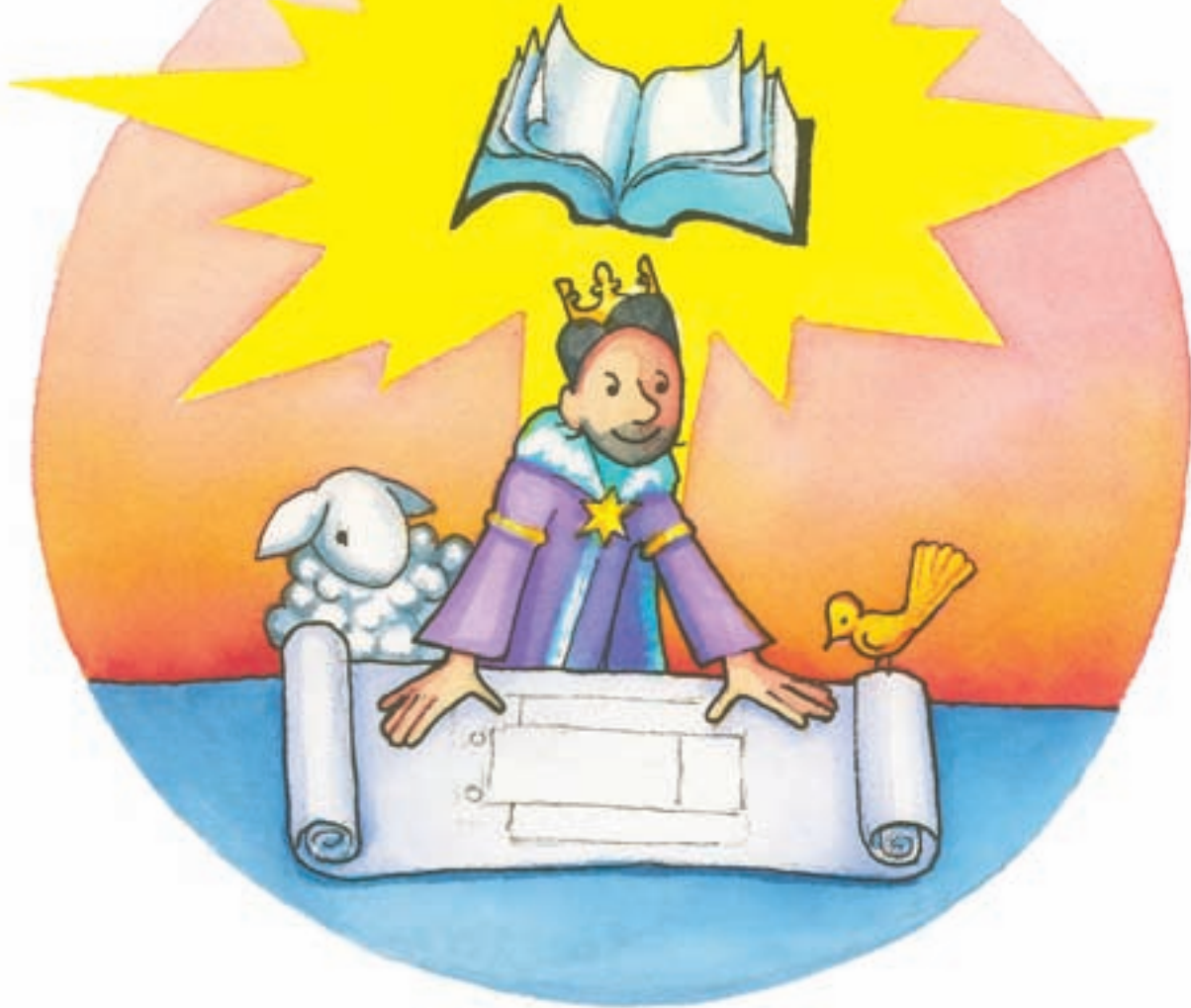


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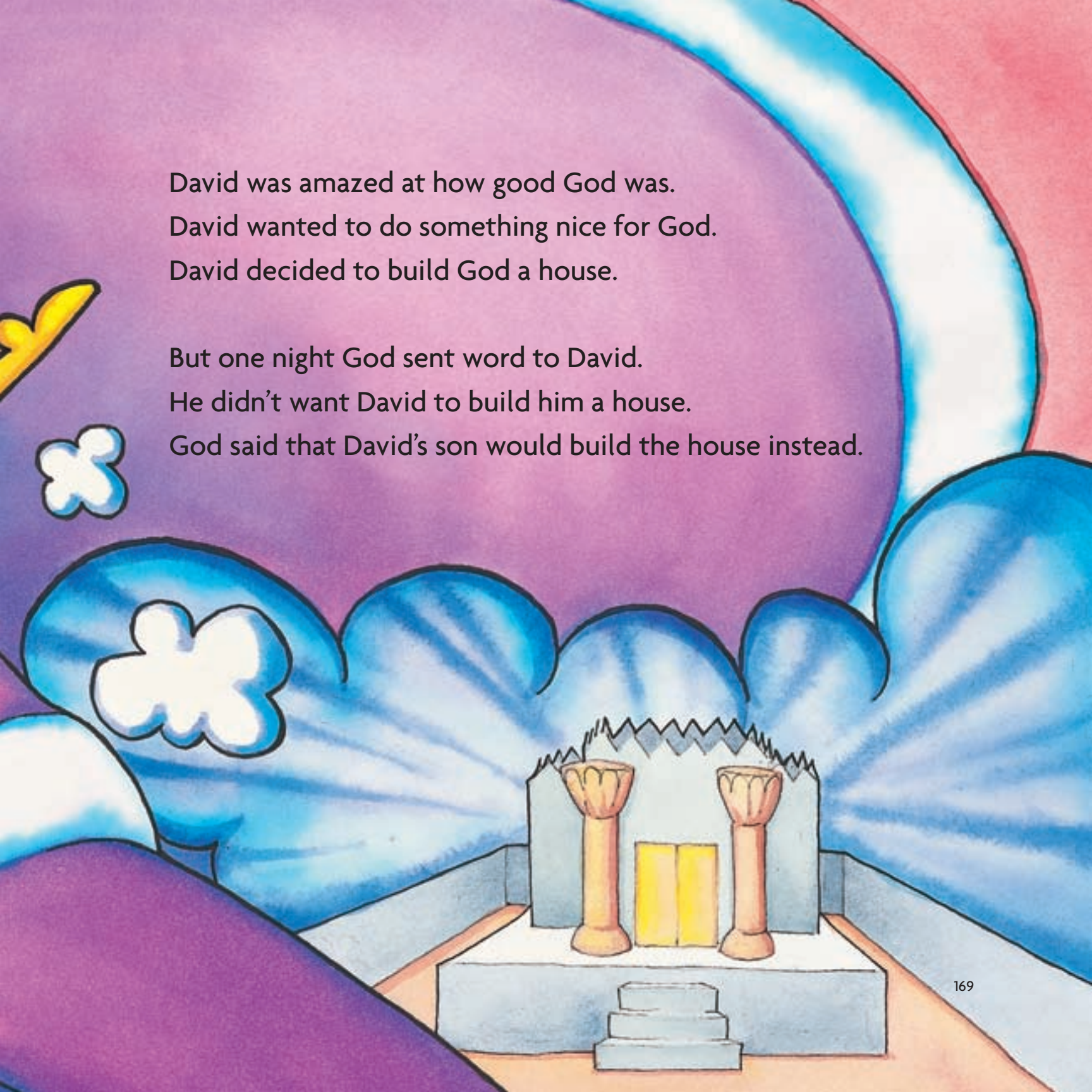
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David was amazed at how good God was.
David wanted to do something nice for God.
David decided to build God a house.

But one night God sent word to David.
He didn't want David to build him a house.
God said that David's son would build the house instead.







Then God surprised David.
God promised to build David a house!
Not a real house made of bricks or wood
but a kingdom—God’s kingdom.

And then God surprised David again!
God promised him that someone from David’s
family would live forever as God’s king.

If that weren’t enough, God surprised David again!
This forever ruler would be the Promised One
who would bring God’s blessing to all the
peoples of the earth.

God's surprising promise
made David very happy!
He thanked God, and the
promise was written in
God's holy book.

