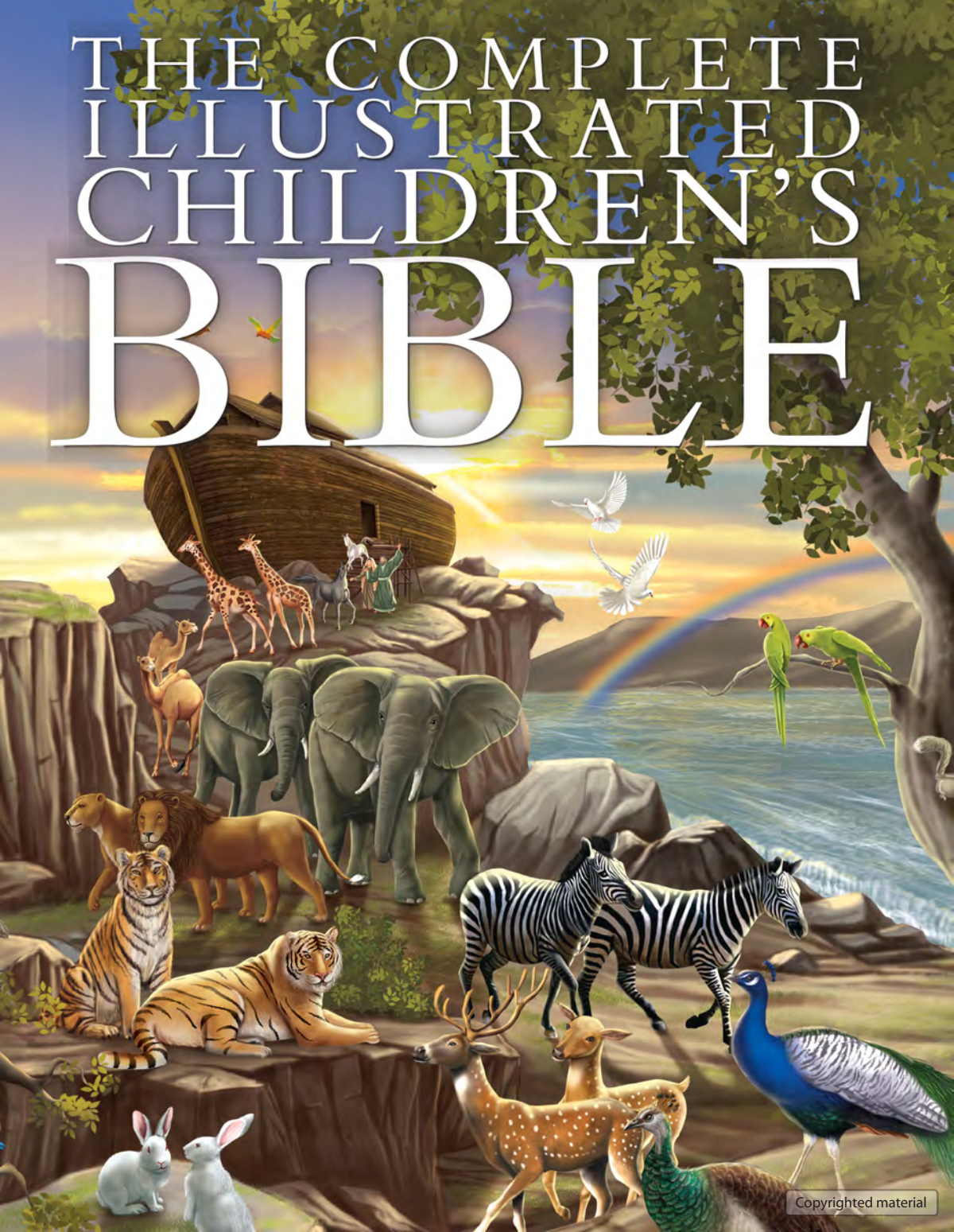


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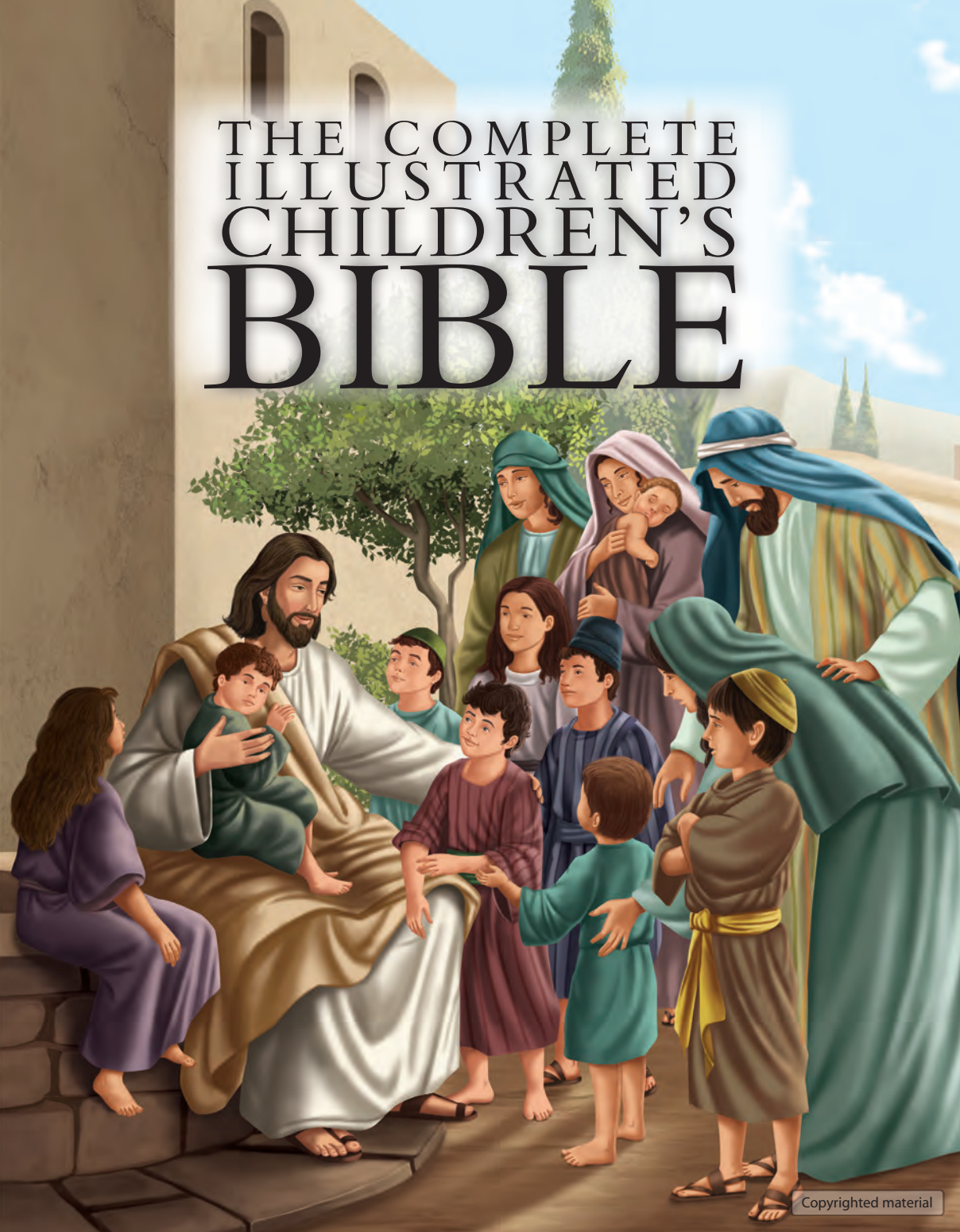
