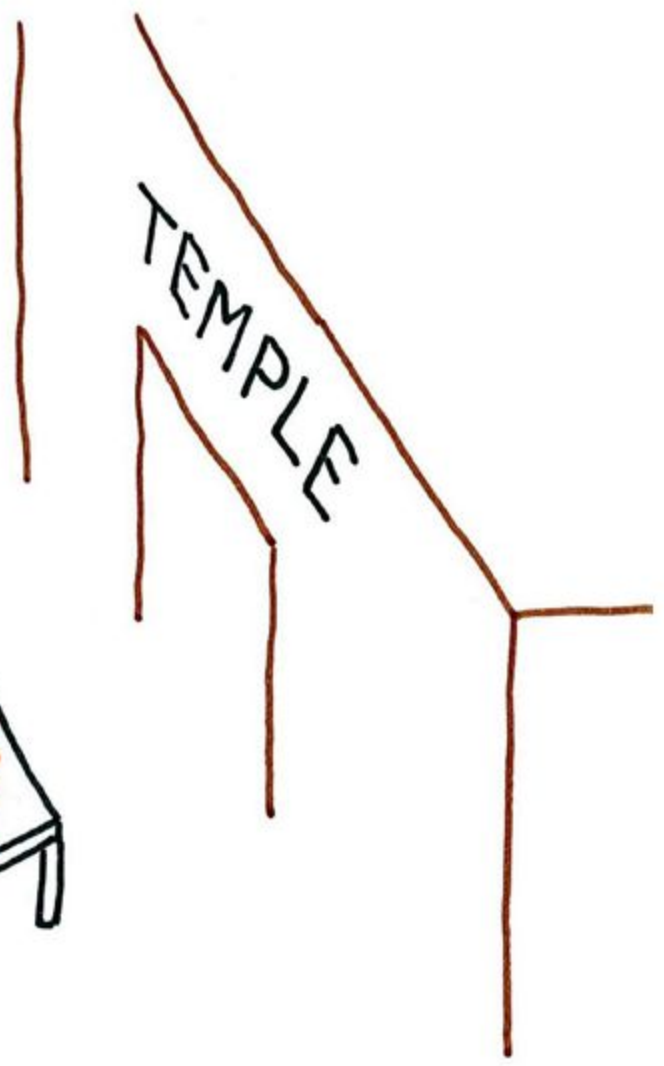


# King Jehoshaphat and the People Pray

2 