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Noah Builds a Boat



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"Where are you going?" asked Mr. Jelly, who was painting a sign.

"We are going to look for God in the Bible, of course!" said Allie.

"Bring an umbrella!" called Mrs. Bean, who was reading the newspaper.



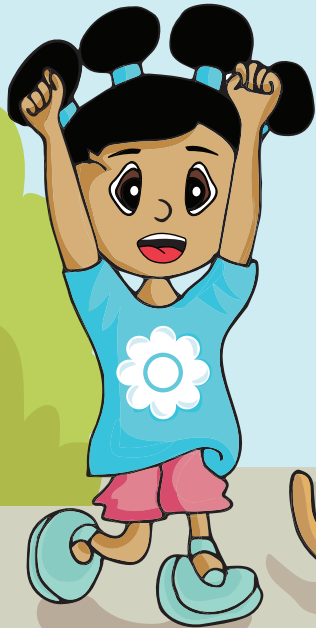
"I have one!" shouted Ben.

"Rocky, are you ready?"
they all called.

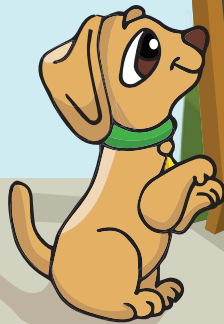
Rocky perked up his ears.
He wagged his tail.



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"WOOF!"



And so off to the Bible they went.



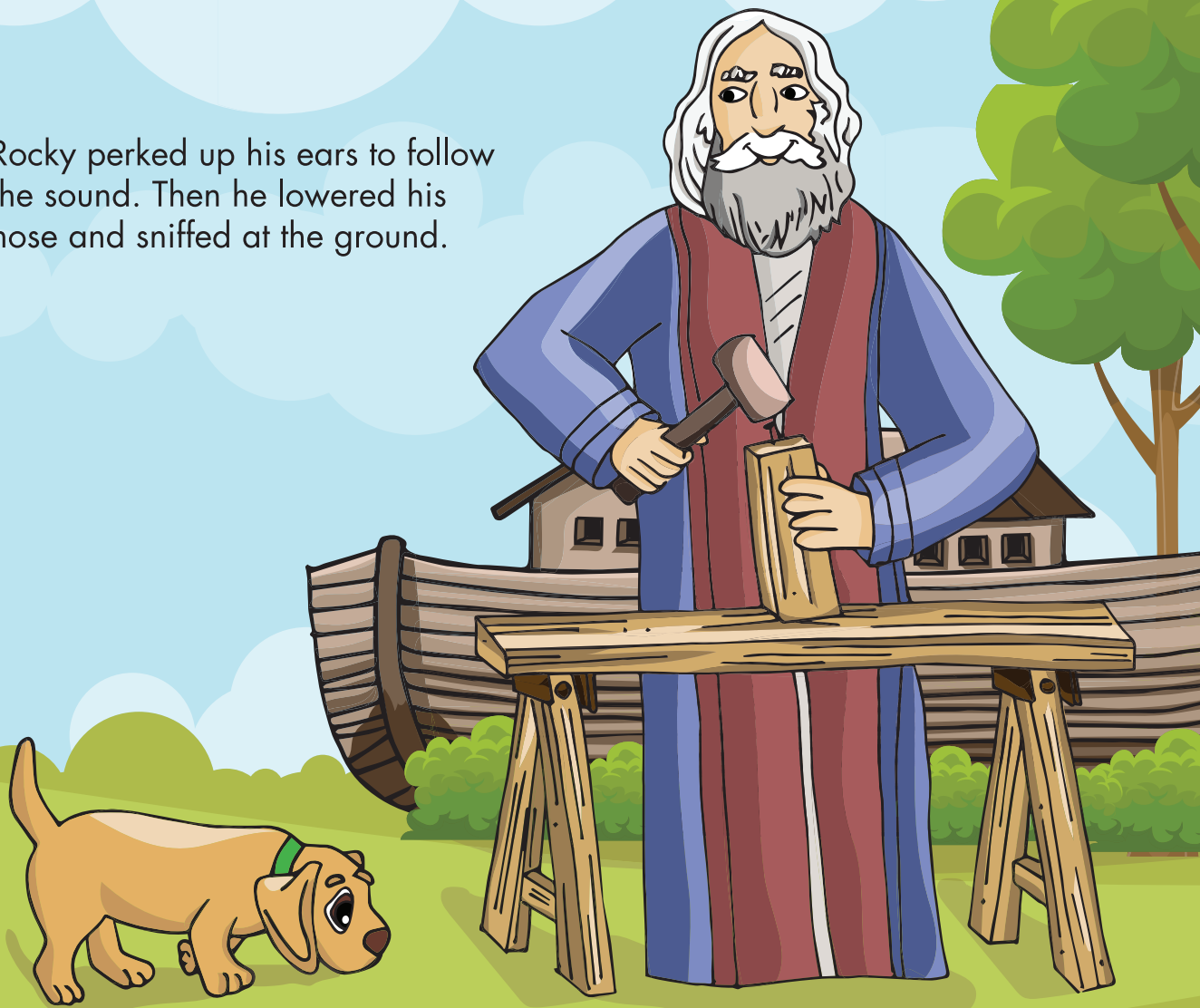
"I hear a hammer pounding," Ben said. "Someone must be building something. Rocky, do you hear hammering?"