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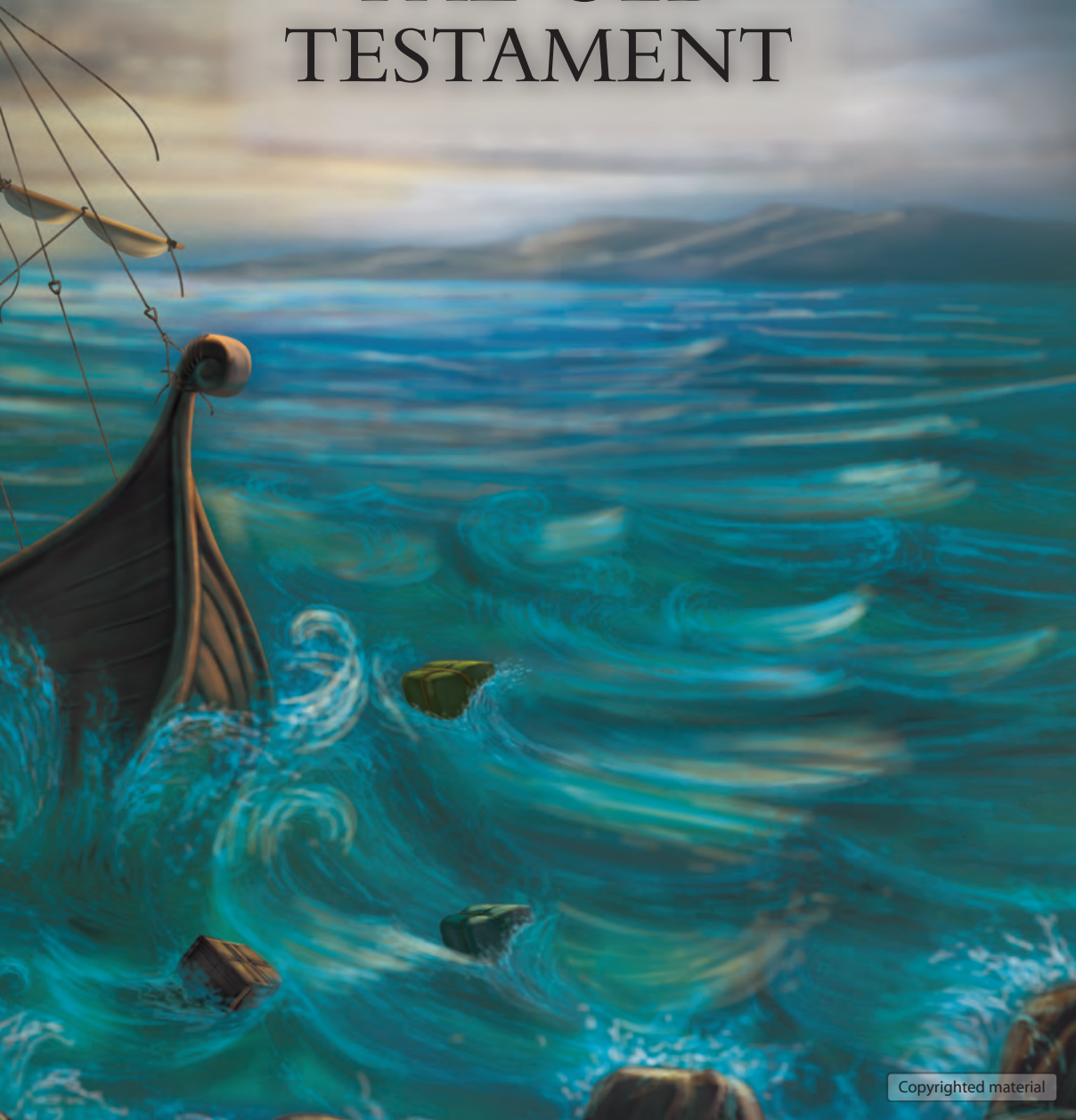
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