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Allah blessed Nabí Adam [a] and his descendants, his children and grandchildren, and they grew in number and spread throughout the earth. The children of Nabí Adam [a] built many villages and towns. They ploughed the lands and grew many crops. They lived in comfort and happiness, and were joyous and grateful for Allah's many favours.

They were one big family, following the ways of their ancestor Nabí Adam [a]. He was the one grandfather of them all, and Allah their One Lord.

shaytan was more jealous and angry than ever before. He, and his children had been cursed by Allah and had been cast out of Jannah, while Nabí Adam [a] and his children had been blessed by Allah and were now enjoying the good of this world. shaytan knew that he and his children would be thrown into the fire of Jahannum, while Adam [a] and his children would be given the beautiful Garden. "That cannot be!" shaytan thought to himself, "I must take them along with me,





with me into the blazing fire of Hell." But how was he to do that?

shaytan knew that Allah would forgive all sins except one. He knew that Allah would never forgive people who worship others besides Allah, the One. Allah never forgives shirk. For after all, did not Allah alone create and care for all things? Did not Allah alone love and cherish the human being? So how could anyone love any another thing? After all true love accepts no partners, not a single other being!

Now how was shaytan to make the children of Adam [a] worship others besides Allah? Well shaytan had a plot, a plot so wicked it would cause the children of Adam [a] to be thrown headlong into the fire of Jahannum.

Chapter 2

There were men and women who loved Allah and worshipped him day and night. When they passed away the people were very sad indeed, because they had lost good men and women who were like guiding lights. And so, for them, they grieved. shaytan then came to the people, pretending to be their friend, and said to them,