"Woof!"

"Maybe God is building something," Allie said. "Rocky, lead the way!"



Rocky perked up his ears to follow the sound. Then he lowered his nose and sniffed at the ground.



Soon Rocky found a man with a hammer. The man was building something all right. It looked like a boat!

"That man looks very old," said Allie. "Rocky, is that God?"



But Rocky was already wagging his tail.
The old man leaned over to pet him.



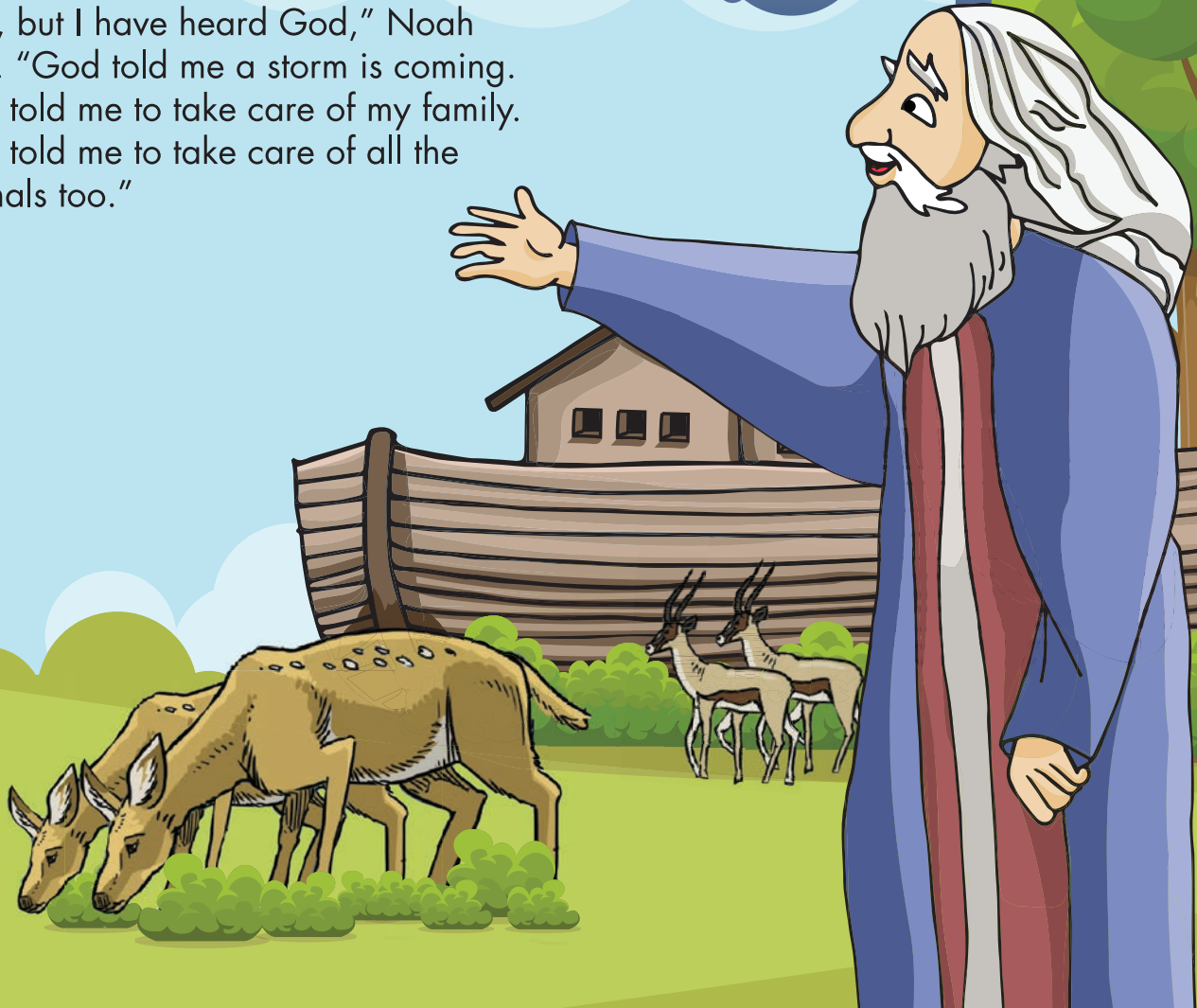


