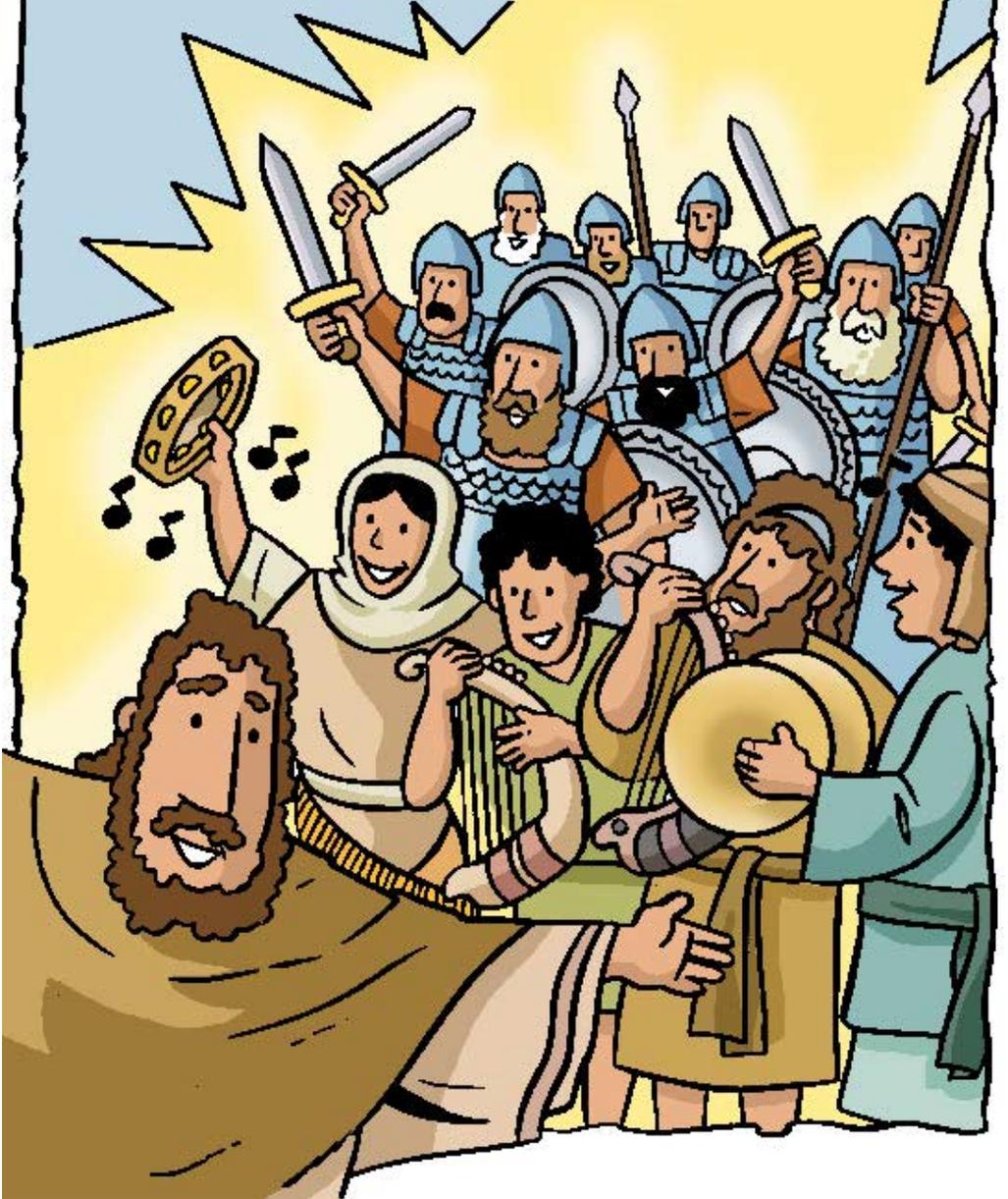


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# BRINGING DOWN HEAVEN'S POWER!







\*Psalm 34:1

When you praise Me, you are lifting your hearts of love to Me. Your up-lifted hearts and arms then channel My power back down to you. Your body receives spiritual power that is out of this world—straight from Heaven!



That's exciting! Can we try it?

Thank You for this gift of praise!

Jesus, praising You makes me happy!