"Why not make pictures

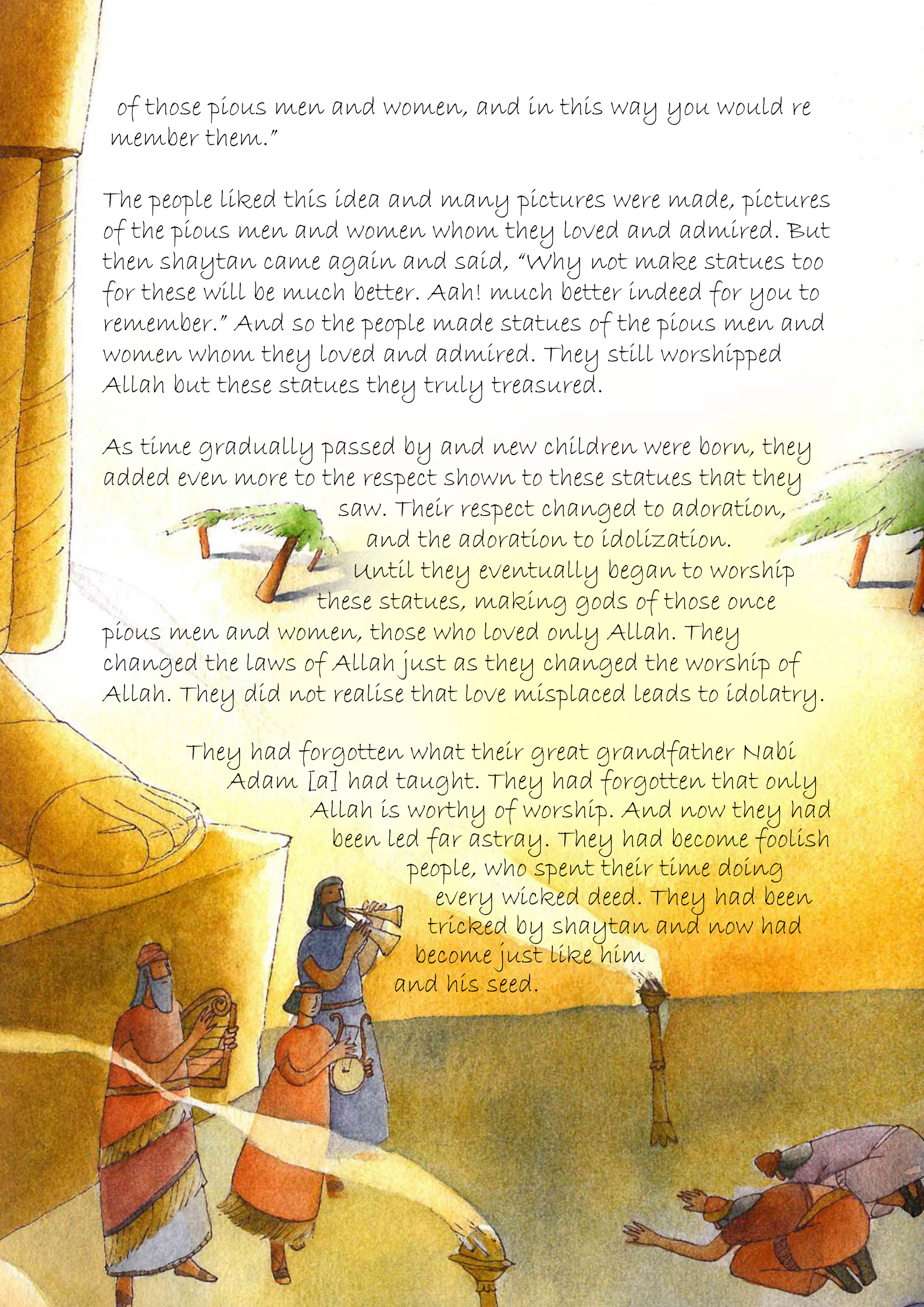


of those pious men and women, and in this way you would remember them."

The people liked this idea and many pictures were made, pictures of the pious men and women whom they loved and admired. But then shaytan came again and said, "Why not make statues too for these will be much better. Aah! much better indeed for you to remember." And so the people made statues of the pious men and women whom they loved and admired. They still worshipped Allah but these statues they truly treasured.

As time gradually passed by and new children were born, they added even more to the respect shown to these statues that they saw. Their respect changed to adoration, and the adoration to idolization. Until they eventually began to worship these statues, making gods of those once pious men and women, those who loved only Allah. They changed the laws of Allah just as they changed the worship of Allah. They did not realise that love misplaced leads to idolatry.

They had forgotten what their great grandfather Nabi Adam [a] had taught. They had forgotten that only Allah is worthy of worship. And now they had been led far astray. They had become foolish people, who spent their time doing every wicked deed. They had been tricked by shaytan and now had become just like him and his seed.



