



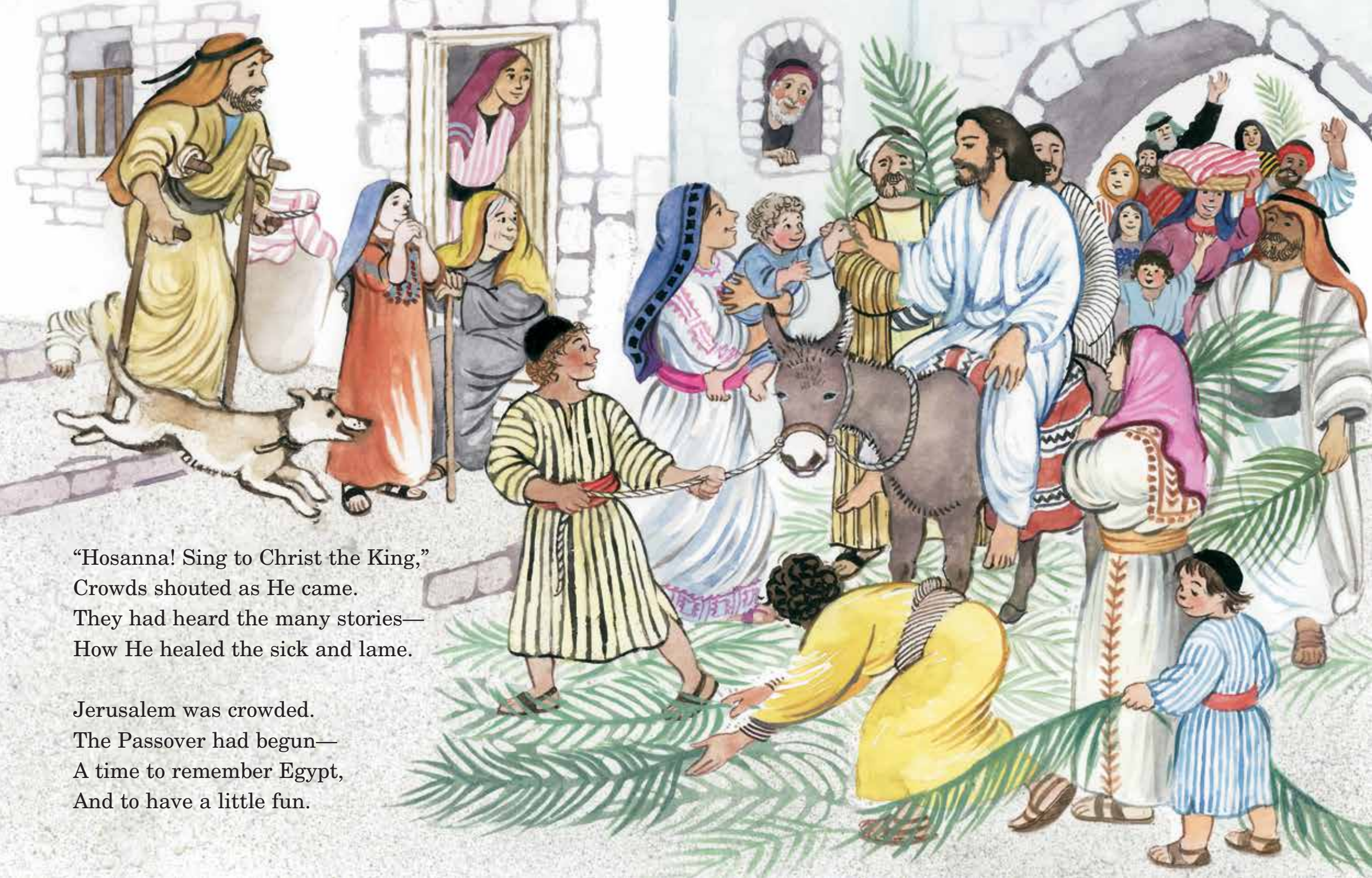
THE WEEK THAT LED TO EASTER

The Story of Holy Week Matthew 21:1–28:10; Mark 11:1–16:8;
Luke 19:29–24:12; and John 12:12–20:10 for children