After David died . . .

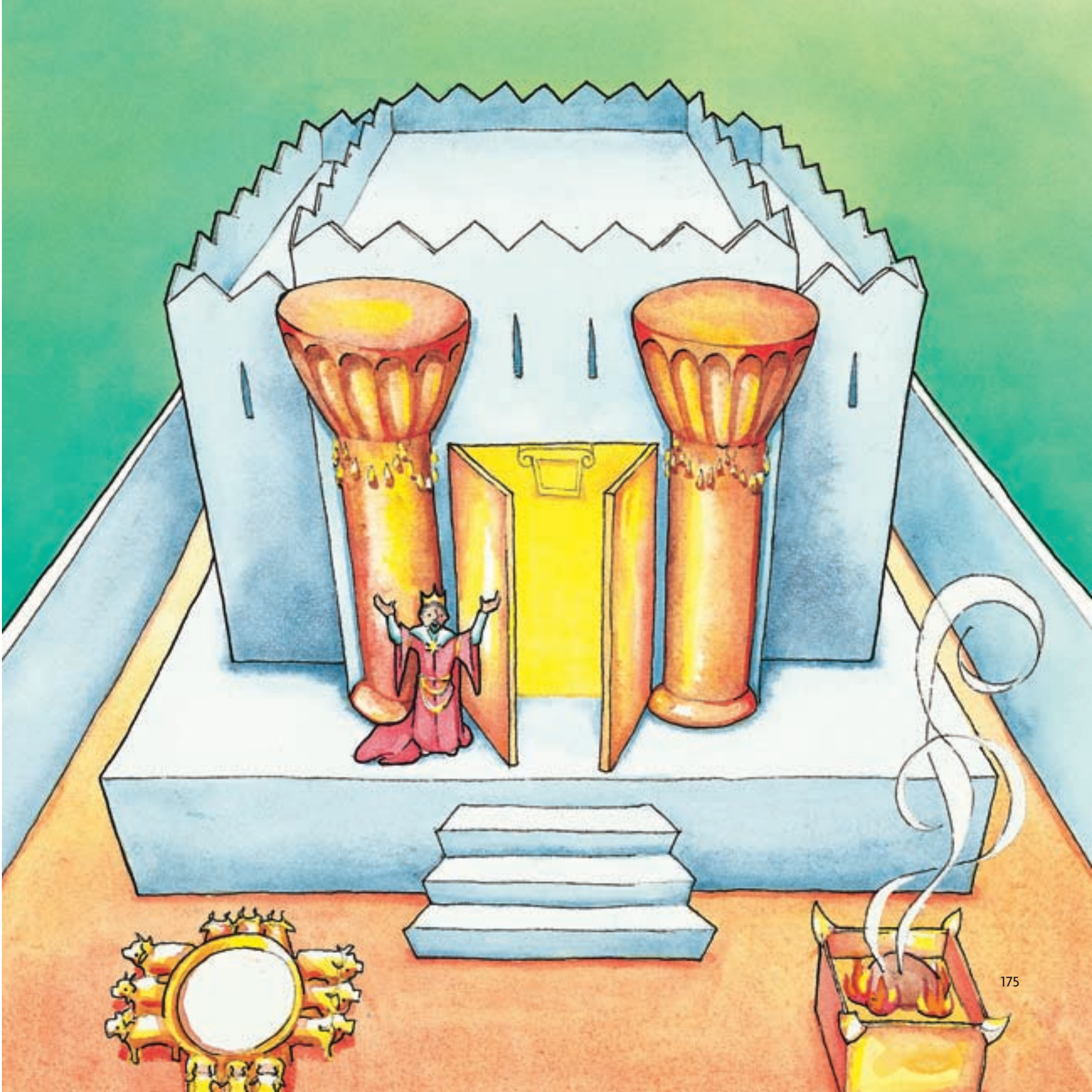




David's son Solomon became king.

With gold and wood he built God a great house.
It was a beautiful place called a temple.





This temple was
where the people
made blood
sacrifices for
their sins.

When God saw
that great sign,
he would forgive,
or pass over,
the sins of his
people.