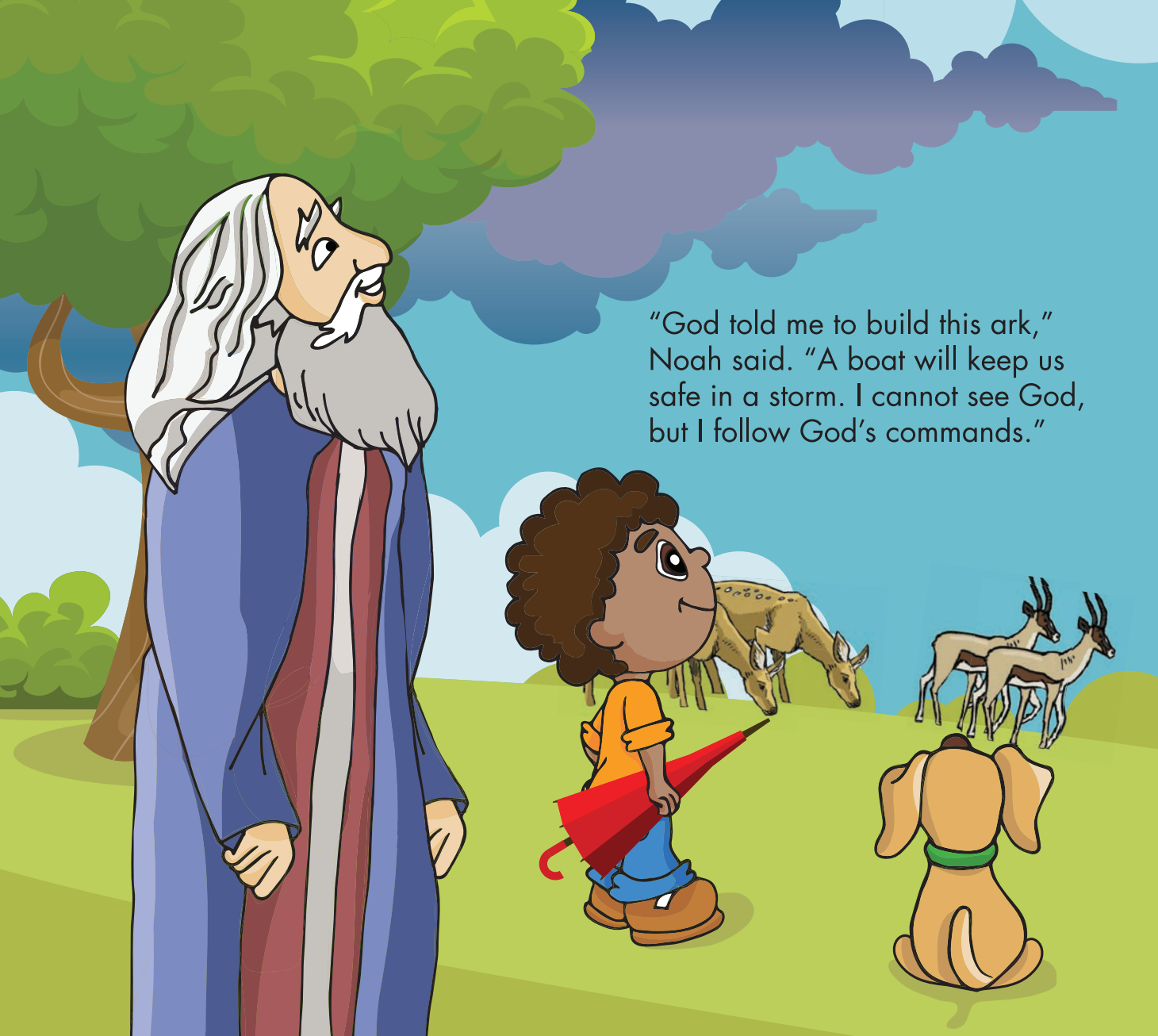
"Sir, we are looking for God.
Are you God?" Ben asked.

"No, I am Noah," the man said.

"Have you seen God?" Allie asked.

"No, but I have heard God," Noah said. "God told me a storm is coming. God told me to take care of my family. God told me to take care of all the animals too."





"God told me to build this ark," Noah said. "A boat will keep us safe in a storm. I cannot see God, but I follow God's commands."