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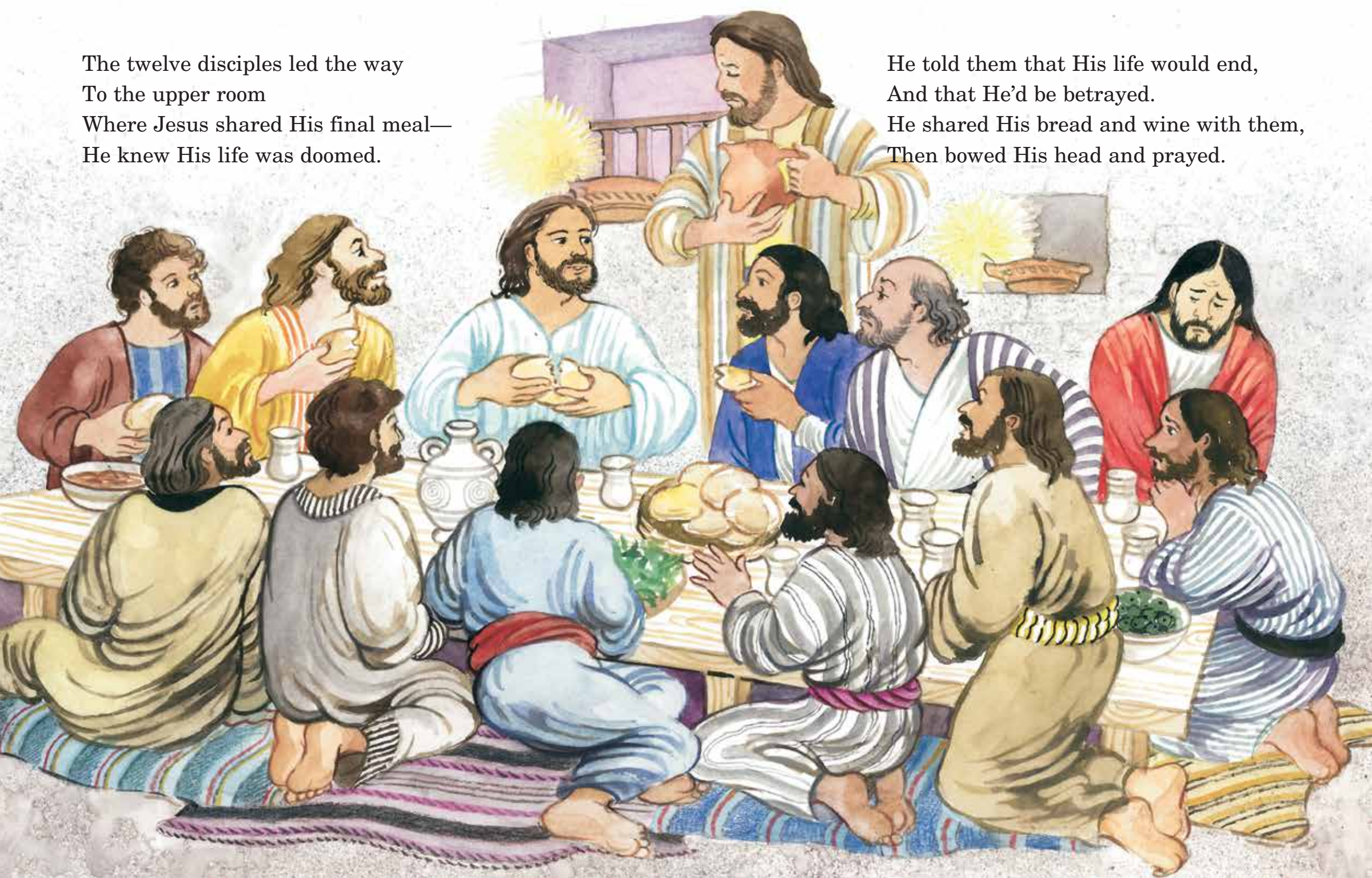


