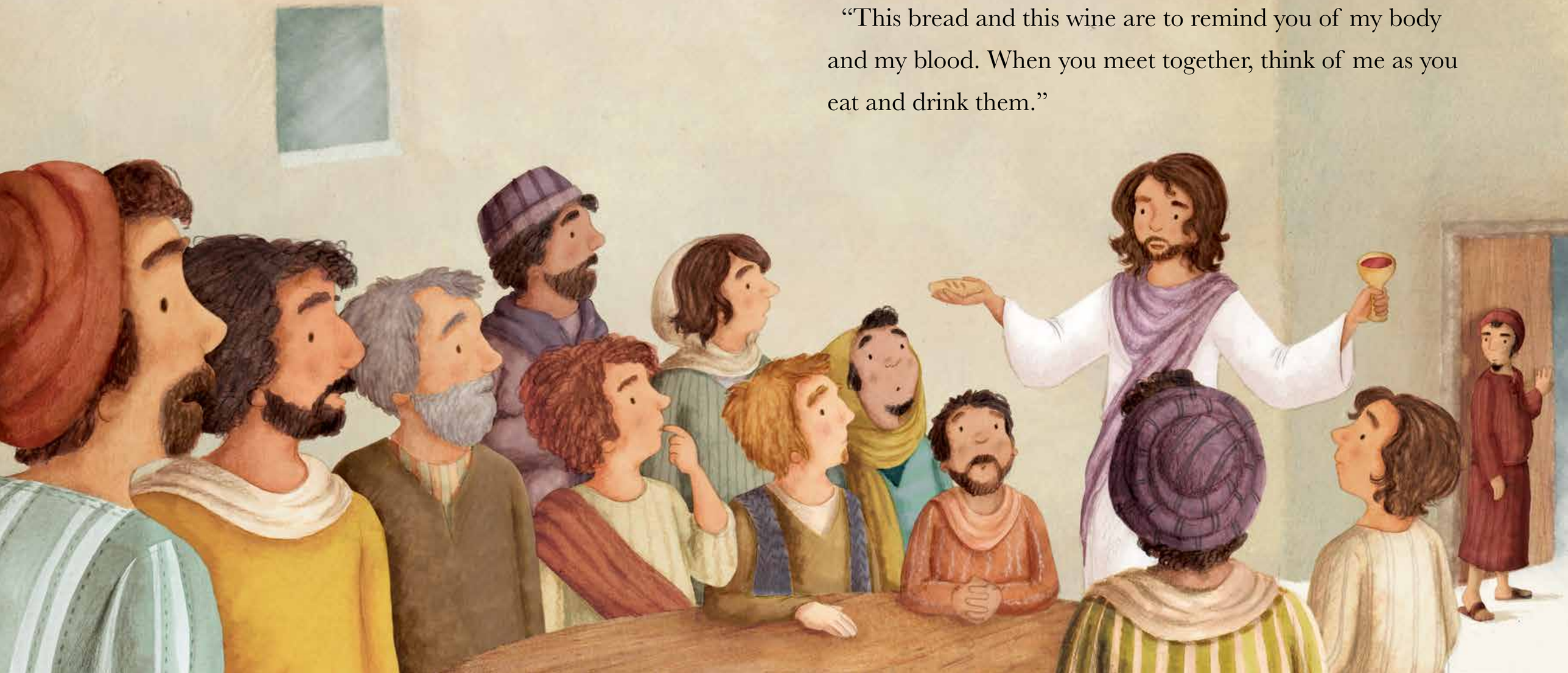
The religious leaders could stand it no longer. Jesus was showing them up! He had to go.