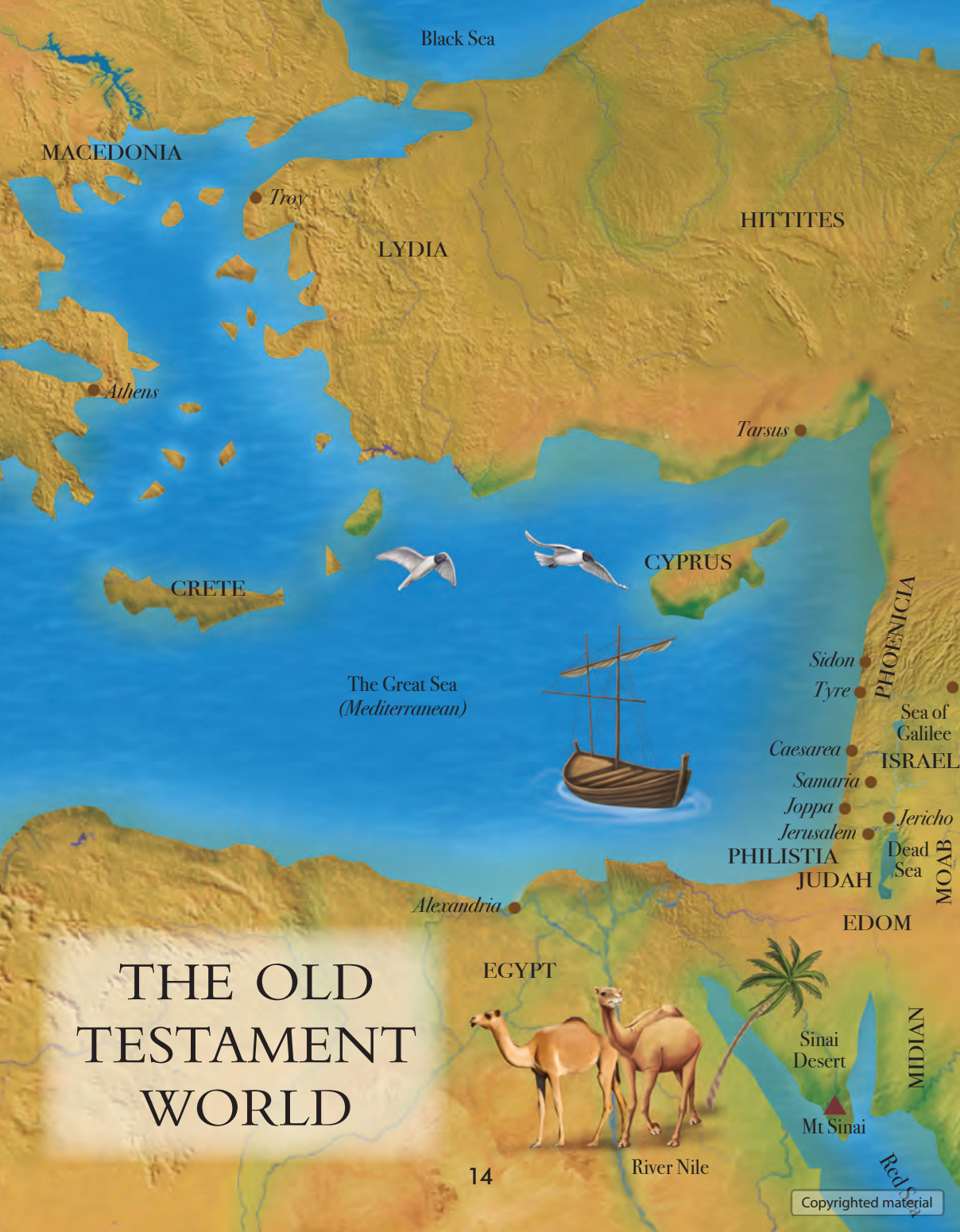
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THE OLD TESTAMENT





