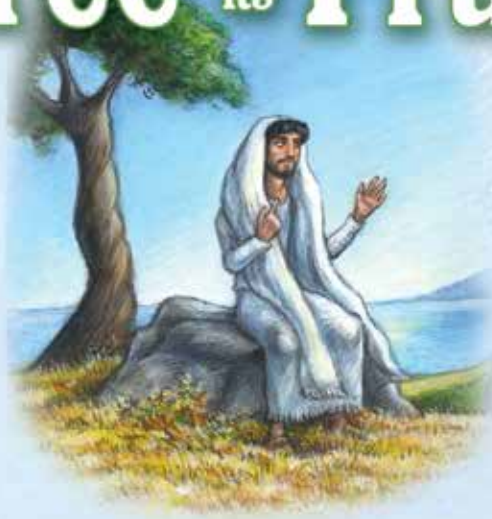


The Lesson of the Tree and its Fruit



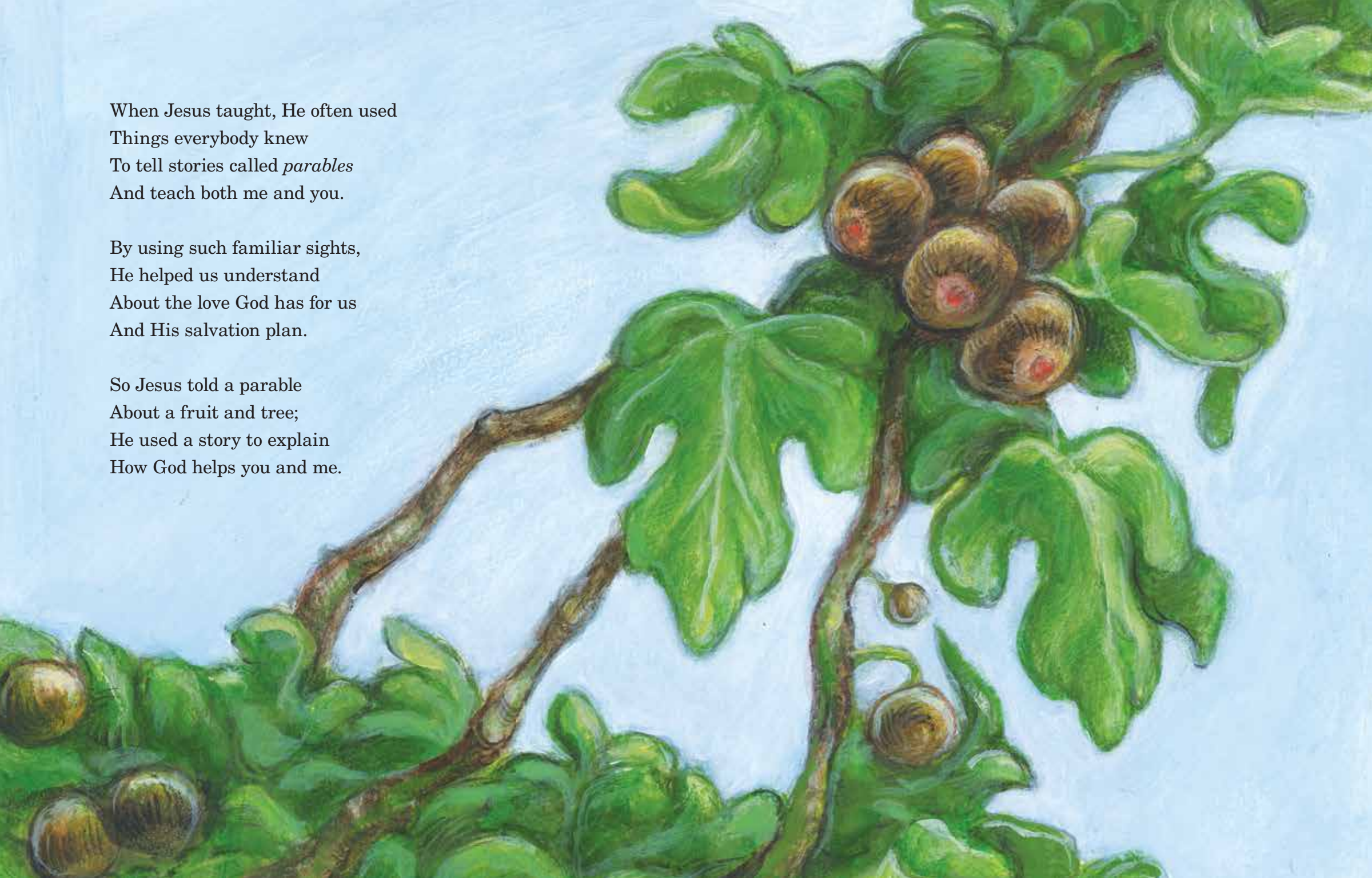
**Matthew 7:15–20 and
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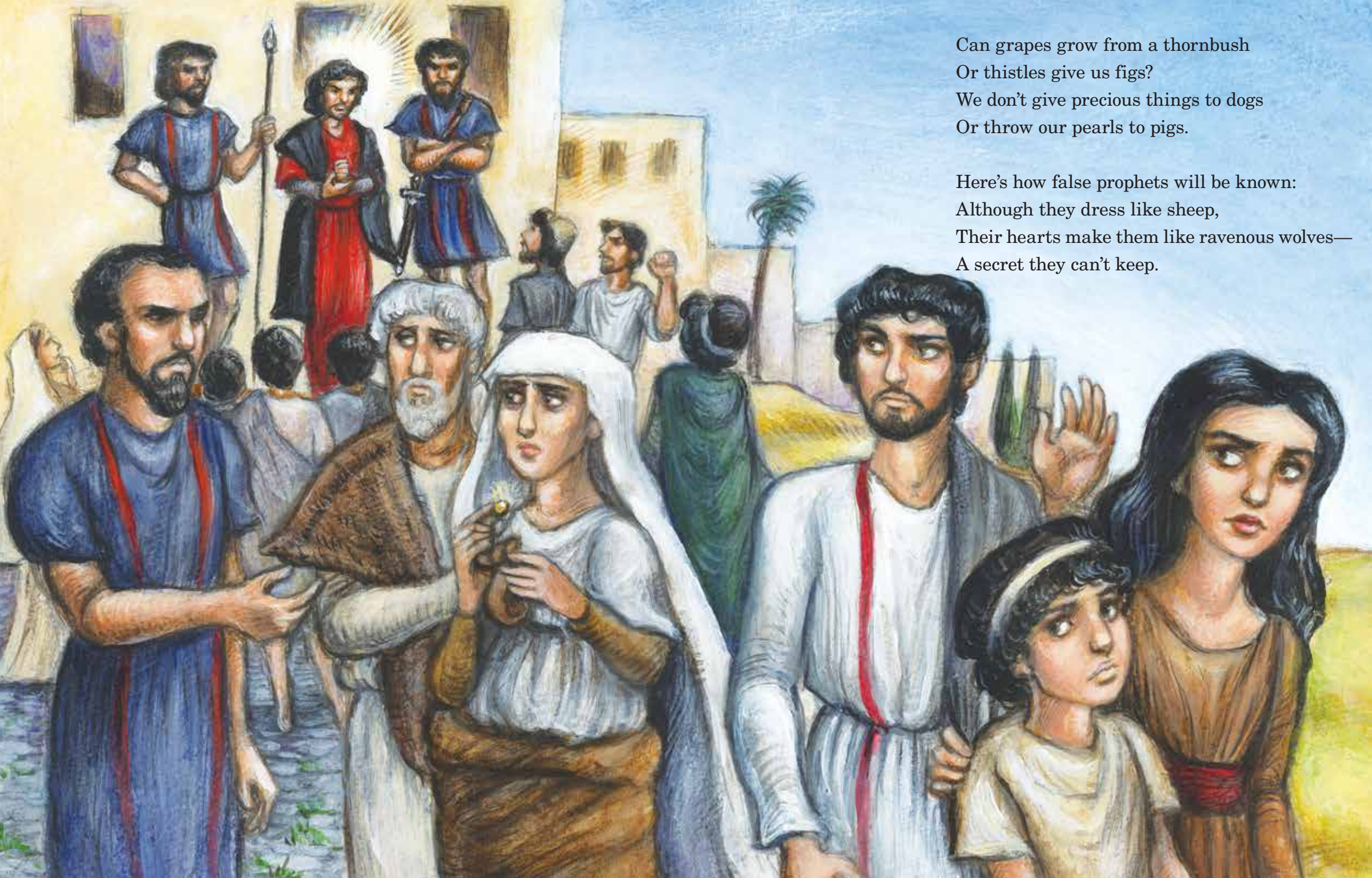
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When Jesus taught, He often used
Things everybody knew
To tell stories called *parables*
And teach both me and you.

By using such familiar sights,
He helped us understand
About the love God has for us
And His salvation plan.

So Jesus told a parable
About a fruit and tree;
He used a story to explain
How God helps you and me.





Can grapes grow from a thornbush
Or thistles give us figs?
We don't give precious things to dogs
Or throw our pearls to pigs.

Here's how false prophets will be known:
Although they dress like sheep,
Their hearts make them like ravenous wolves—
A secret they can't keep.