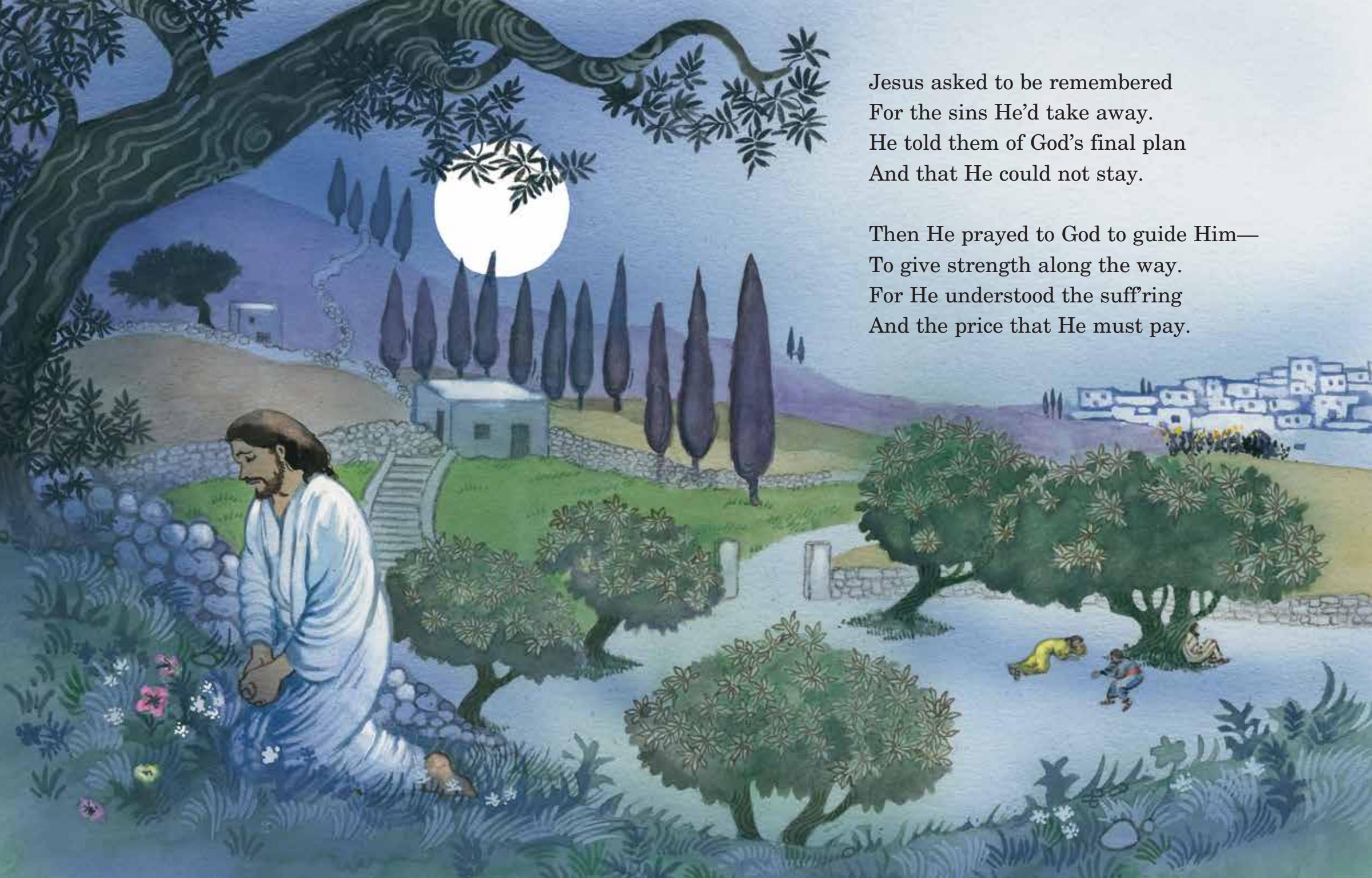
“Hosanna! Sing to Christ the King,”
Crowds shouted as He came.
They had heard the many stories—
How He healed the sick and lame.