Black Sea

MACEDONIA

Troy

LYDIA

HITTITES

Athens

Tarsus

CRETE

CYPRUS

The Great Sea
(Mediterranean)

Sidon

Tyre

PHOENICIA

Sea of Galilee

Caesarea

ISRAEL

Samaria

Joppa

Jerusalem

Jericho

PHILISTIA

JUDAH

MOAB

Dead Sea

Alexandria

EDOM

THE OLD TESTAMENT WORLD

EGYPT



Sinai Desert

Mt Sinai

MIDIAN

River Nile

Red Sea



Mt Ararat

Caspian Sea

ASSYRIA

River Euphrates

River Tigris

Nineveh

MESOPOTAMIA

MEDIA

ARAM

Damascus

Babylon

Nippur

Ur

PERSIA

AMMON



BABYLONIA

ARABIA

Arabian Desert



Lower Sea
(Persian Gulf)



GOD MAKES THE WORLD

Genesis 1-2



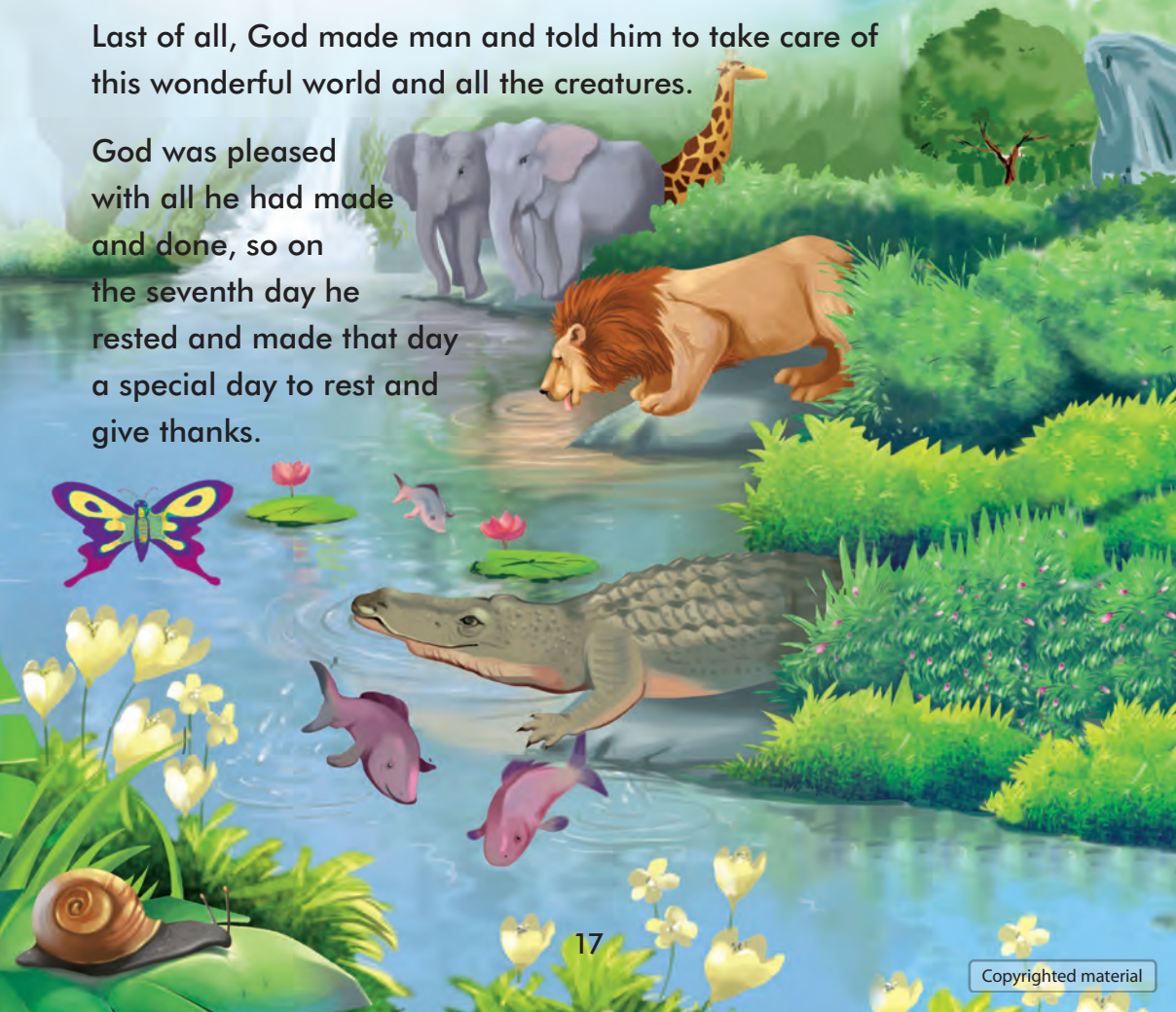
In the beginning, there was nothing at all. Then God created the heavens and the earth, but everything was still covered in darkness, so God said, "Let there be light," and there was light! God called the light day and the darkness night, and that was the first day and the first night!

In the days that followed, God separated the water from dry land and covered the land with beautiful plants and trees. He made the sun to shine during the day and the moon and stars to light up the night sky.

Then God filled the seas with enormous whales and shiny fish, leaping dolphins and wobbly jellyfish, and he filled the skies with colorful birds. He made animals of all shapes and sizes—swift cheetahs, slow tortoises, huge elephants, and many more.

Last of all, God made man and told him to take care of this wonderful world and all the creatures.

God was pleased with all he had made and done, so on the seventh day he rested and made that day a special day to rest and give thanks.



THE BEAUTIFUL GARDEN

Genesis 2



God created the beautiful Garden of Eden for Adam—a marvellous paradise filled with green grass, colorful plants, and wonderful trees. God told Adam that he might help himself to fruit from any of these trees except for one: the tree of knowledge. But there were still plenty of other wonderful things for him to eat!