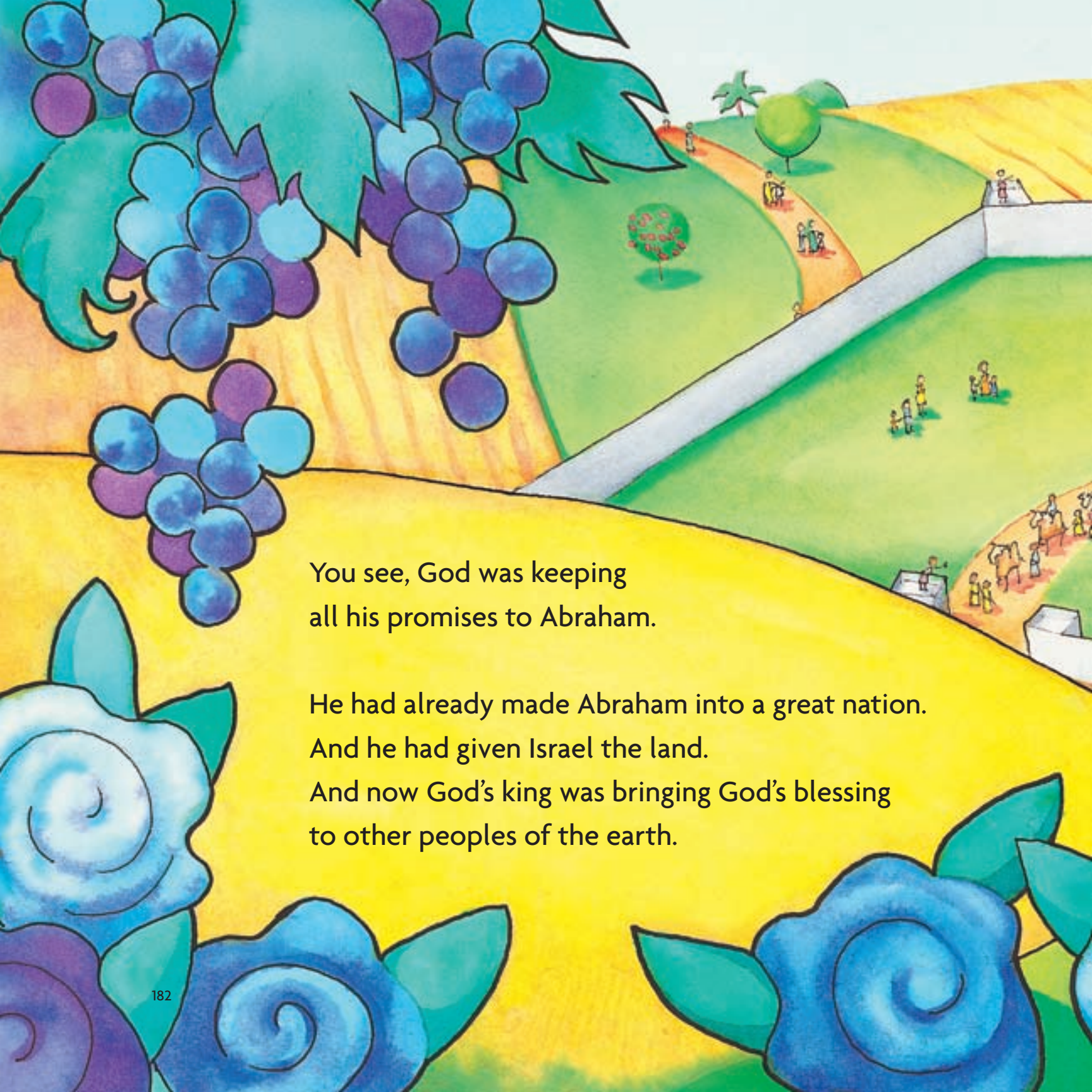
After the temple was finished,
God came down in a cloud.
The people were happy and gave
thanks to the Lord saying,
“He is good, for his steadfast
love endures forever.”

A queen came to see Solomon,
his palace, and the temple he had built.

She asked him lots of questions,
and God gave Solomon wisdom for them all.
The queen was amazed and greatly helped by all he said
and was *blessed* by God for having come.

