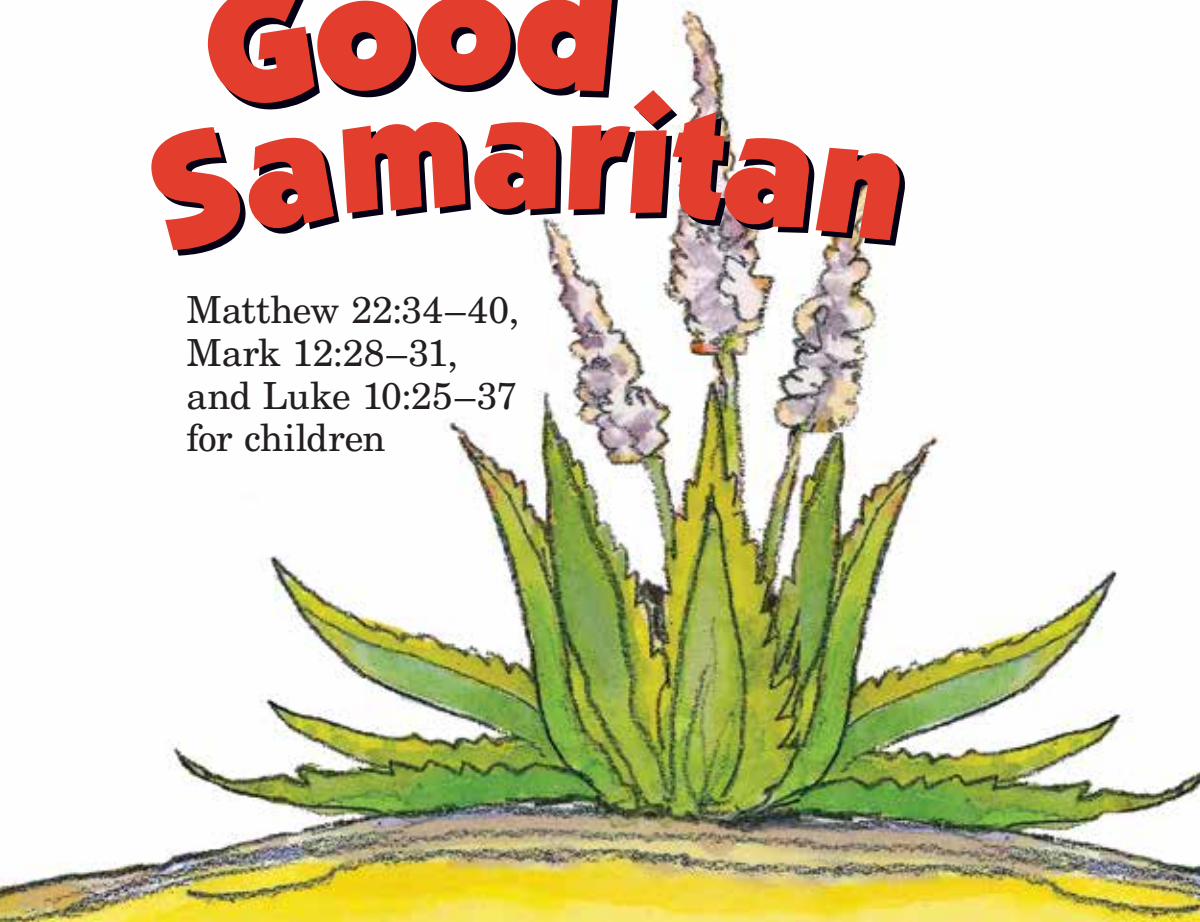