God brought all the animals and birds to Adam so that he could name them. But none of the animals were like him, and Adam was lonely, so God created a woman, Eve, to be his special friend.



DISOBEYING GOD

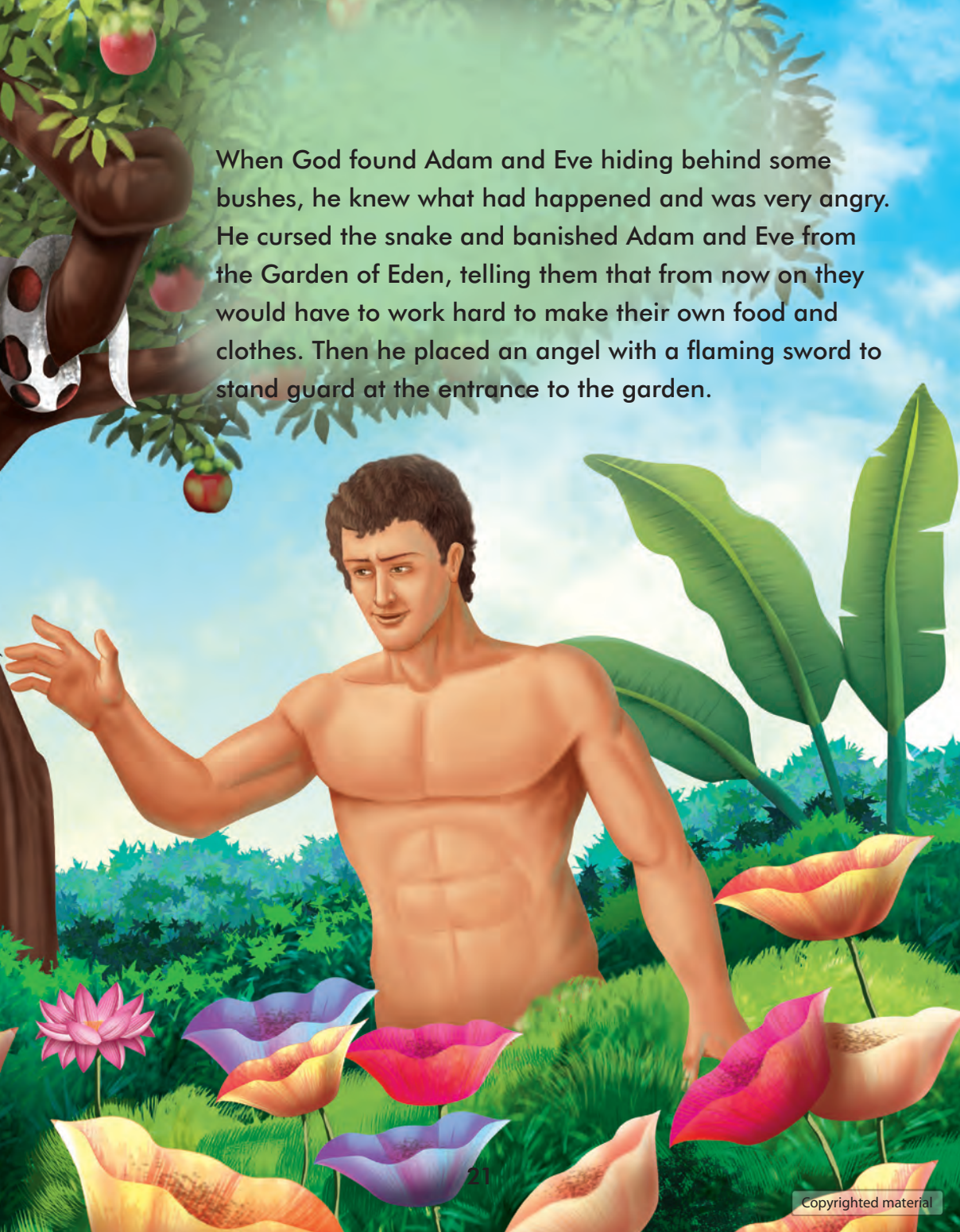
Genesis 3



Now of all the animals, the most cunning was the snake. One day he said to Eve, "Why don't you eat from the tree of knowledge? The fruit is delicious and it won't harm you! God doesn't want you to eat it because it will make you wise like him. Take a bite!"

The fruit looked so delicious that silly Eve did pick some and she offered some to Adam too, and they both ate it. At once they realized they were naked and tried to cover themselves with leaves.





When God found Adam and Eve hiding behind some bushes, he knew what had happened and was very angry. He cursed the snake and banished Adam and Eve from the Garden of Eden, telling them that from now on they would have to work hard to make their own food and clothes. Then he placed an angel with a flaming sword to stand guard at the entrance to the garden.