Chronicles 20:1-30





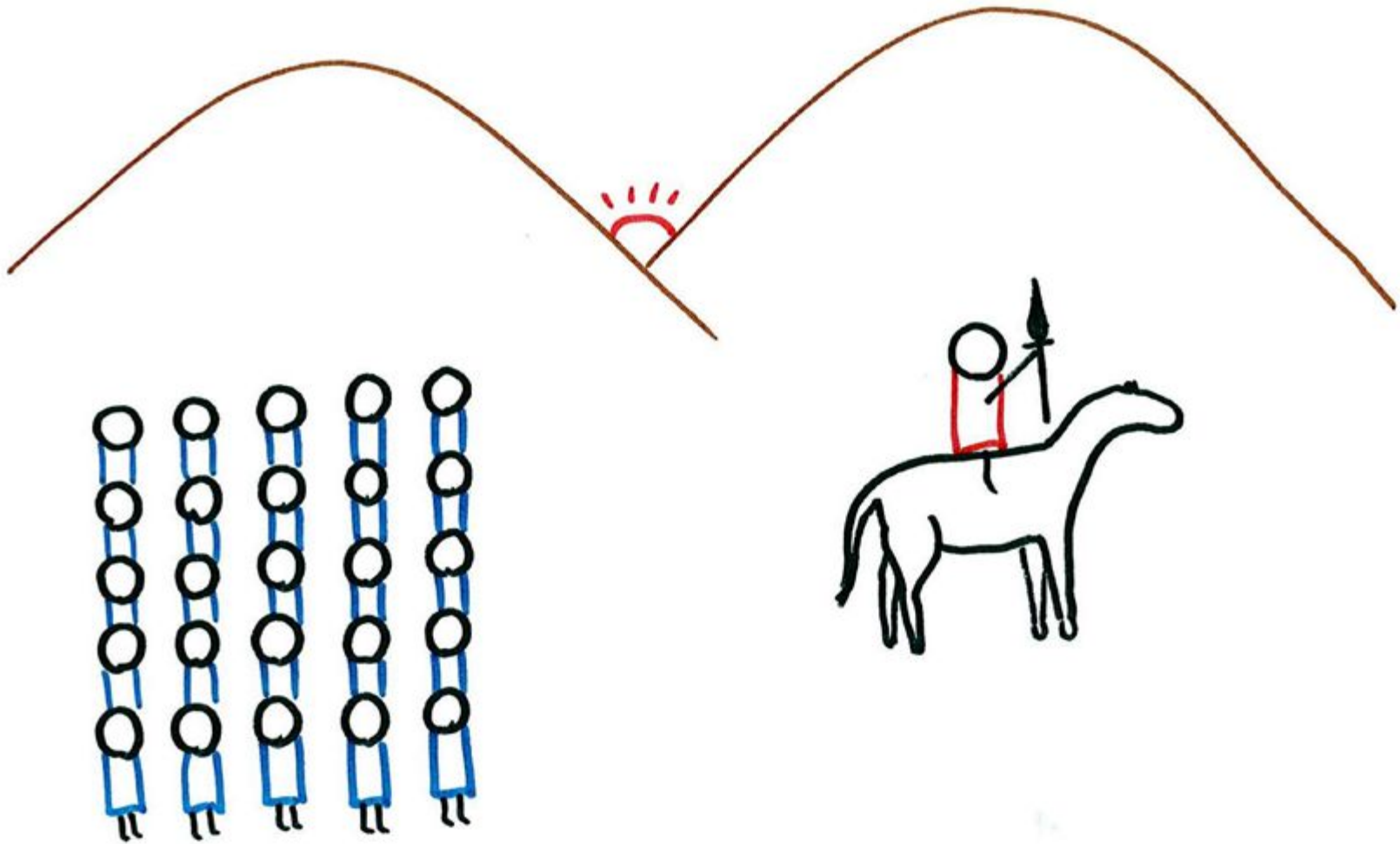