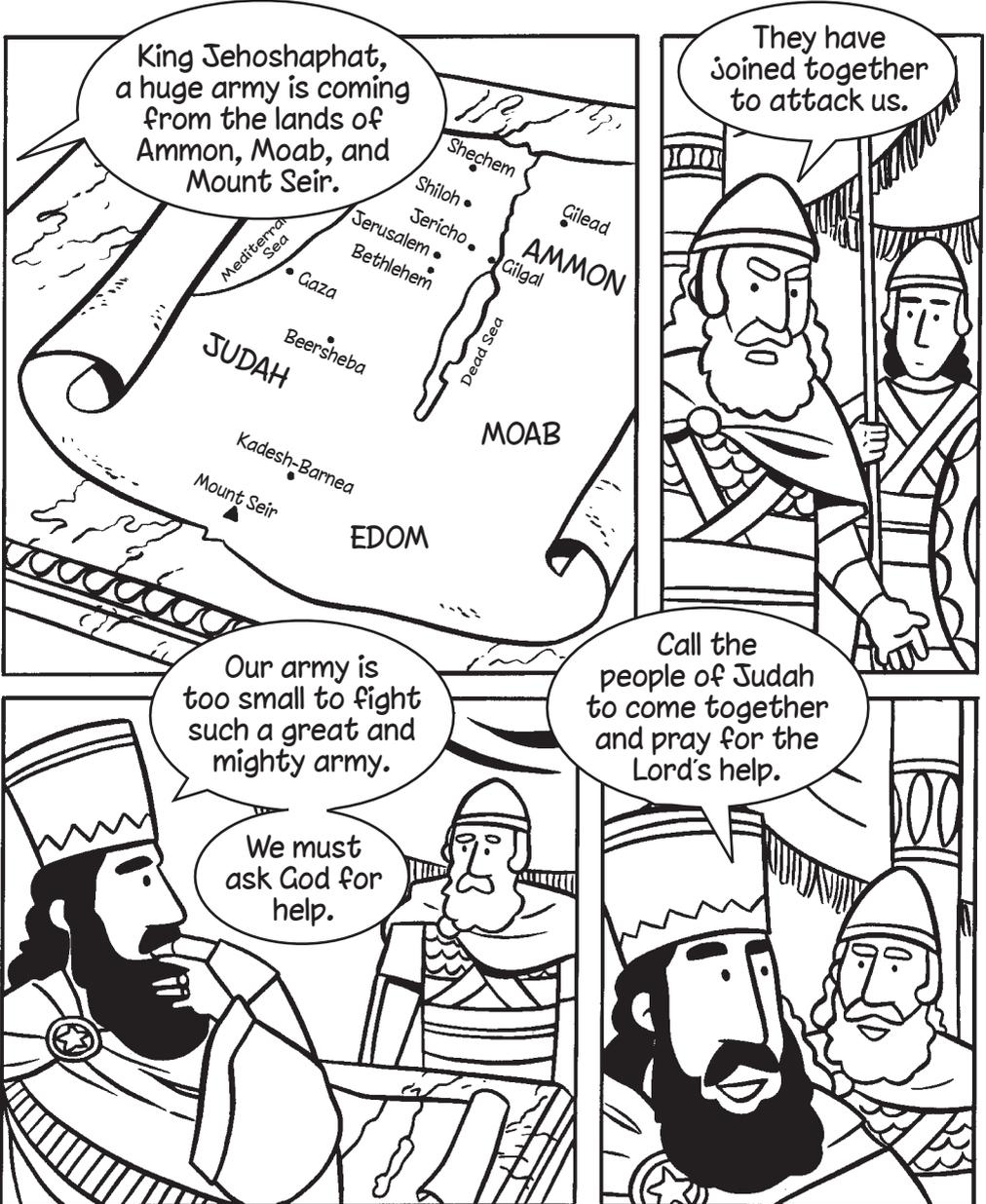
That's because Heaven's power comes down to you when you praise.

Here's a story from the Old Testament about how praise won a battle for My children.

You can find the story in 2 Chronicles, chapter 20.

# THE POWER OF PRAISE!

In all of history this was one of the most unusual battles ever fought to defend a country. Whoever heard of a battle being led by a group of singers and musicians? But that's what happened. This is the true story that took place in Judah around 900 B.C.



Many of the people of Judah came to the capital to pray with their king.