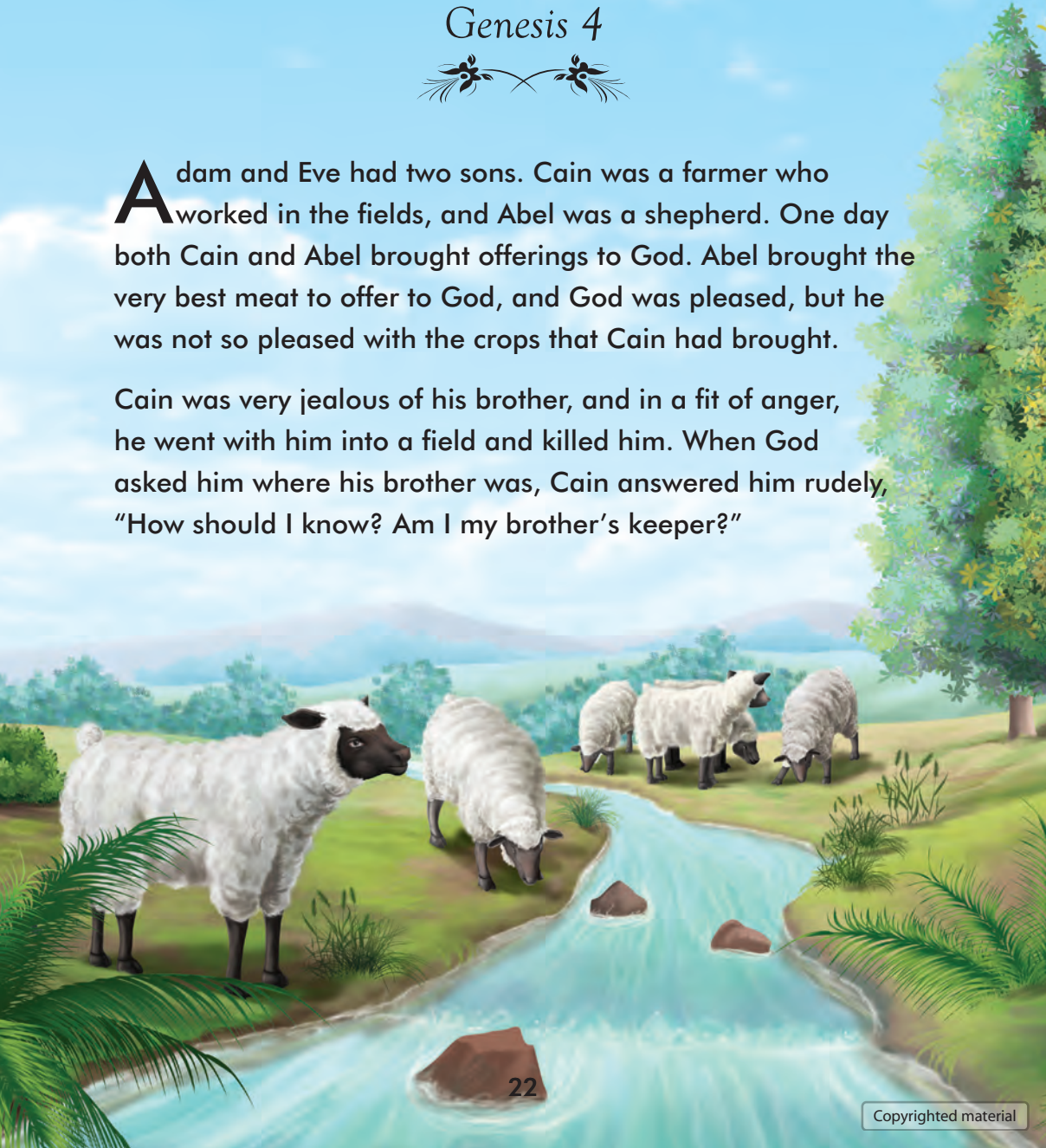
CAIN AND ABEL

Genesis 4

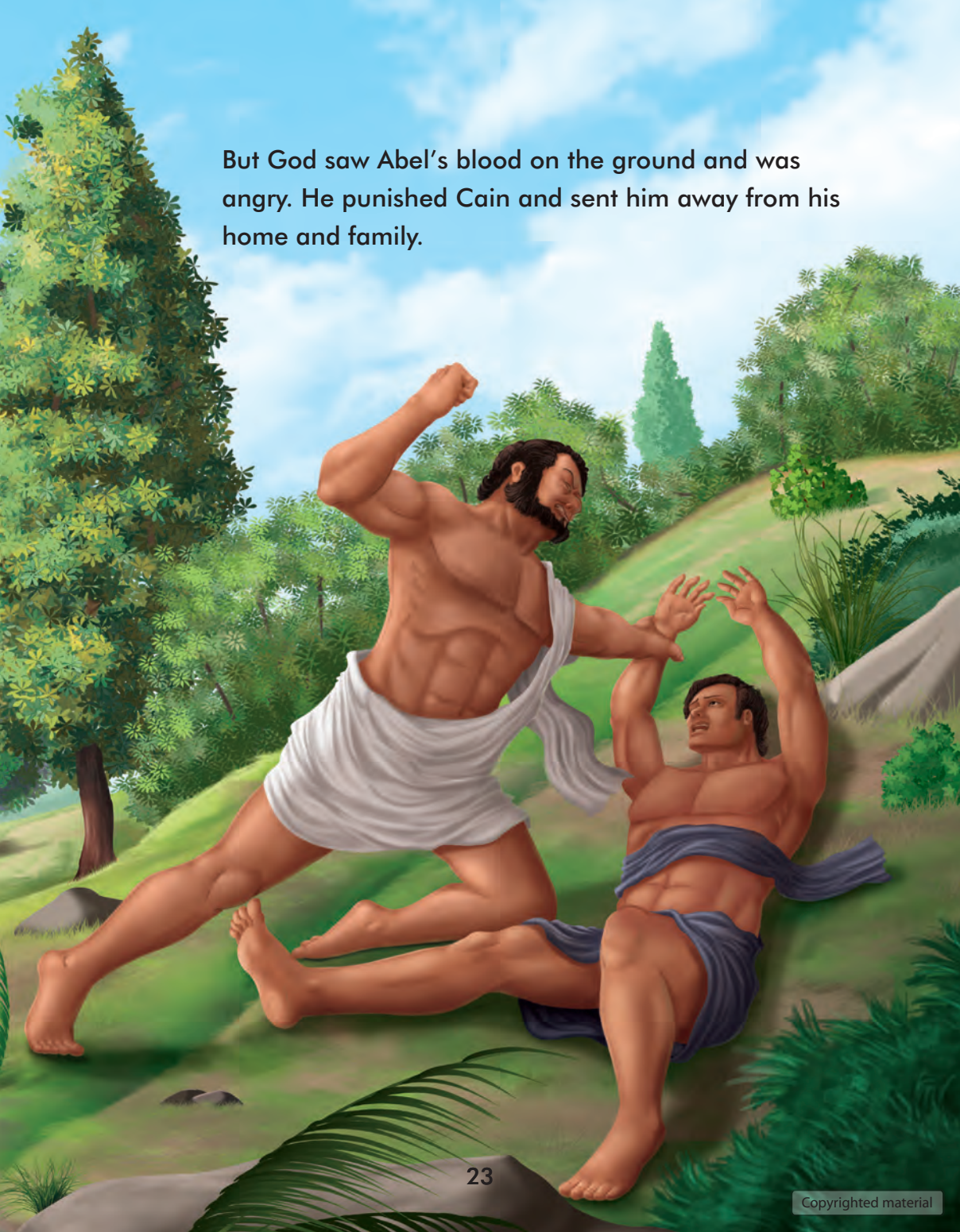


Adam and Eve had two sons. Cain was a farmer who worked in the fields, and Abel was a shepherd. One day both Cain and Abel brought offerings to God. Abel brought the very best meat to offer to God, and God was pleased, but he was not so pleased with the crops that Cain had brought.

Cain was very jealous of his brother, and in a fit of anger, he went with him into a field and killed him. When God asked him where his brother was, Cain answered him rudely, "How should I know? Am I my brother's keeper?"



But God saw Abel's blood on the ground and was angry. He punished Cain and sent him away from his home and family.