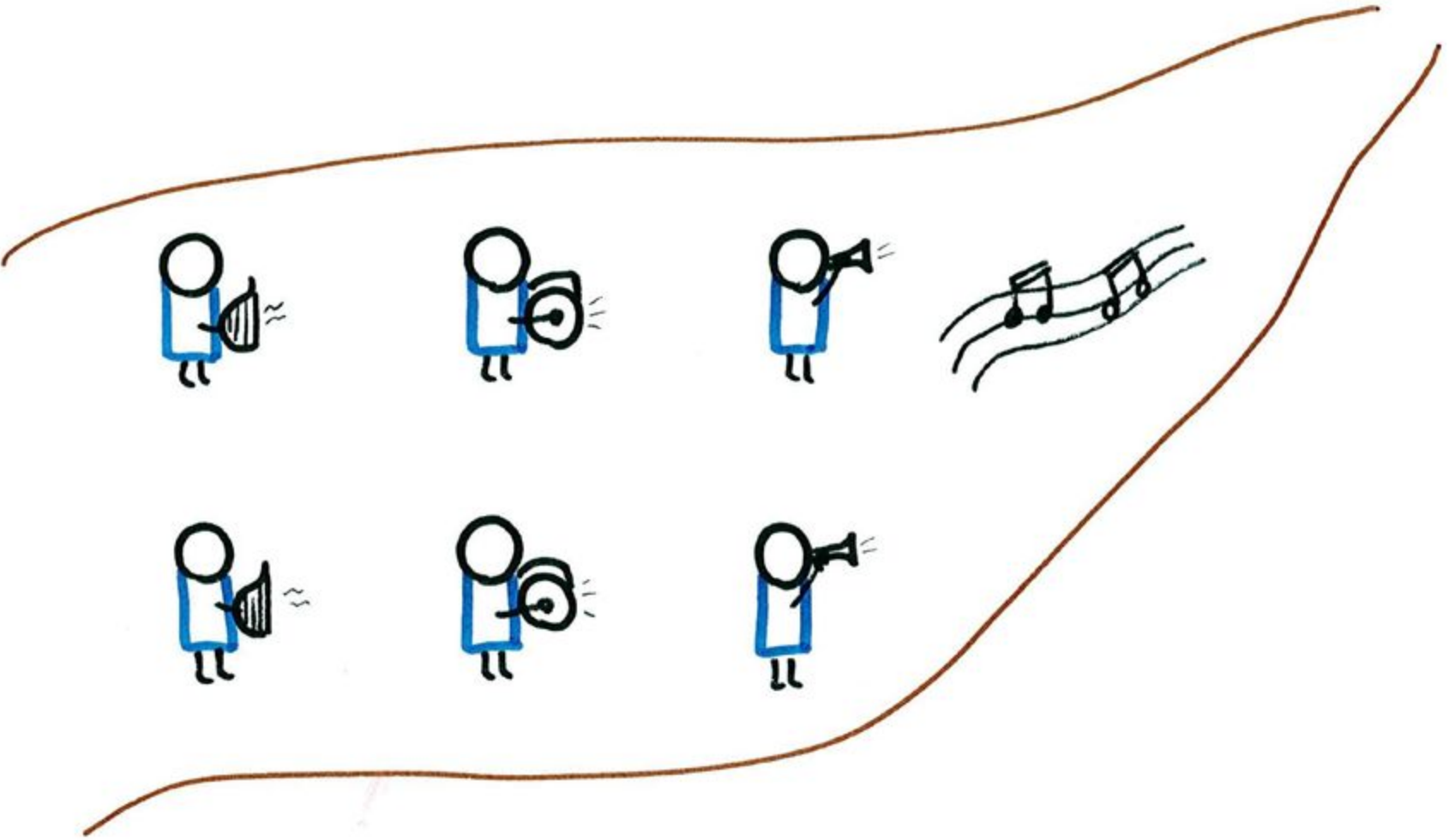


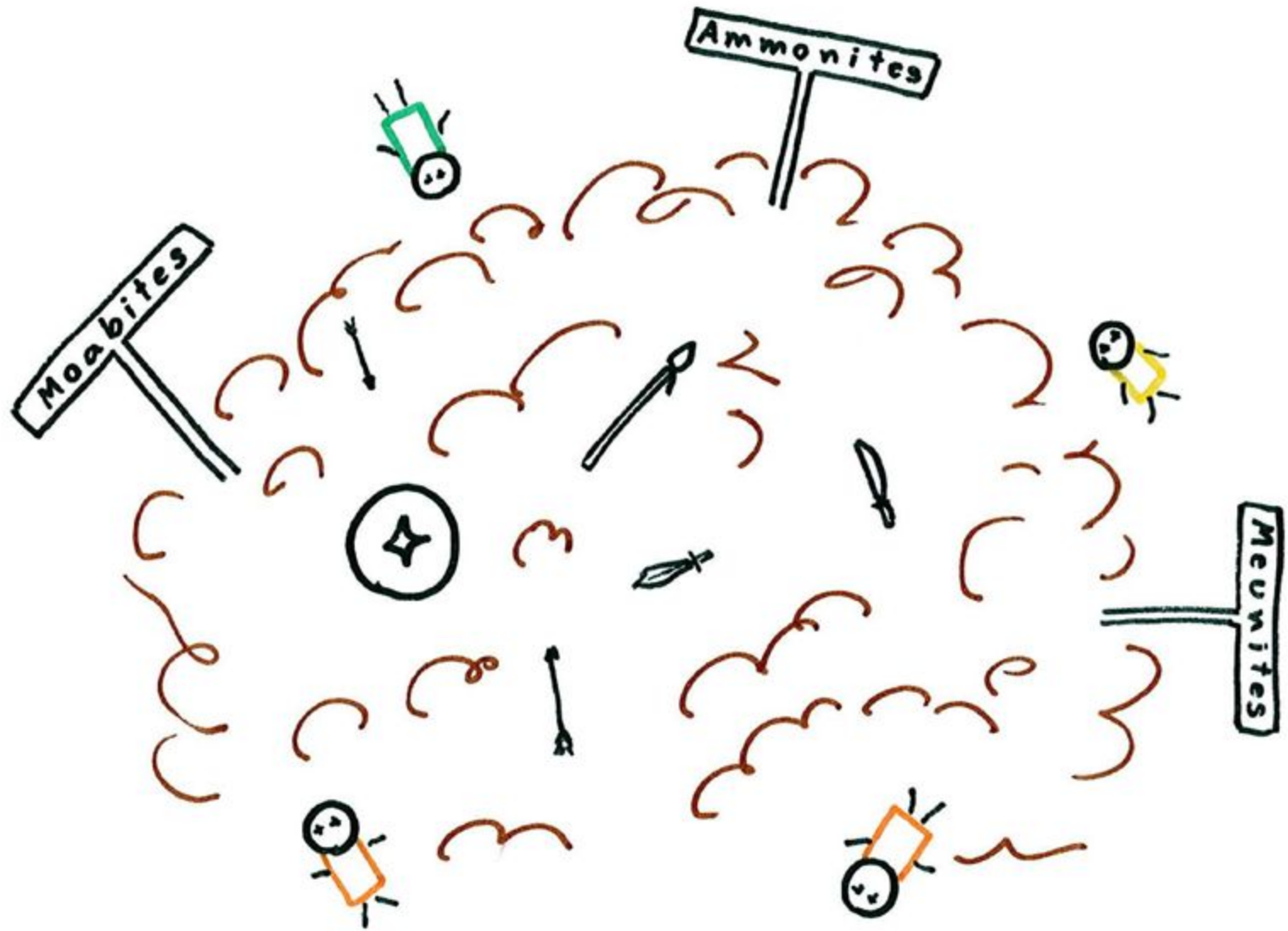