Jerusalem was crowded.
The Passover had begun—
A time to remember Egypt,
And to have a little fun.

The twelve disciples led the way
To the upper room
Where Jesus shared His final meal—
He knew His life was doomed.

He told them that His life would end,
And that He'd be betrayed.
He shared His bread and wine with them,
Then bowed His head and prayed.





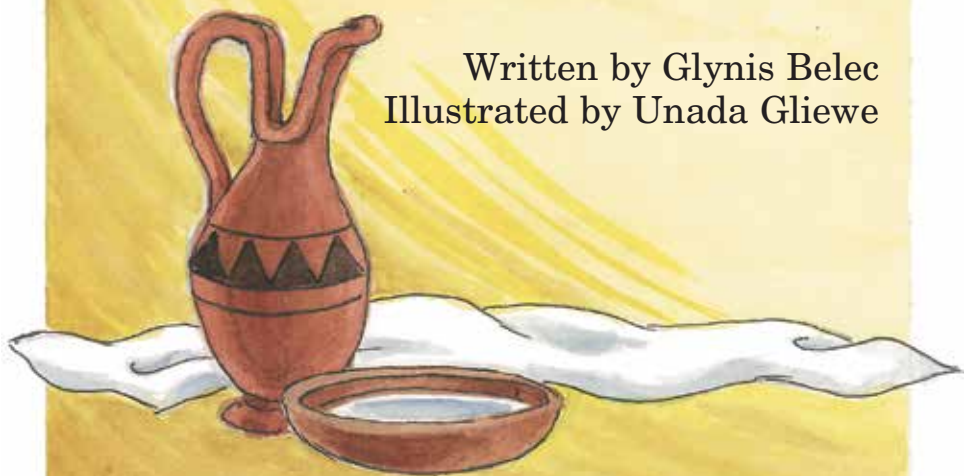
Jesus asked to be remembered
For the sins He'd take away.
He told them of God's final plan
And that He could not stay.