Chapter 3

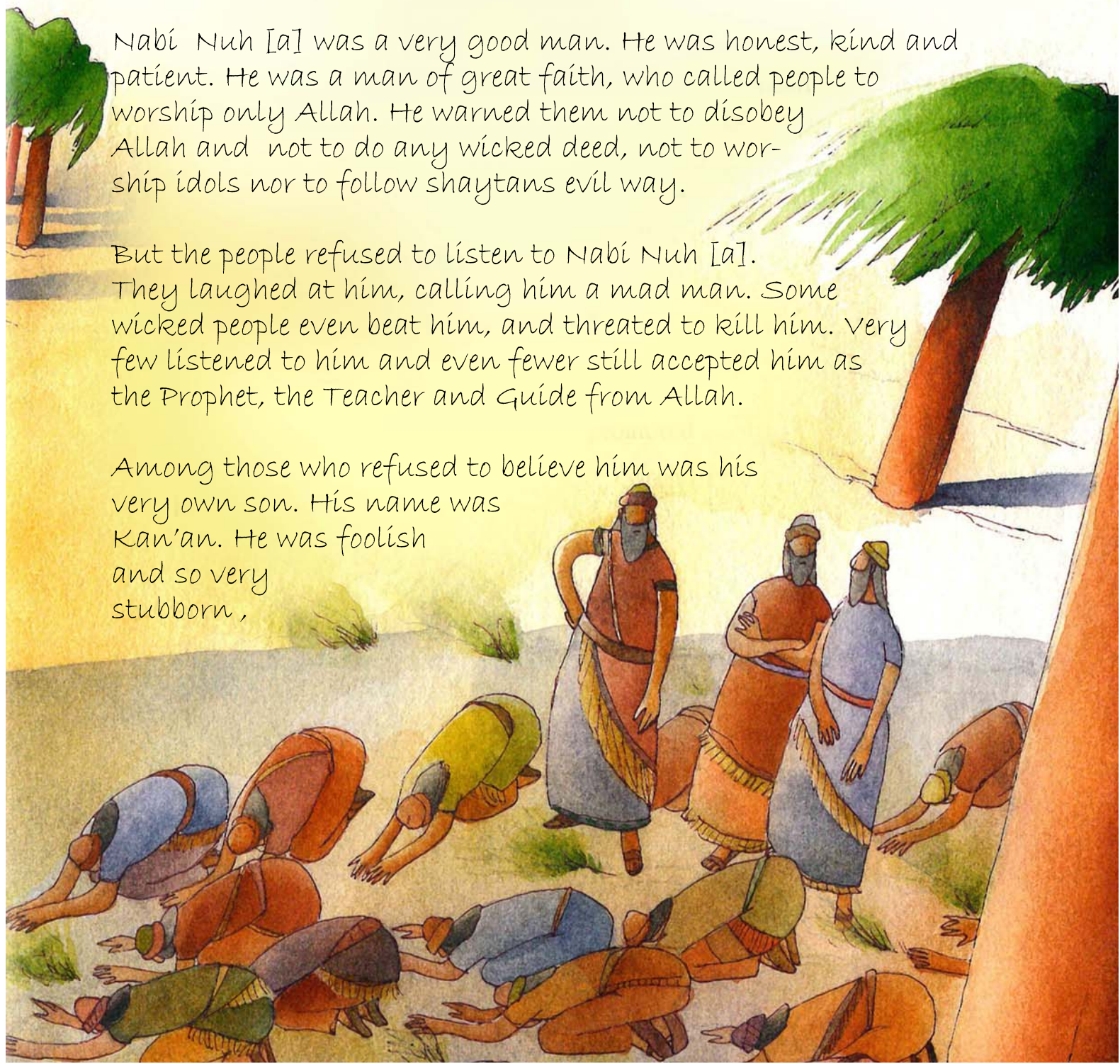
Allah was angry, but He was kinder still, and so he decided to send a Messenger to them, a Prophet who would guide them.

This would be a Prophet who would teach them the right and true way, the way of their father Nabí Adam [a] who worshipped Allah, the One. And so Allah chose Nuh to be His messenger. He made him a Prophet, a guide to the people and a patient teacher.

Nabí Nuh [a] was a very good man. He was honest, kind and patient. He was a man of great faith, who called people to worship only Allah. He warned them not to disobey Allah and not to do any wicked deed, not to worship idols nor to follow shaytans evil way.

But the people refused to listen to Nabí Nuh [a]. They laughed at him, calling him a mad man. Some wicked people even beat him, and threatened to kill him. Very few listened to him and even fewer still accepted him as the Prophet, the Teacher and Guide from Allah.

Among those who refused to believe him was his very own son. His name was Kan'an. He was foolish and so very stubborn,



and whenever his father, the Prophet, spoke he who would go about telling people not to listen. Kan'an was truly a wicked child despite being the son of a great Prophet. He was ungrateful & brazen

Nabí Nuh [a] stayed with his people for a very long time, nine hundred and fifty years to be exact, calling them to Allah. But his people would not believe, and their stone idols they simply refused to leave. They refused to return to Allah and to the correct way, the way of their father Adam [a].

Allah decided then to punish those who disbelieved, those who rejected His Prophet, the patient Nabí Nuh [a], and who in disobedience continued. They would all be punished in a most dreadful way, they would be drowned to the last man, in a great and fearful flood.

Chapter 4

Allah commanded Nabí Nuh [a] to build an Ark, a huge ship like none before. Allah told him that He was to send down rains, such rain as had never been seen, ever. He told His Prophet that the whole world would be completely covered in water, and that all the wicked people would be drowned, every single man except the believer.