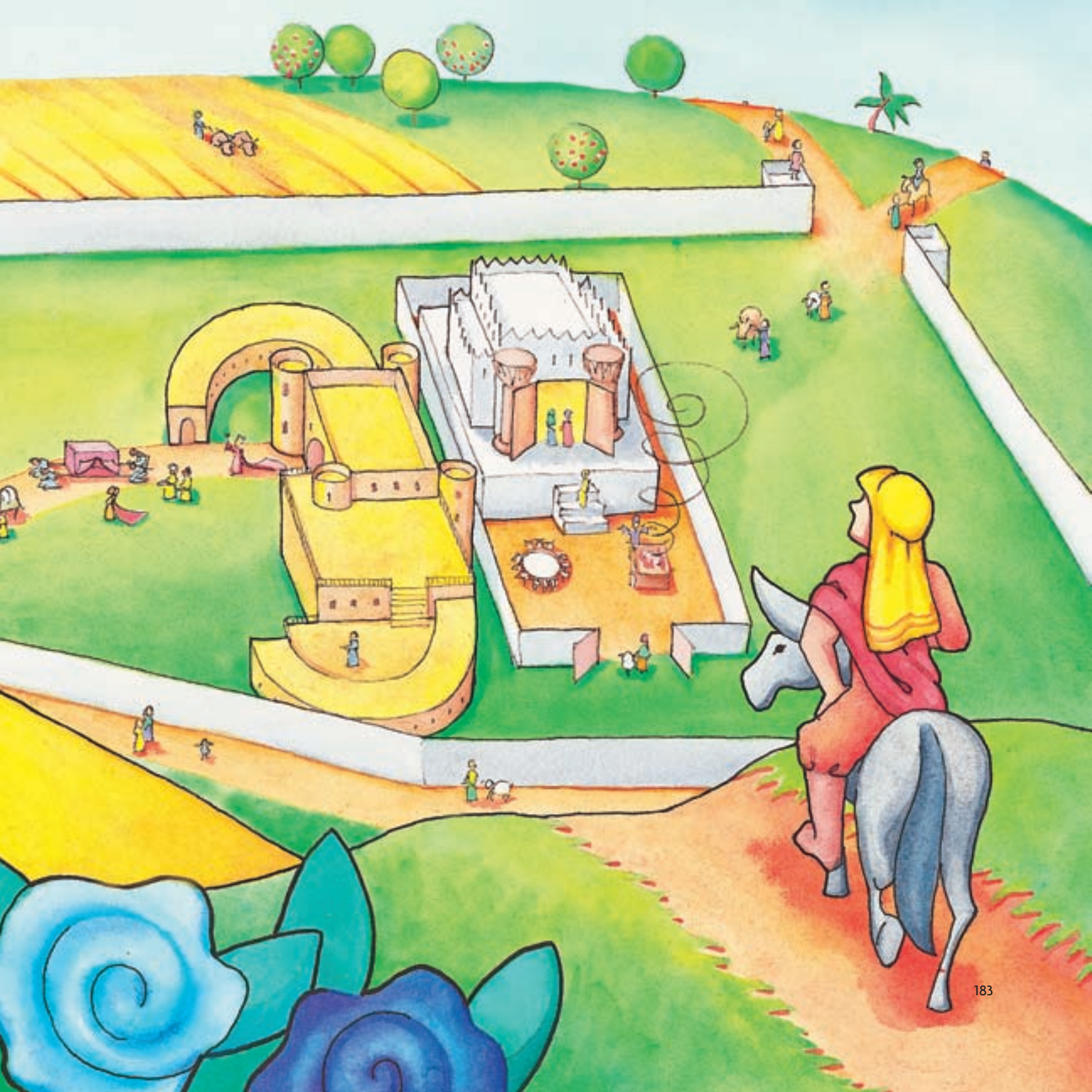






You see, God was keeping
all his promises to Abraham.

He had already made Abraham into a great nation.
And he had given Israel the land.
And now God's king was bringing God's blessing
to other peoples of the earth.



Does this make you wonder
if Solomon might be God's forever king?
Could he be the Promised One to bring
God's blessings to everyone?