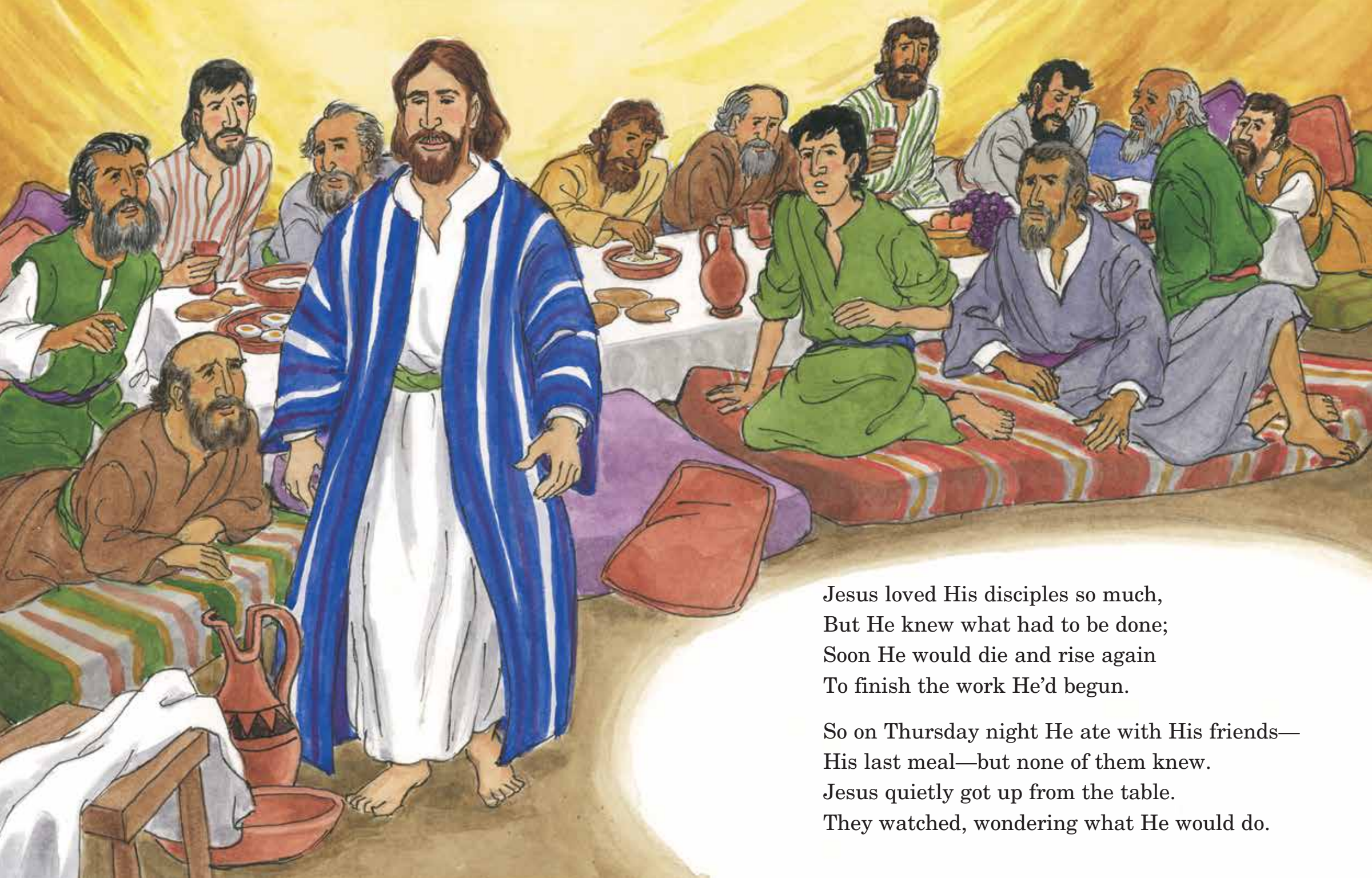
Then He prayed to God to guide Him—
To give strength along the way.
For He understood the suffering
And the price that He must pay.