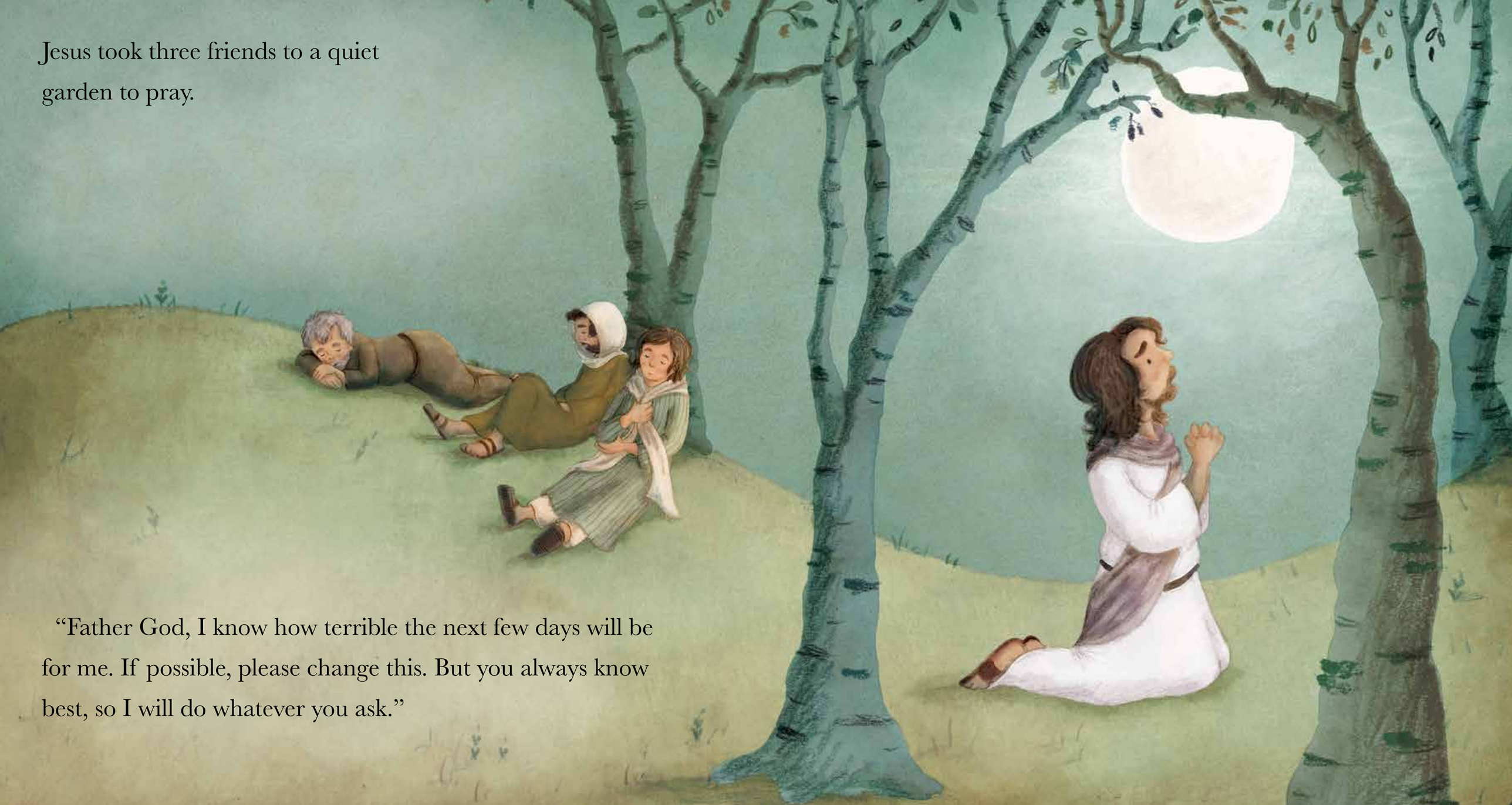


Now, Jesus had twelve close friends who believed with all their hearts that he was God-on-earth, the Promised One they had been waiting for.

One evening, he told them sadly, "The time is almost here when one of you will turn against me. But remember: these things are all part of God's plan.

"This bread and this wine are to remind you of my body and my blood. When you meet together, think of me as you eat and drink them."





Jesus took three friends to a quiet garden to pray.

"Father God, I know how terrible the next few days will be for me. If possible, please change this. But you always know best, so I will do whatever you ask."

The sound of footsteps and the light of torches interrupted the still darkness.

His close friend Judas was leading the way.



Jesus knew they had come to arrest him.



All night long the religious leaders questioned and accused Jesus. "Are you the promised one? Do you really think you're God-on-earth?"