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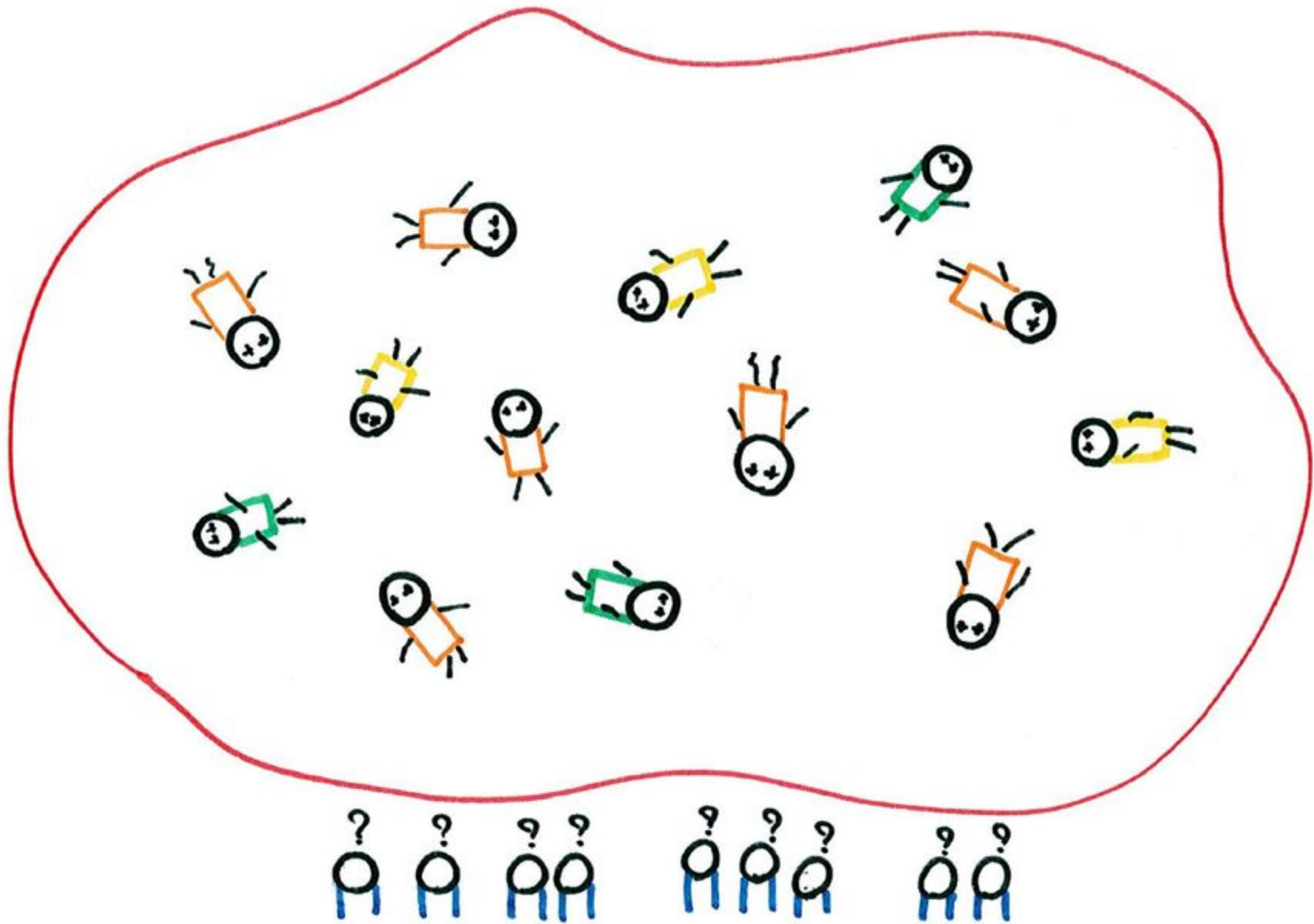