Jesus Washes Peter's Feet

The Story of Jesus Washing the Disciples' Feet
John 13:1–12 for children

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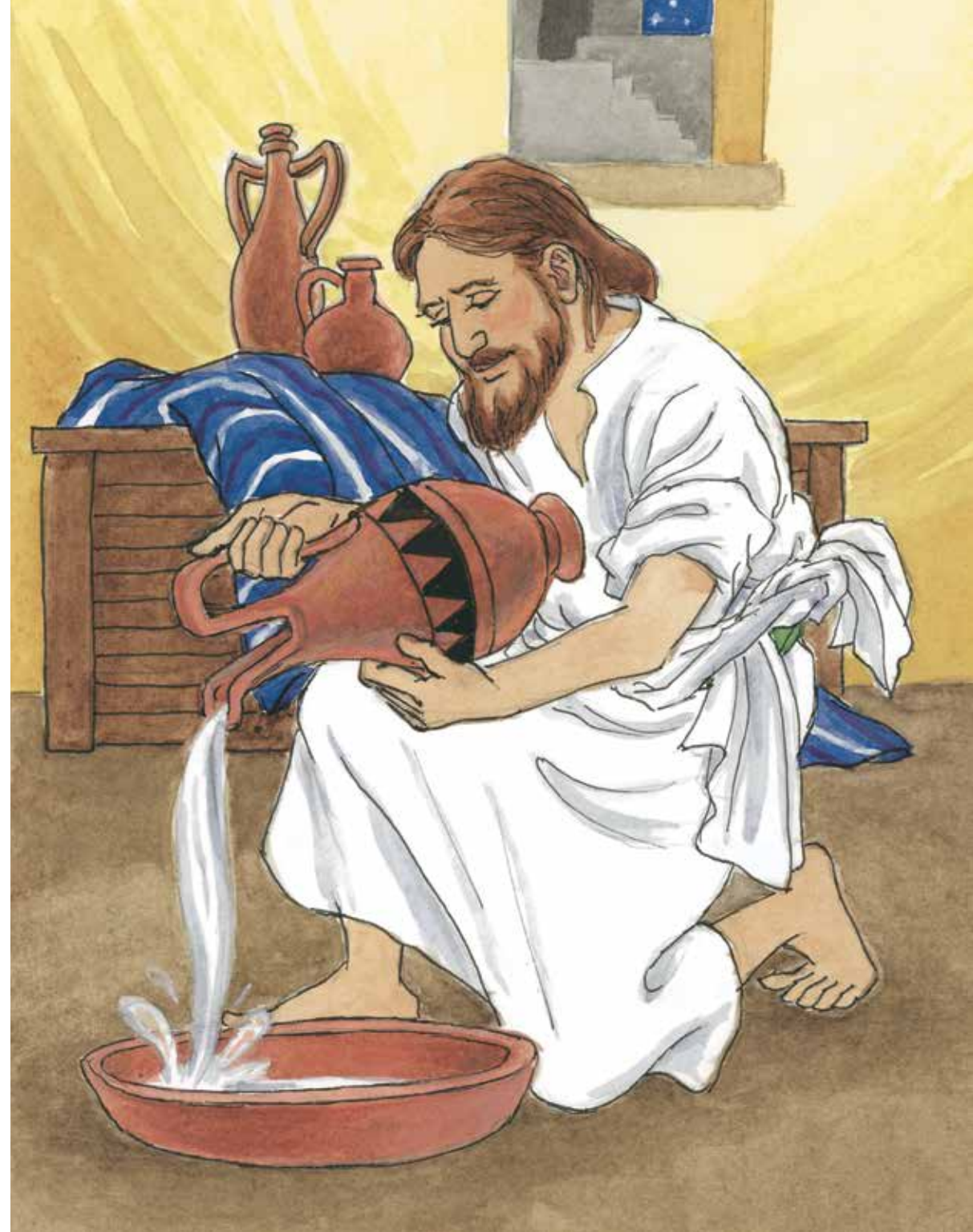
Jesus loved His disciples so much,
But He knew what had to be done;
Soon He would die and rise again
To finish the work He'd begun.