Nabí Nuh [a] at once began to build the Ark. He was helped by those few who believed in him and followed the path of Allah. When the disbelievers saw what Nabí Nuh [a] was doing they began to laugh. Making fun of him they would say, "Look at that foolish man for goodness sake! He is building a ship"



where there is neither sea, river nor lake!"

"How and where are you going to float your Ark?" asked some in amusement. And turning to their friends they would say, "Did we not tell you all along that this man is mad!"

Nabí Nuh [a] looked at the unbelievers and said to them, "Take this warning from me, and I do not lie! Allah will send a fearful storm in which you and your wealth and all your children will be completely destroyed".

The people laughed back in mockery. "A rain storm indeed!" cried one. "Why we have so little rain here that my youngest child does not even know what a raindrop looks like!" reasoned another.

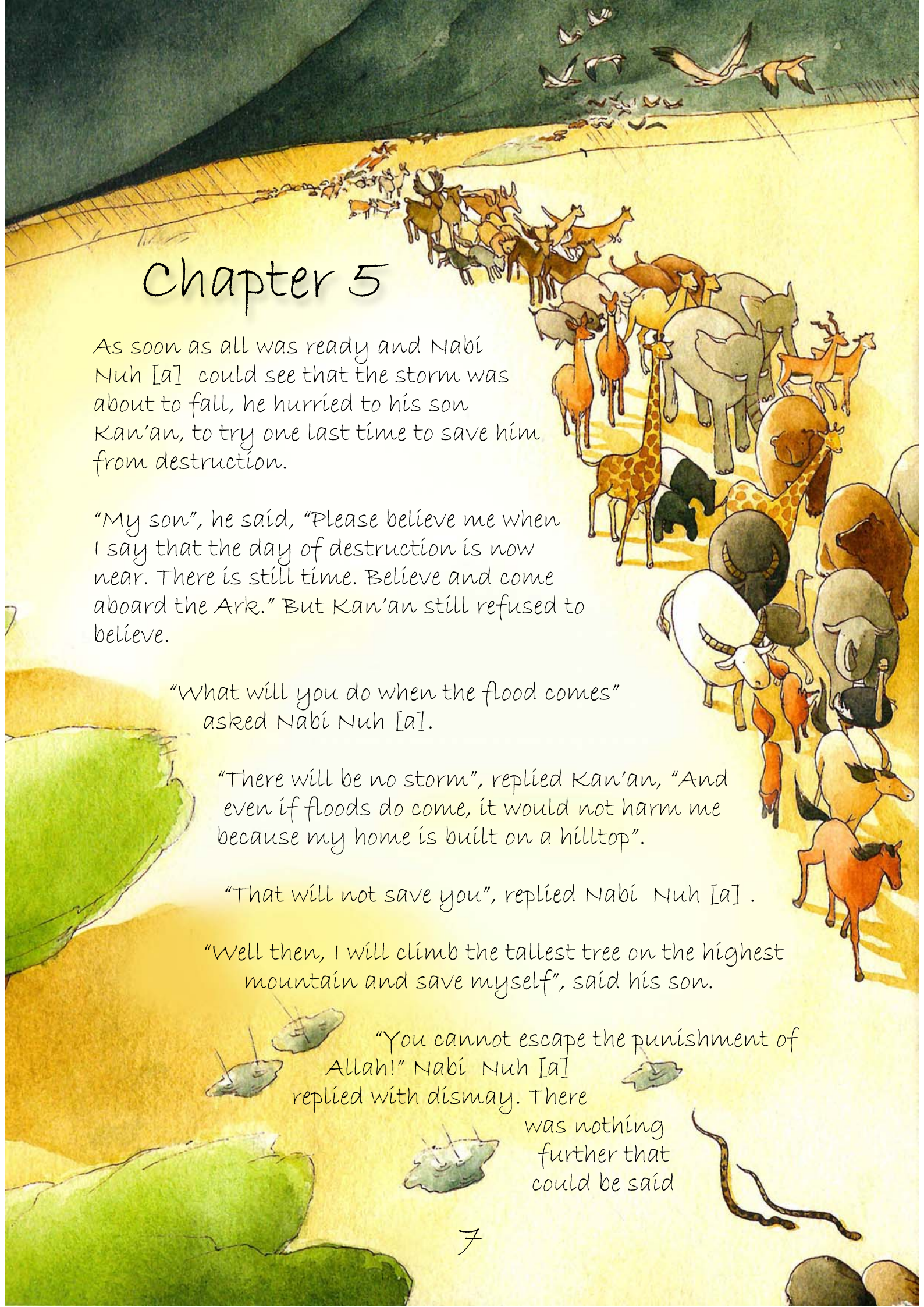
Nabí Nuh [a] turned to his son Kan'an and said, "There is still time, my son. Obey Allah and ask His forgiveness. He is Merciful and All-Forgiving. Help me to save you as well as these people from destruction".