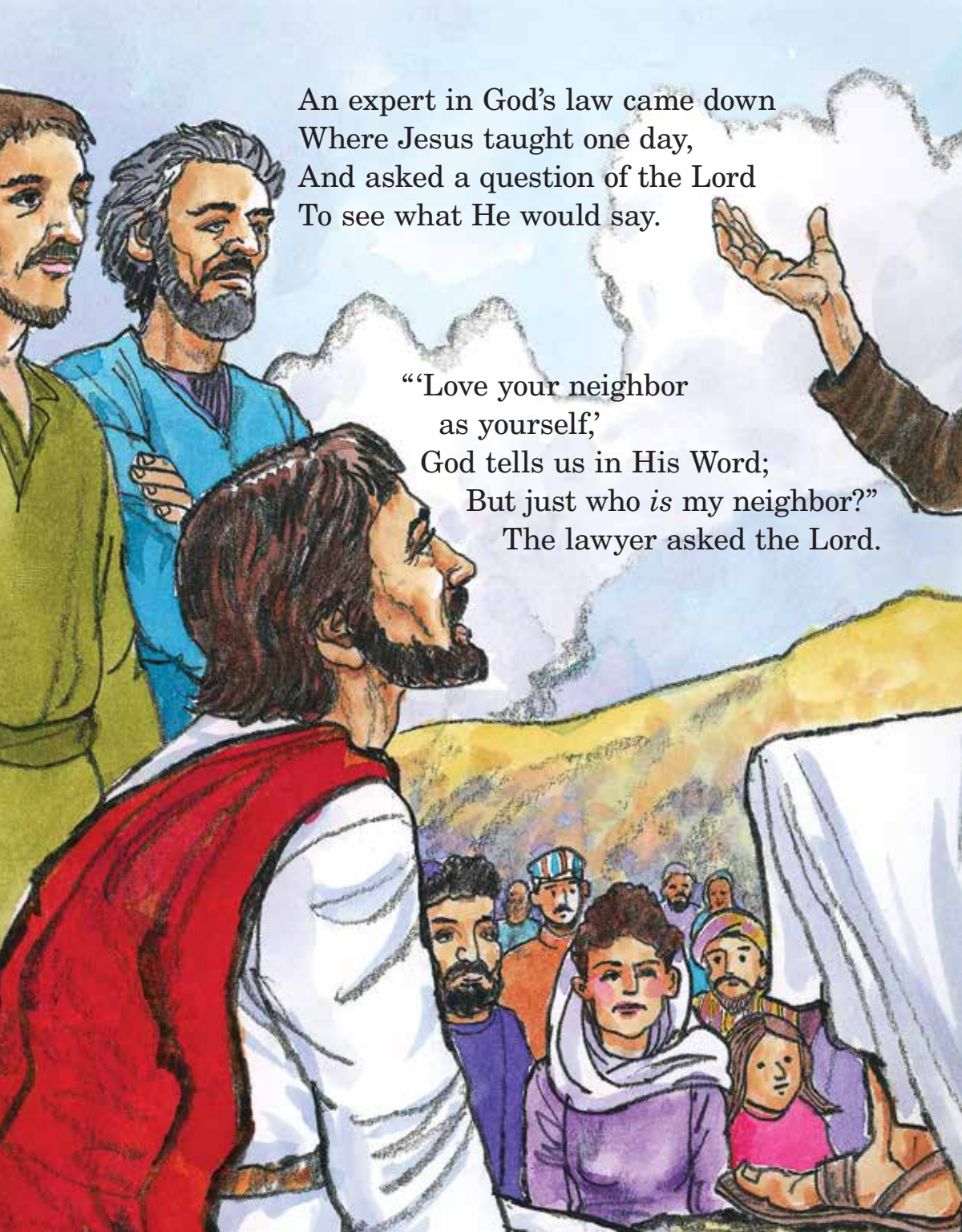