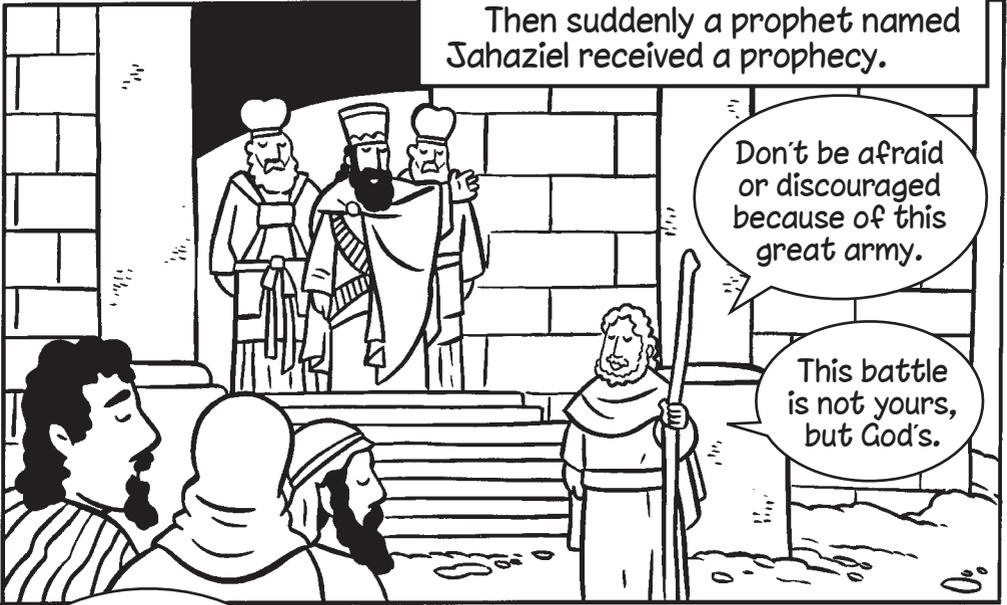
O Lord, God of our fathers, You rule over kingdoms and nations, You are powerful and mighty. No one can win a war against You.

We know that even when things look bad, if we pray to You, You will hear us and save us!

O God, we aren't strong enough to win a battle against this army that has come to fight us.

We don't know what to do. Please show us!

Then suddenly a prophet named Jahaziel received a prophecy.



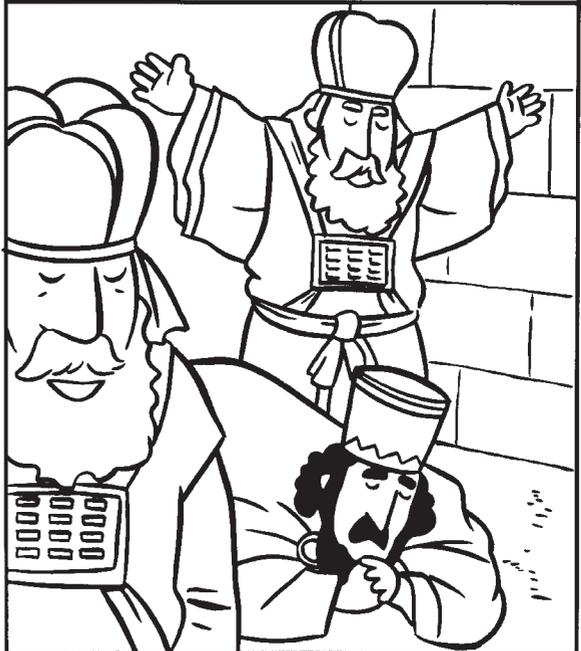
Don't be afraid or discouraged because of this great army.

This battle is not yours, but God's.

You will not need to fight in this battle. Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord. The Lord will be with you!



When the prophecy had ended, King Jehoshaphat bowed his face to the ground, and the priests led the people in praises to the Lord.

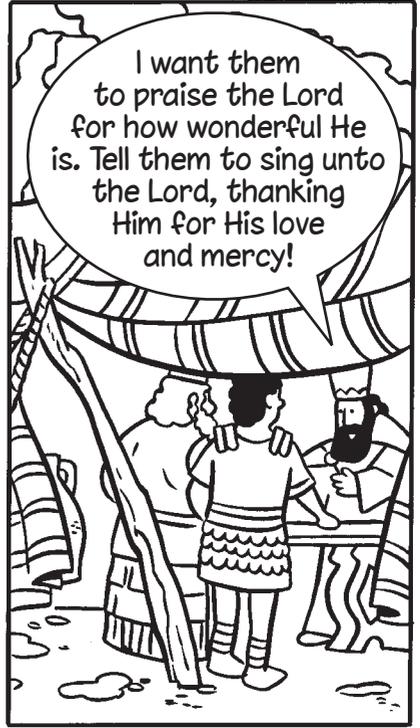


The next morning the king and his helpers had an idea.