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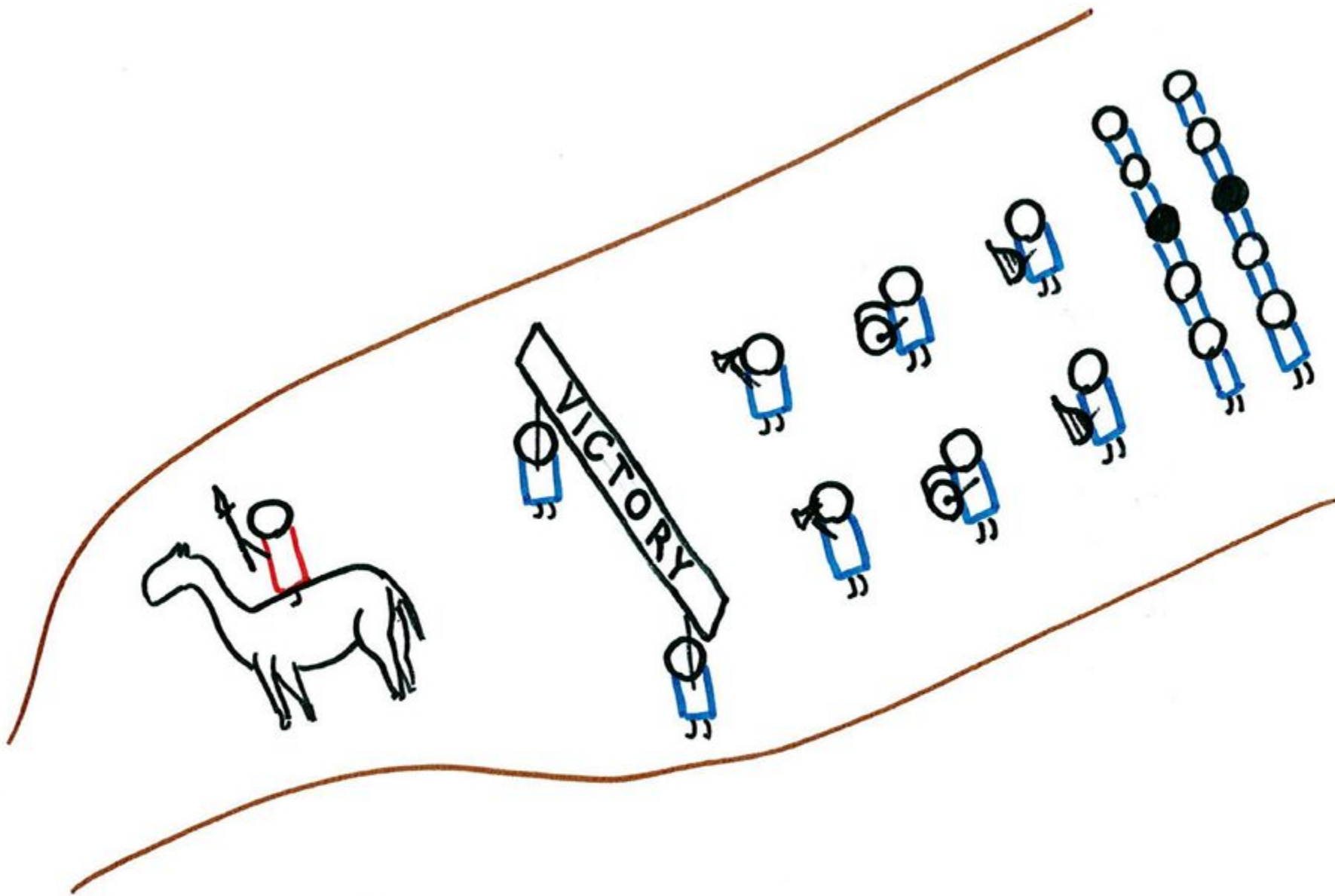