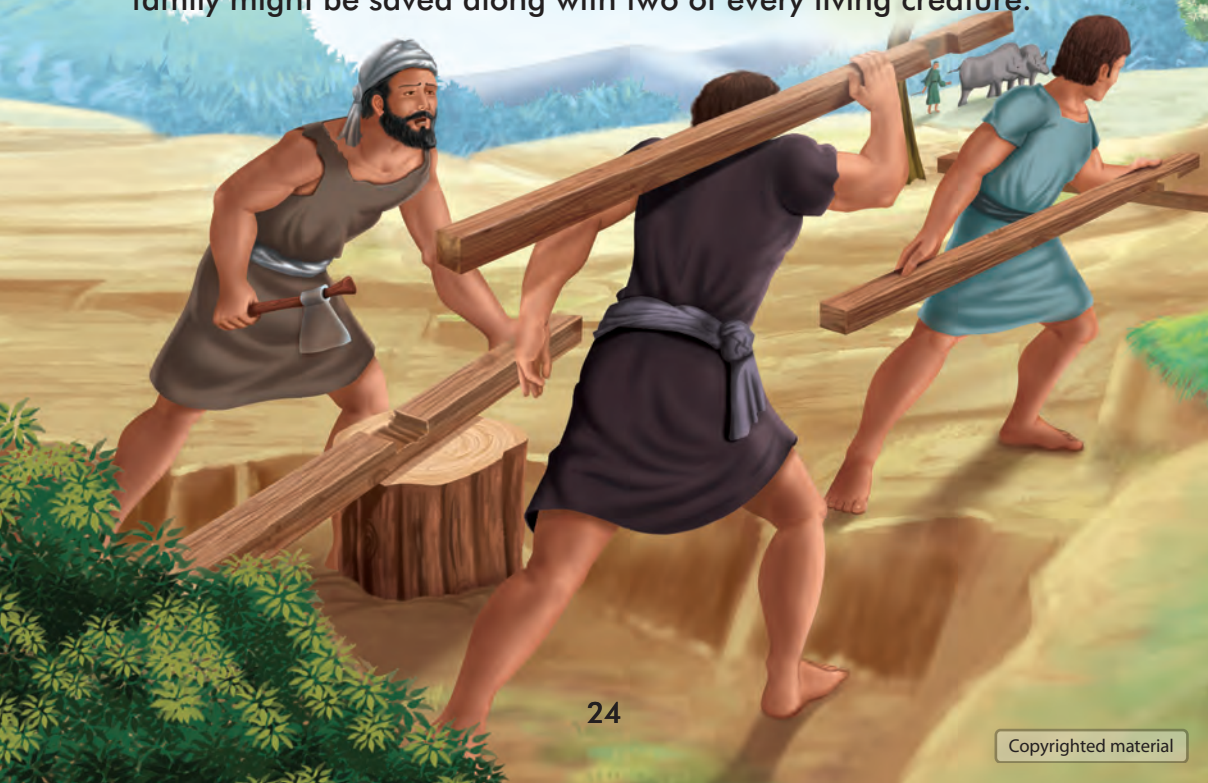
NOAH BUILDS THE ARK

Genesis 6

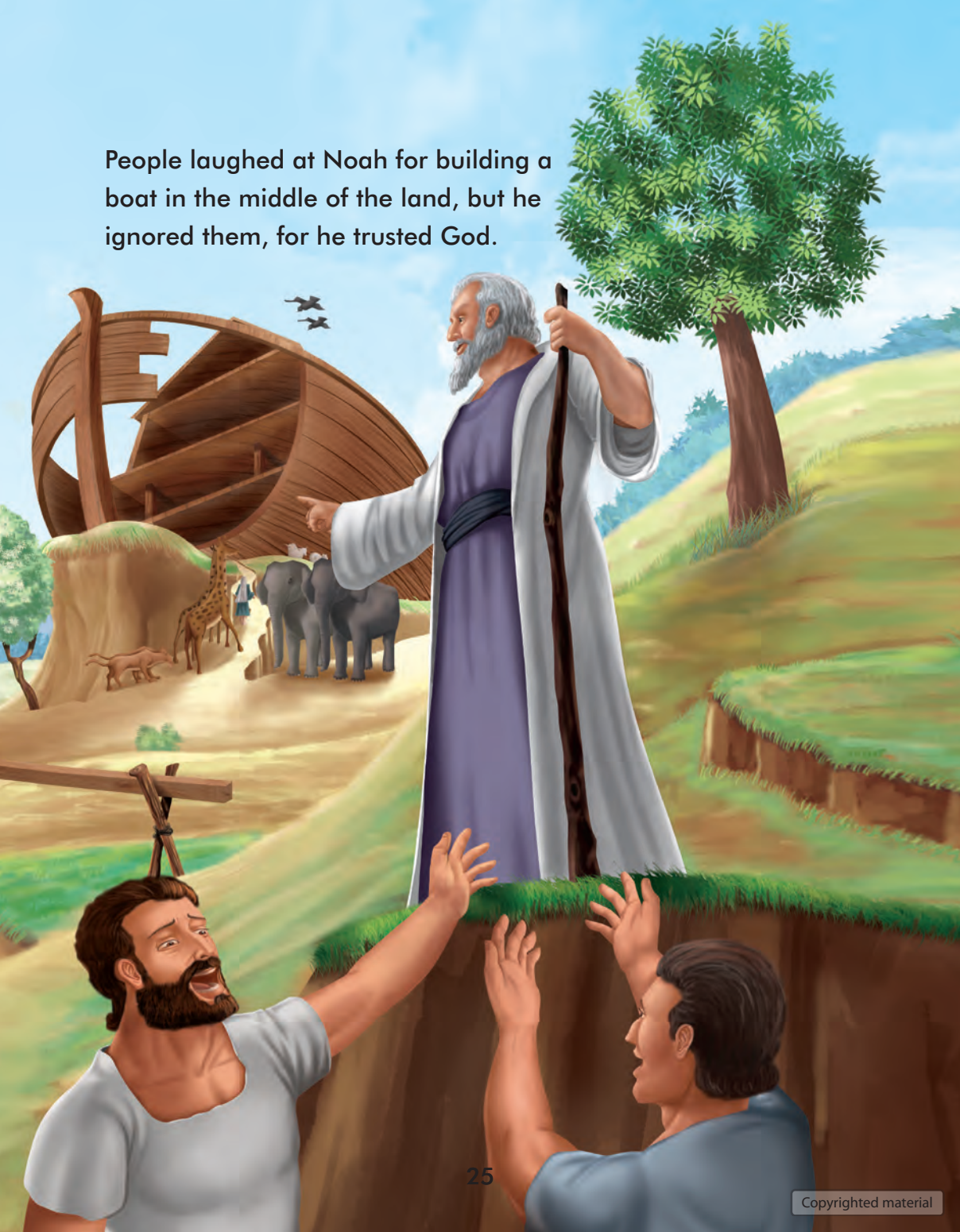


Many years passed, and soon there were lots of people in the world. But they were becoming more and more wicked, and this made God very sad. He made up his mind to send a terrible flood to destroy everything that he had created.

But on earth there was one good man, who loved and obeyed God. His name was Noah, and he had three sons. God told Noah to build an enormous boat, an ark, so that he and his family might be saved along with two of every living creature.



People laughed at Noah for building a boat in the middle of the land, but he ignored them, for he trusted God.



THE FLOOD

Genesis 7-9



When the ark was finished, Noah loaded it with food for his family and the animals, and then God sent the animals to the ark, two by two, one male and one female of every kind of animal and bird that lived upon the earth or flew in the skies.

When they were all safely in, it began to rain. And how it rained! Water poured down from the skies and covered all the land. Every living creature was drowned. All the towns and cities were washed away. But the ark and its precious cargo floated free on a world of water.

For forty days and forty nights it rained. Then, at last, it stopped. After a while, the floodwaters began to go down. Noah sent out a dove and, when it returned with an olive leaf in its beak, Noah knew that the flood was over, for the trees were growing again.

Then it was time for Noah and the animals to leave the ark. Noah was filled with gratitude, and God promised him that he would never again send such a dreadful flood. He put a beautiful rainbow in the sky to remind him of this promise.