Gather together those who can sing and have them go out in front of our army.

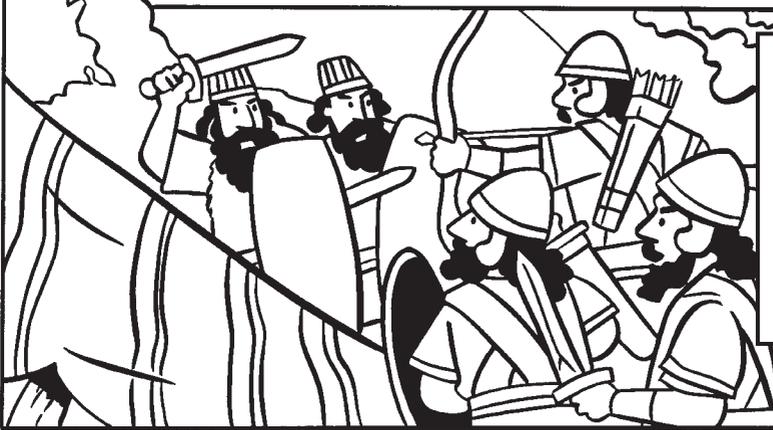
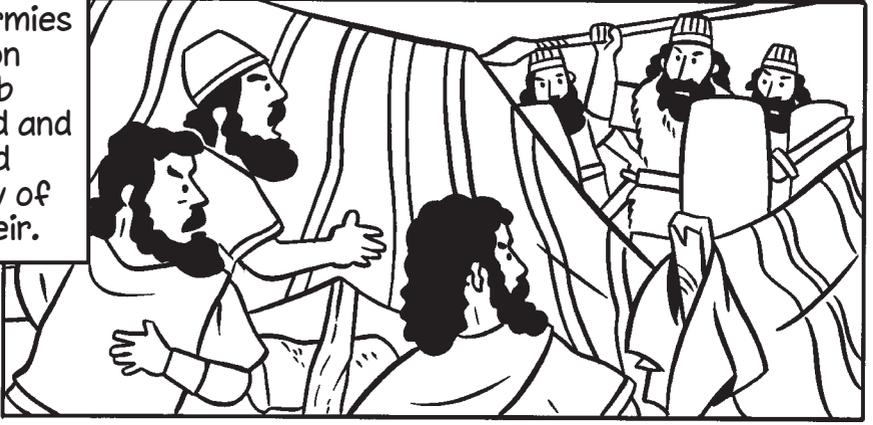
I want them to praise the Lord for how wonderful He is. Tell them to sing unto the Lord, thanking Him for His love and mercy!



The singers were to thank God in advance for the victory He had promised to win for the people of Judah.

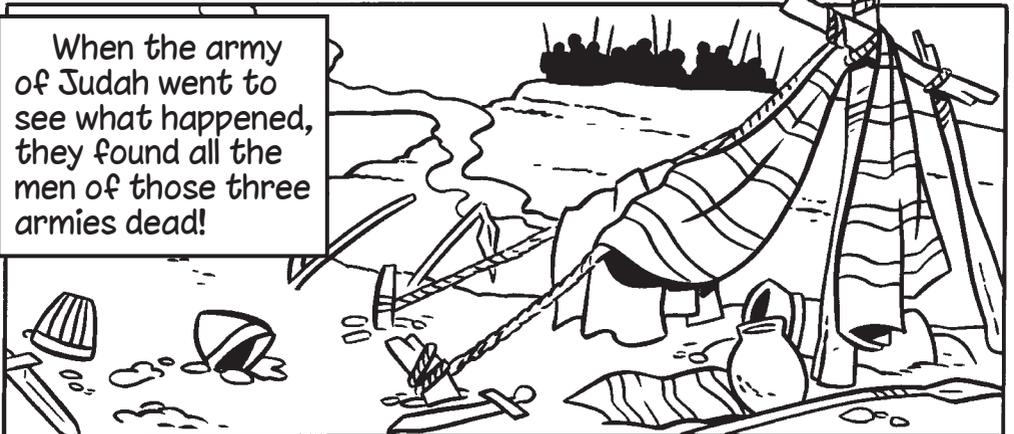
As soon as the singers began to sing and praise, the Bible says that God sent an "ambushment" [an attack] against the armies of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, and they were defeated.