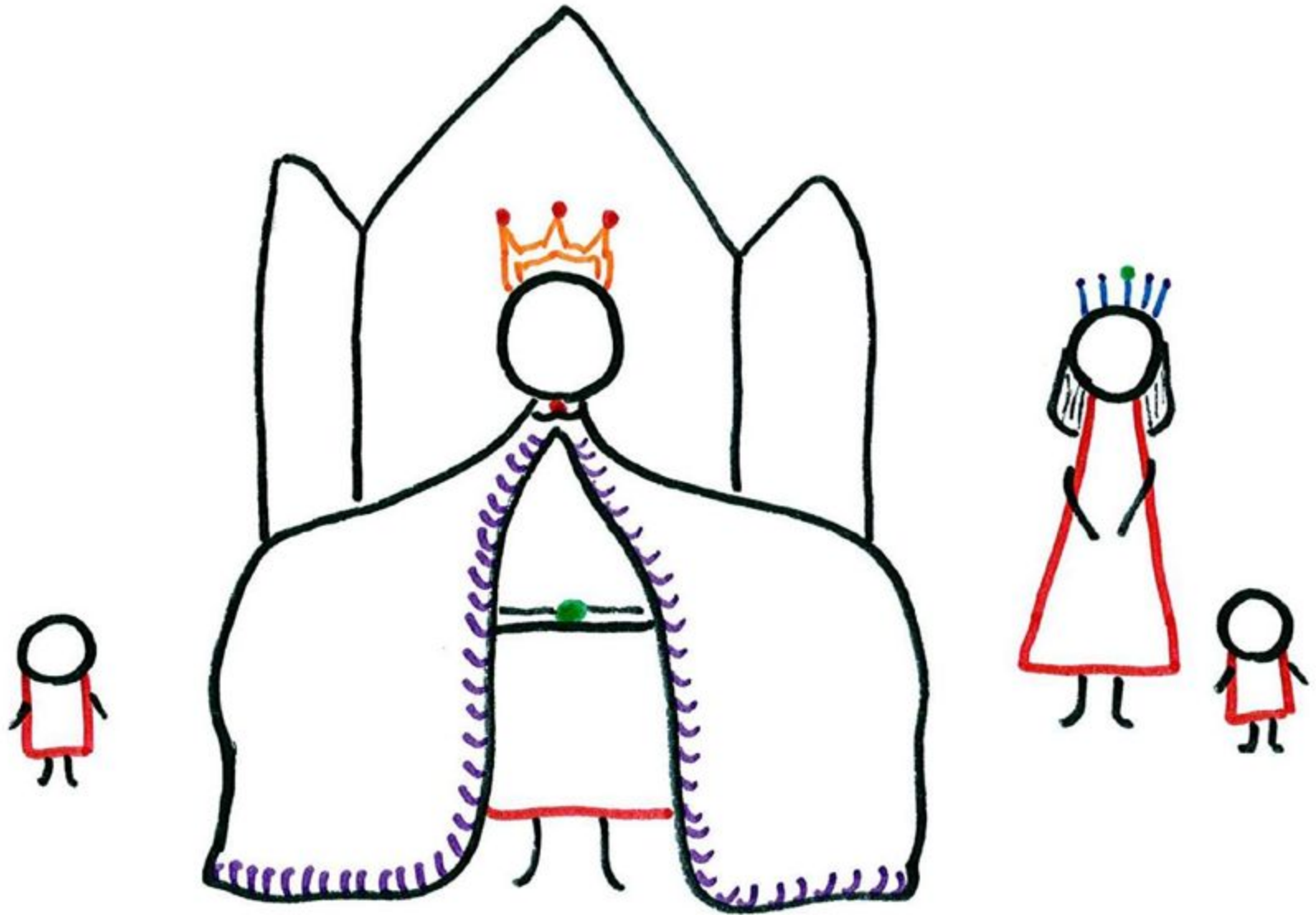












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1. Cover: King Jehoshaphat and the People Pray  
(2 Chronicles 20:1-30)

Have you ever been afraid? Sometimes children are afraid, and sometimes adults are afraid. Today we will learn about a time when even a king was afraid.

2. At the same time that King Ahab and Queen Jezebel were being bad rulers in the country of Israel, King Jehoshaphat was trying to be a good ruler in the country of Judah.

The country of Judah had enemies. The enemies were some of the countries nearby who wanted to hurt them. Some of the enemies were called "Moabites". Some were "Ammonites", and others were "Meunites".

3. One time the enemies were coming closer and closer and the people of Judah became very frightened. Even King Jehoshaphat was afraid. Sometimes people run away or hide when they are afraid, but that is not what King Jehoshaphat did. The king decided to pray to God instead. He knew that God would help.

4. The king understood that this was a very important prayer. He told all the people that no one should eat during this special time of prayer. Deciding not to eat so that you can concentrate on prayer is called "fasting".

5. So the people fasted and prayed. All of the people of Judah came together with the king to ask God for help. Fathers, mothers and children all gathered for this special prayer.

King Jehoshaphat began to pray to God. "Lord, You are the God of everything. You have power and strength. No one can stand against You. You gave us this land. When trouble comes, we come to You and You hear us and You save us. Now these people have come and are trying to force us out of Your land. We have no power against their large army. We don't know what to do, so we look to You for help."