"O my son," Nabí Nuh [a] pleaded, "Believe in Allah and come with me on the Ark and do not be with the unbeliever!" "My father is indeed mad", said Kan'an turning to the people, who laughed even more. They all called Nabí Nuh [a] an old fool, a dreamer.

Nabí Nuh [a] and his small group of faithful followers continued their work day and night, and at long last the time came when the Ark was ready.

Allah then commanded Nabí Nuh [a] to take a pair of every living creature with him, every animal and bird, every useful plant, fruit and seed. He commanded His Prophet to fill the Ark with every provision, and every other thing they would need.

So Nabí Nuh [a] set to work to prepare for the coming storm, for he knew that thereafter they would have to start a new life on earth once more.



Chapter 5

As soon as all was ready and Nabí Nuh [a] could see that the storm was about to fall, he hurried to his son Kan'an, to try one last time to save him from destruction.

"My son", he said, "Please believe me when I say that the day of destruction is now near. There is still time. Believe and come aboard the Ark." But Kan'an still refused to believe.

"What will you do when the flood comes" asked Nabí Nuh [a].

"There will be no storm", replied Kan'an, "And even if floods do come, it would not harm me because my home is built on a hilltop".

"That will not save you", replied Nabí Nuh [a].

"Well then, I will climb the tallest tree on the highest mountain and save myself", said his son.