The armies of Ammon and Moab attacked and defeated the army of Mount Seir.



Then the armies of Ammon and Moab turned on each other and destroyed each other as well.

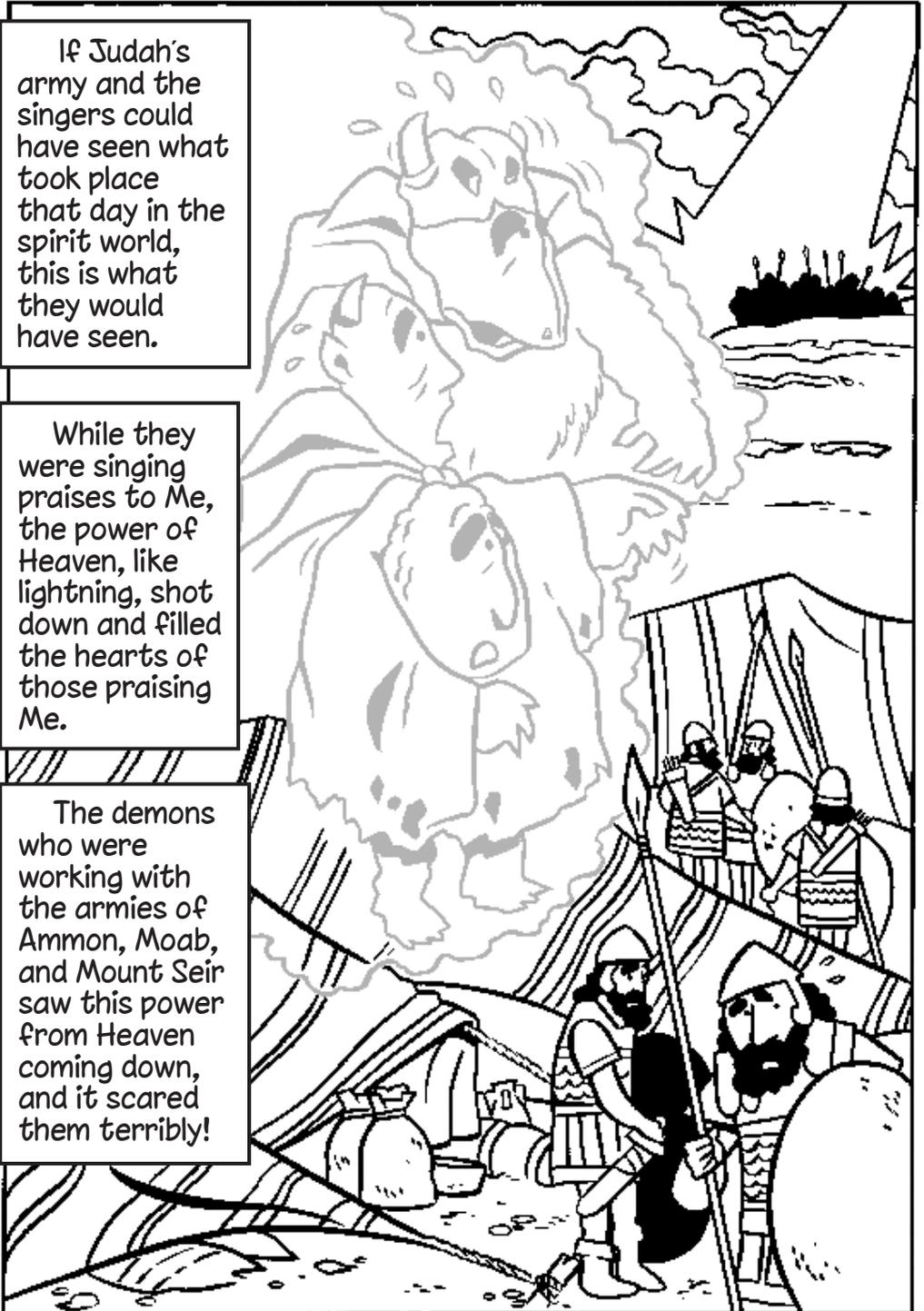
When the army of Judah went to see what happened, they found all the men of those three armies dead!



If Judah's army and the singers could have seen what took place that day in the spirit world, this is what they would have seen.