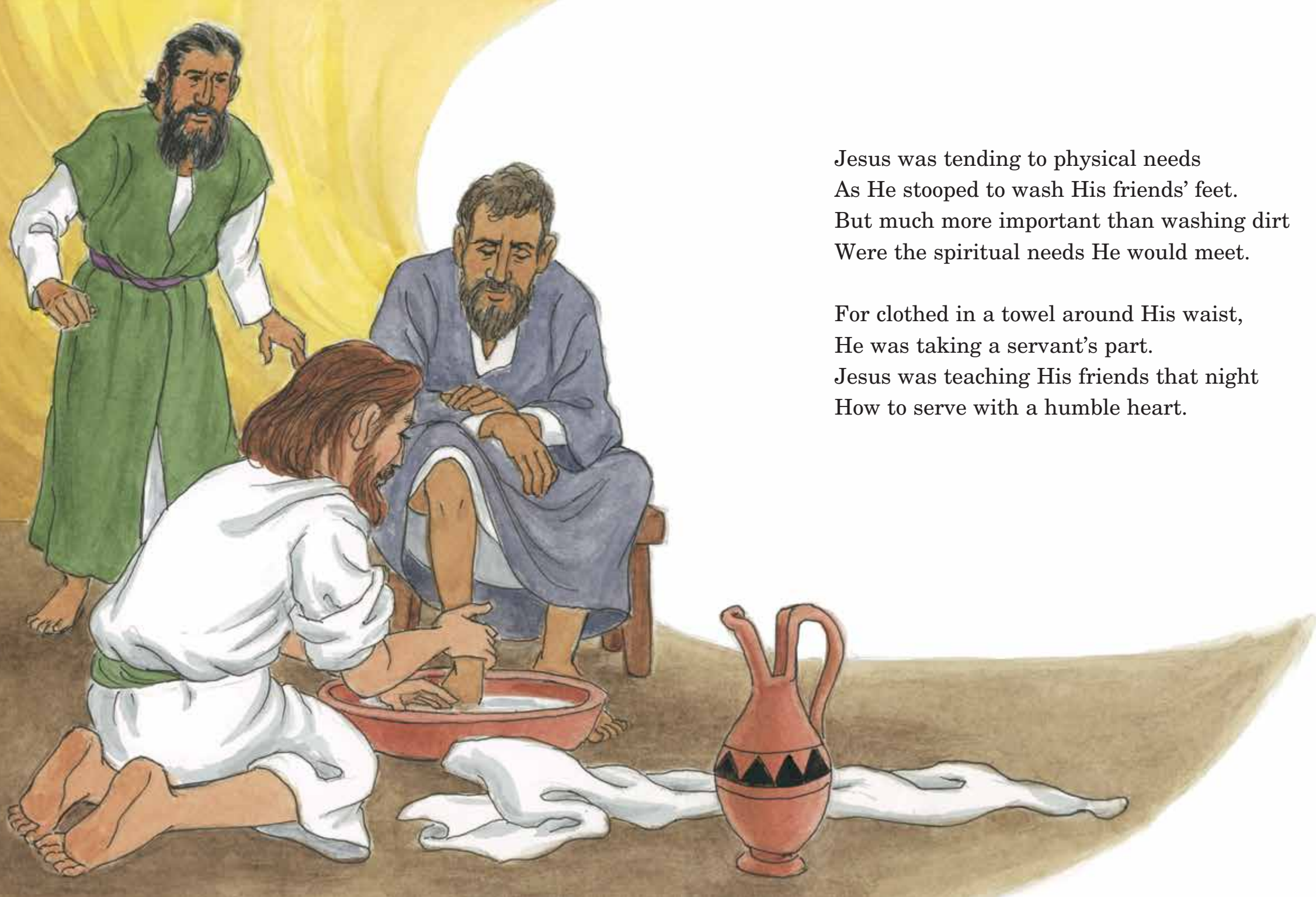
So on Thursday night He ate with His friends—
His last meal—but none of them knew.
Jesus quietly got up from the table.
They watched, wondering what He would do.

He wrapped a towel around His waist
And poured water into a large bowl.
He humbly knelt to wash each man's feet,
But self-glory was not Jesus' goal.

(You see, it was part of a servant's job
To greet all the guests at the door.
The roads were dusty; their feet would be soiled,
So they'd take off the sandals they wore.

And a bowl and towel would be ready—
For hosts wanted to offer their best.
Their servants would wash the dusty feet
Of each tired and weary guest.)





Jesus was tending to physical needs
As He stooped to wash His friends' feet.
But much more important than washing dirt
Were the spiritual needs He would meet.

For clothed in a towel around His waist,
He was taking a servant's part.
Jesus was teaching His friends that night
How to serve with a humble heart.