The Story of the **Good Samaritan**

Matthew 22:34–40,
Mark 12:28–31,
and Luke 10:25–37
for children

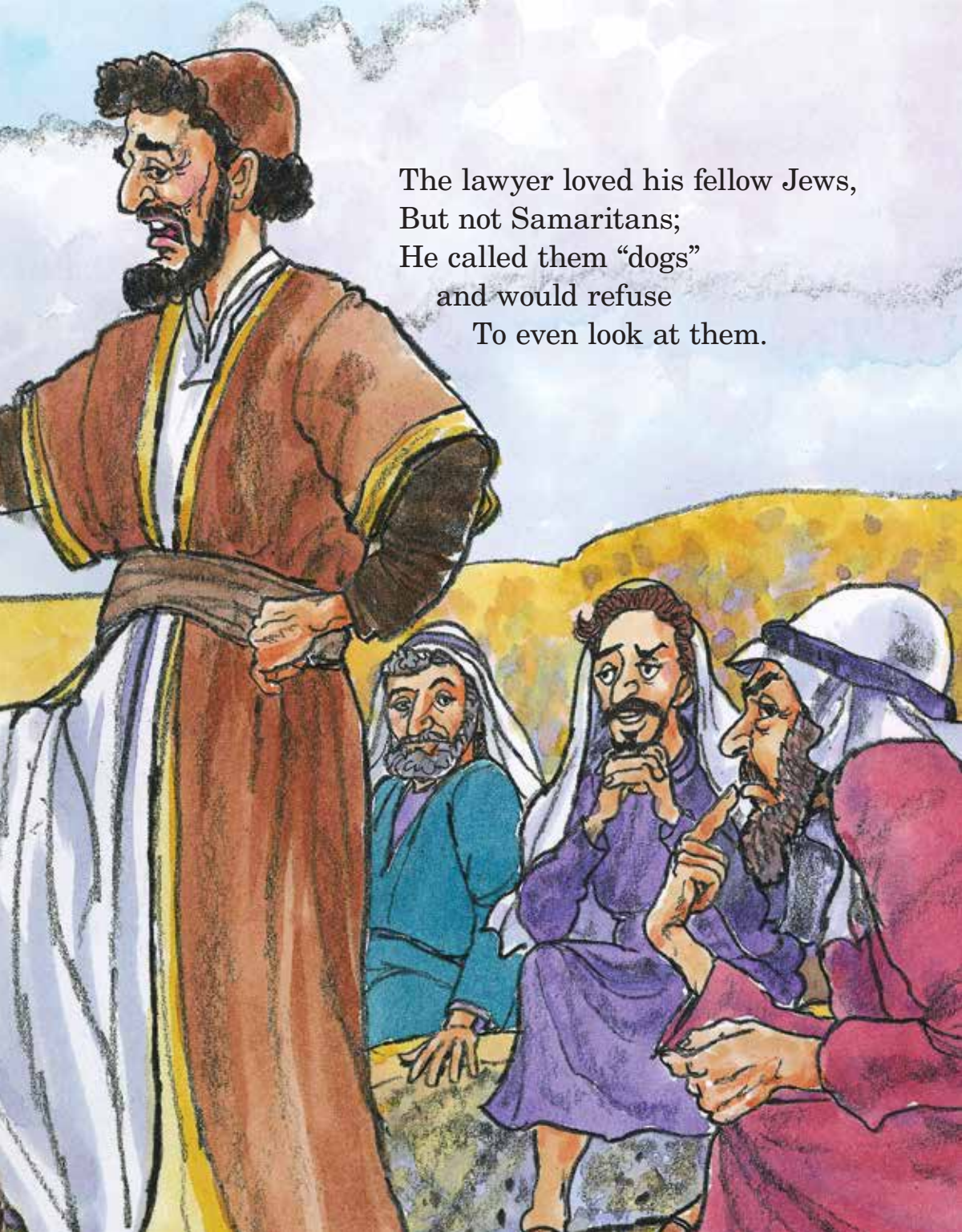


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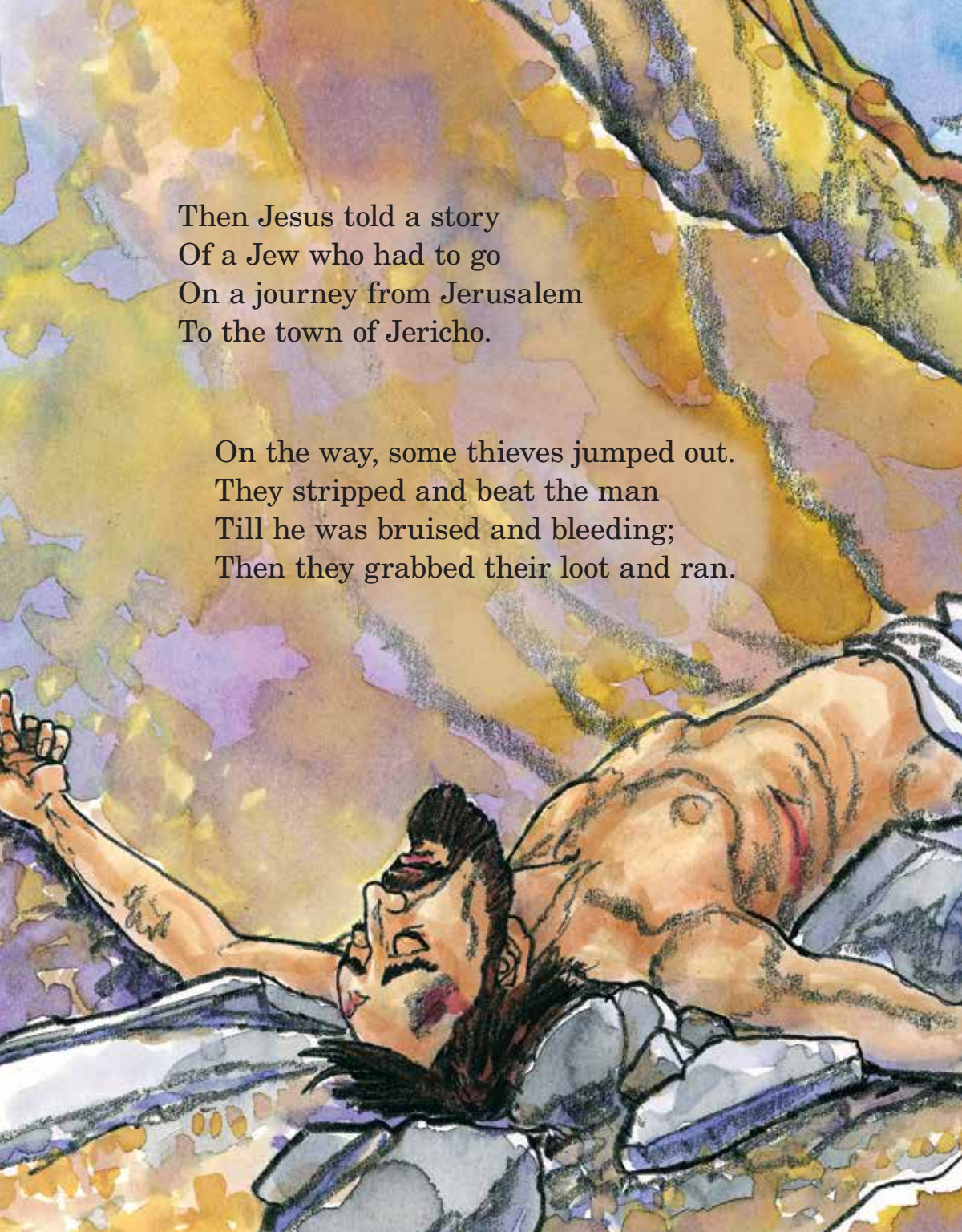


An expert in God's law came down
Where Jesus taught one day,
And asked a question of the Lord
To see what He would say.

“‘Love your neighbor
as yourself,’
God tells us in His Word;
But just who *is* my neighbor?”
The lawyer asked the Lord.