While they were singing praises to Me, the power of Heaven, like lightning, shot down and filled the hearts of those praising Me.

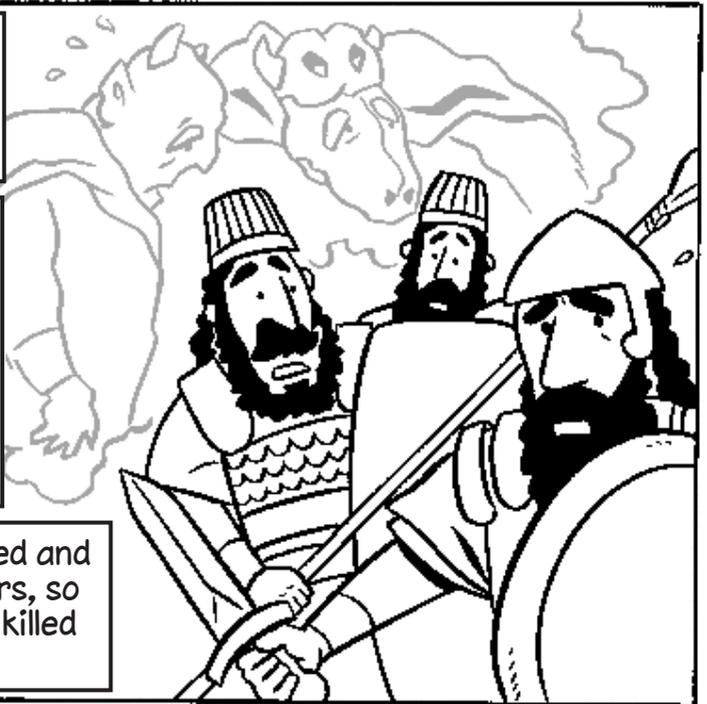
The demons who were working with the armies of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir saw this power from Heaven coming down, and it scared them terribly!



Those demons  
knew they couldn't  
fight the power  
of Heaven.

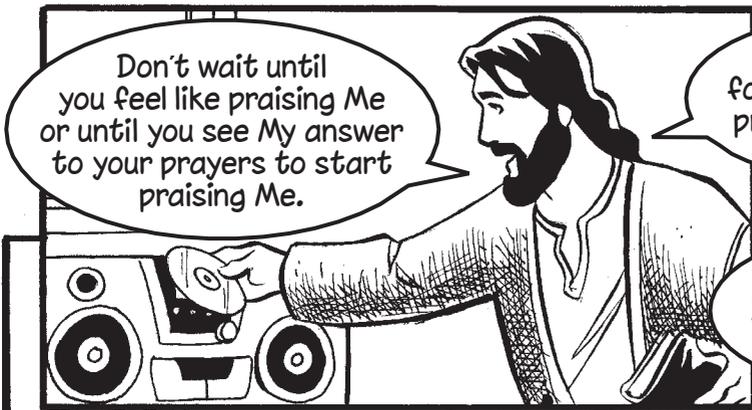
The armies of  
Ammon, Moab, and  
Mount Seir felt  
the fear of these  
demons who were  
with them to help  
them fight the  
battle.

This fear confused and  
scared these soldiers,  
so they turned on and  
killed each other.



The power  
from Heaven  
that the  
demons saw is  
the same power  
of Heaven that  
fills you when  
you praise!

It is the  
power of  
victory!



Don't wait until you feel like praising Me or until you see My answer to your prayers to start praising Me.

Praise Me for answering your prayers by faith...

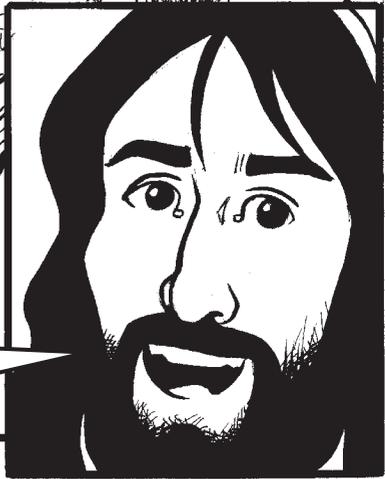
...even though you haven't seen the answer yet.



*Just keep on praising...*

...just keep on praising.\*

Praise Me for what I can and want to do for you, and then Heaven's power will fill you to the full!



\*Listen to "Victory Praise Chant" on KAT #6.