As the people all stood in front of the temple listening to their king pray, God spoke to them through one of the priests. He said, "Do not be afraid or discouraged ... for the battle is not yours, but God's. Tomorrow, go down and stand before those people. You do not have to fight. The Lord will save you. Do not be afraid."

When King Jehoshaphat heard God's words, he began to thank Him. He and all the people bowed down before God and worshipped Him for hearing their prayer.

6. The next day Jehoshaphat and his army went out into the desert and marched to meet their enemies.

7. Usually, when an army went into battle, strong soldiers with weapons would be at the front and lead the way. But King Jehoshaphat did something very different. Instead of soldiers, he put SINGERS at the front. The singers led the way by singing songs of praise to God. The army followed the singers. That showed everyone how much the king trusted God to take care of the soldiers.

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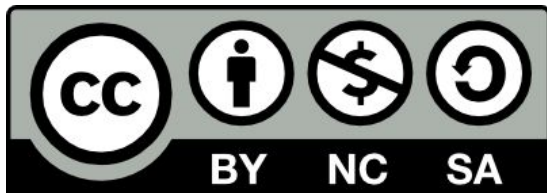
8. When the army arrived at the place where the enemy had been, they received a big surprise. They did not find a strong army of soldiers to fight. Instead, they found that the battle was already over. The Lord had caused all of the enemy armies to fight each other.

9. By the time Jehoshaphat and his army arrived, all of the enemies were dead! The Lord had been right! The battle did belong to the Lord. The Lord had fought the battle for Jehoshaphat and his people.

10. King Jehoshaphat and all of the soldiers returned to Jerusalem praising the Lord. They went to the temple and worshipped Him. They wanted to thank the Lord for answering their prayer! It had seemed like it was impossible to beat such a strong enemy. But God can do anything.

11. Do you think King Jehoshaphat was happy that he had trusted God that day? God can help a king when he is afraid.

What about you? What are you afraid of? Let's pray about that right now so that God can help you.



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