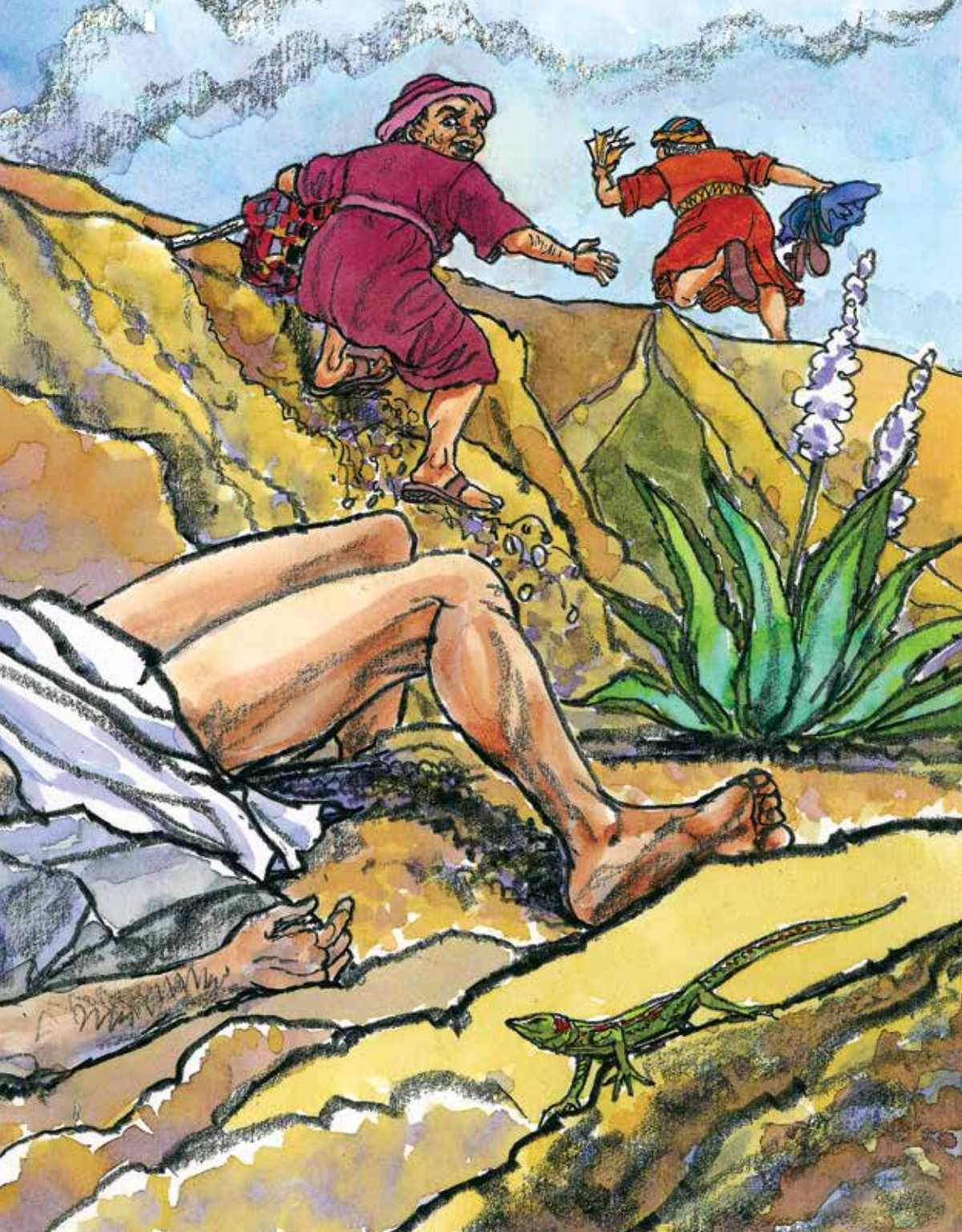


The lawyer loved his fellow Jews,
But not Samaritans;
He called them “dogs”
and would refuse
To even look at them.