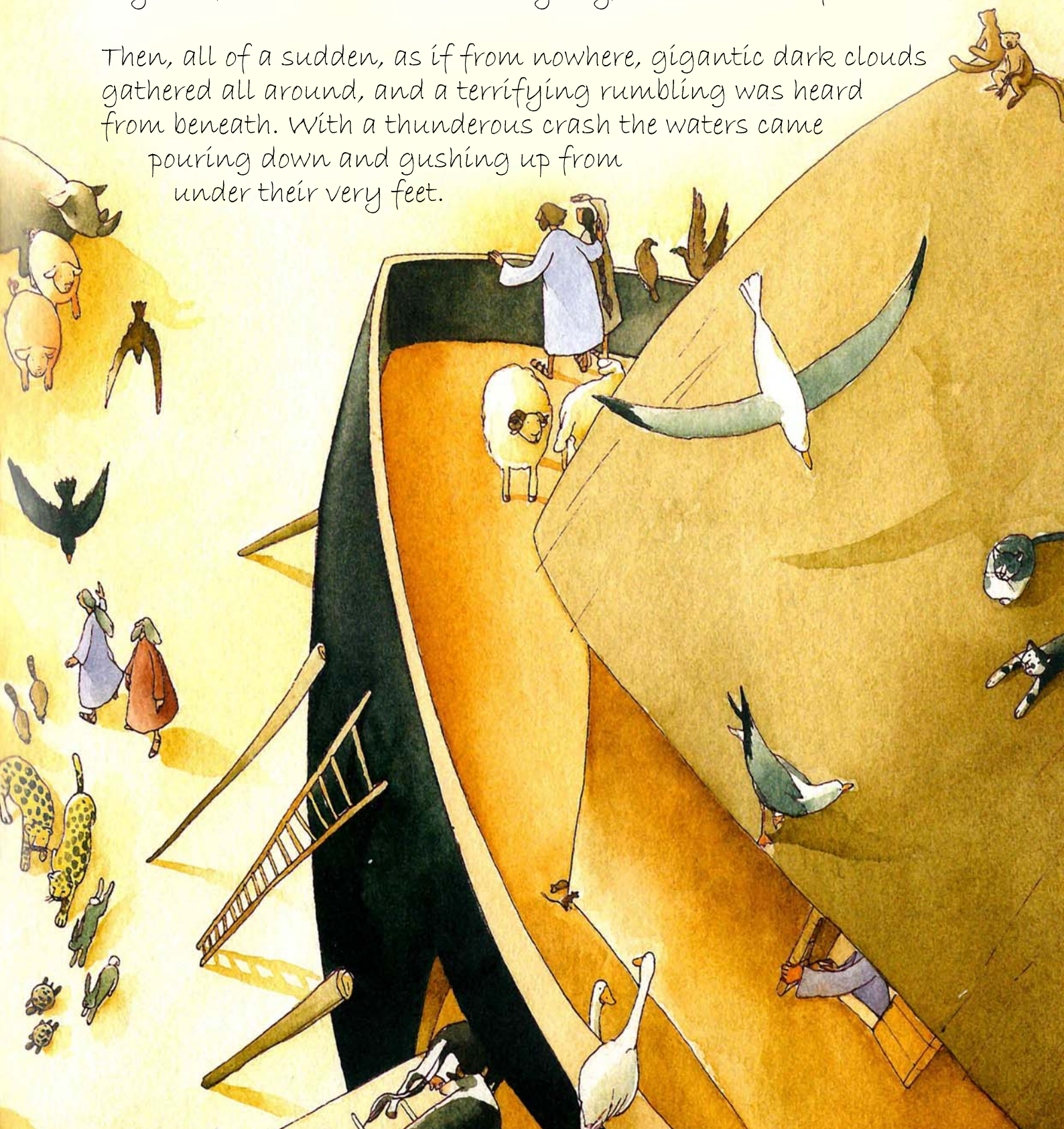
"You cannot escape the punishment of Allah!" Nabí Nuh [a] replied with dismay. There

was nothing further that could be said

to his disbelieving son and Nabi Nuh [a] sadly walked away.

Nabi Nuh [a] opened the enormous doors of his Ark to those who believed in Allah and His Prophet. The believers boarded the Ark while the unbelievers remained behind. They stood at a distance laughing and jeering at Nabi Nuh [a] and his followers. It seemed so amusing to them to see people boarding an Ark which stood on dry land, on a cloudless hot sunny day, in the middle of a desert.

Then, all of a sudden, as if from nowhere, gigantic dark clouds gathered all around, and a terrifying rumbling was heard from beneath. With a thunderous crash the waters came pouring down and gushing up from under their very feet.