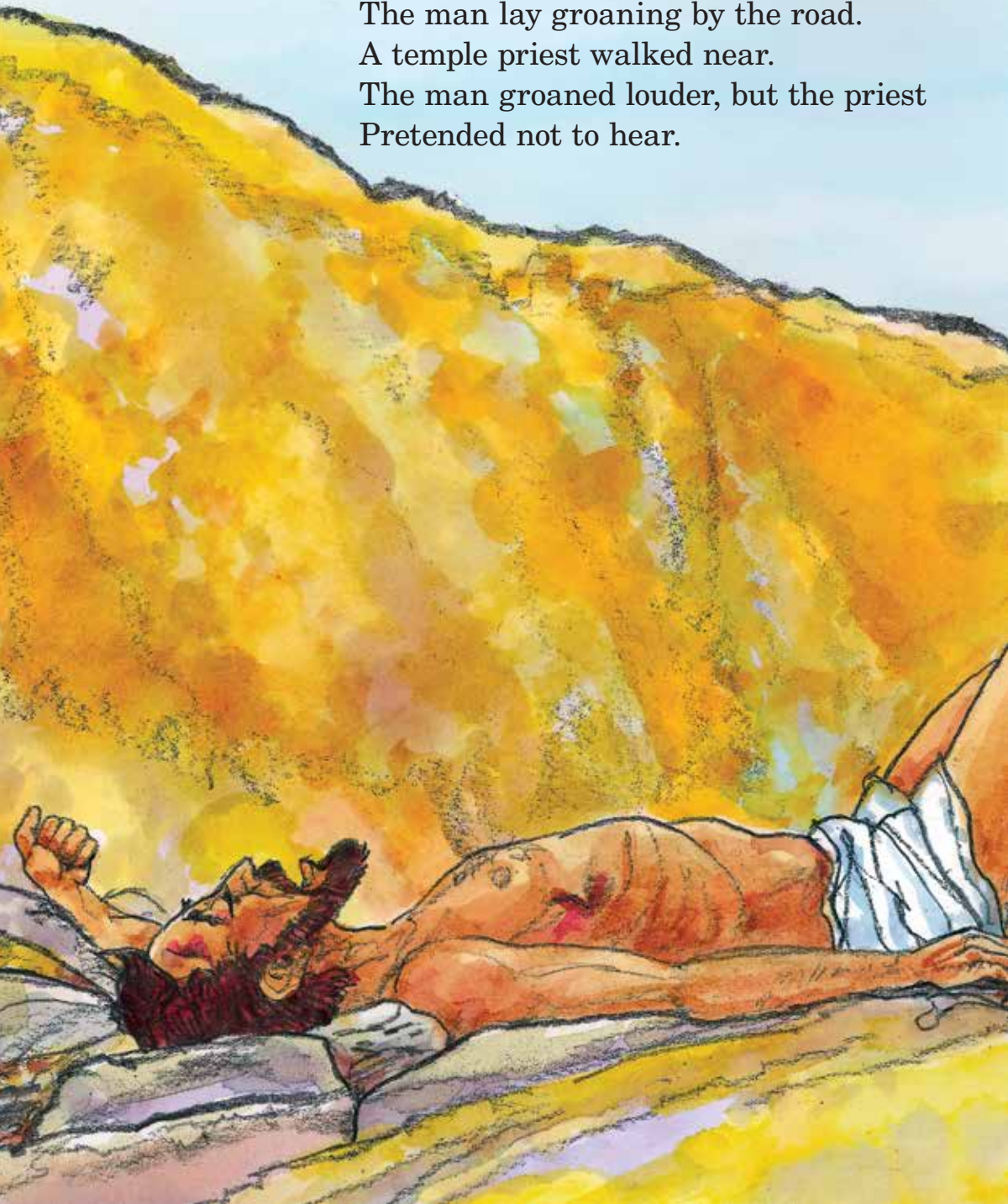


Then Jesus told a story
Of a Jew who had to go
On a journey from Jerusalem
To the town of Jericho.

On the way, some thieves jumped out.
They stripped and beat the man
Till he was bruised and bleeding;
Then they grabbed their loot and ran.



The man lay groaning by the road.
A temple priest walked near.
The man groaned louder, but the priest
Pretended not to hear.





Perhaps the priest thought, *What a shame,*
This man is in distress;
But if I stop to ease his pain,
My robe will be a mess.