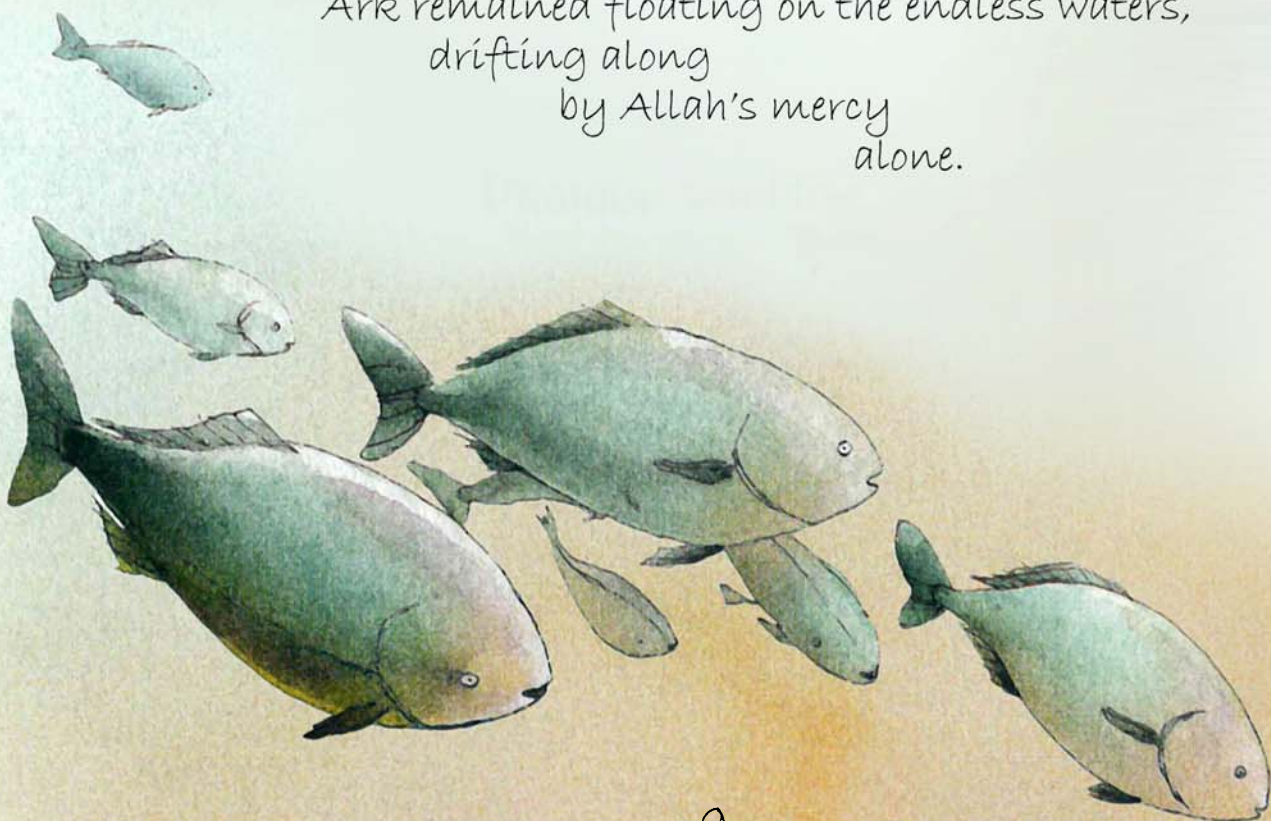


The water came in great torrents and soon all the land lay drowned in the deep. All the houses were submerged and even the tree tops began to disappear as the waters rose higher and higher. Those, like Kan'an who tried to save themselves by climbing the highest hills, disappeared with them as the waves engulfed everything.

Only Nabi Nuh's [a] Ark was safely floating over the drowning seas and terrifying sounds, surrounded by waves like mountains, crashing and splashing all around. Only those in the Ark were protected. Everything else was annihilated.

At long last the rains stopped.

But as far as the eye could see, there was not a dry patch of land anywhere to be found. For many, many days the Ark remained floating on the endless waters, drifting along
by Allah's mercy
alone.





As the days passed the clouds slowly parted and the sky could now be seen. One tiny rock at a time, the mountain tops began to reappear, and gradually the water began to disappear.

until one sunny morning Nabí Nuh [a] and his band of faithful believers awoke to find their Ark on dry land. There was great rejoicing and from the Ark the people happily ran. They jumped and skipped with joy and gave thanks to Allah for saving and guiding them.

Nabí Nuh [a] and his people settled once again. Allah blessed his children and they filled the earth, spreading over every land. They built villages and towns and all sorts of good things, and there were among them Prophets and wise men and powerful kings.

"Peace be upon Nuh among all the worlds, Peace be upon Nuh till the end of all time."







This book gives children an opportunity to :

- learn about the Prophet Nuh [a]*
- discover that all human beings were one family and not divided*
 - realise that only disbelief (kufr) leads to disunity*
- understand that all who follow the example of Adam [a] will enter Jannah*
- learn that making pictures of those we admire is the first step to idolatory*
- recognize that Allah's kindness far supercedes His wrath*



- appreciate that Allah sends His Prophets as an expression of His mercy to guide humanity*
- discover that Allah punishes only those who stubbornly refuse to accept the truth*
- realize that Allah protects the true believers in the most wonderful and unexpected ways*