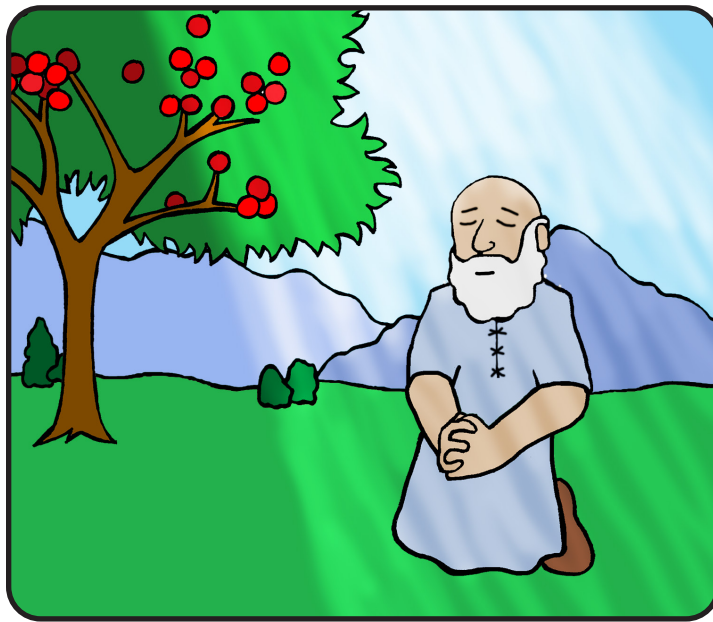


God is the True Leader

Today's Bible Story is from 1 Samuel 8:4-18, 9:15-17



God's servant, Samuel, was getting old. The people said to him, "You won't be here forever. We need a king to lead us."



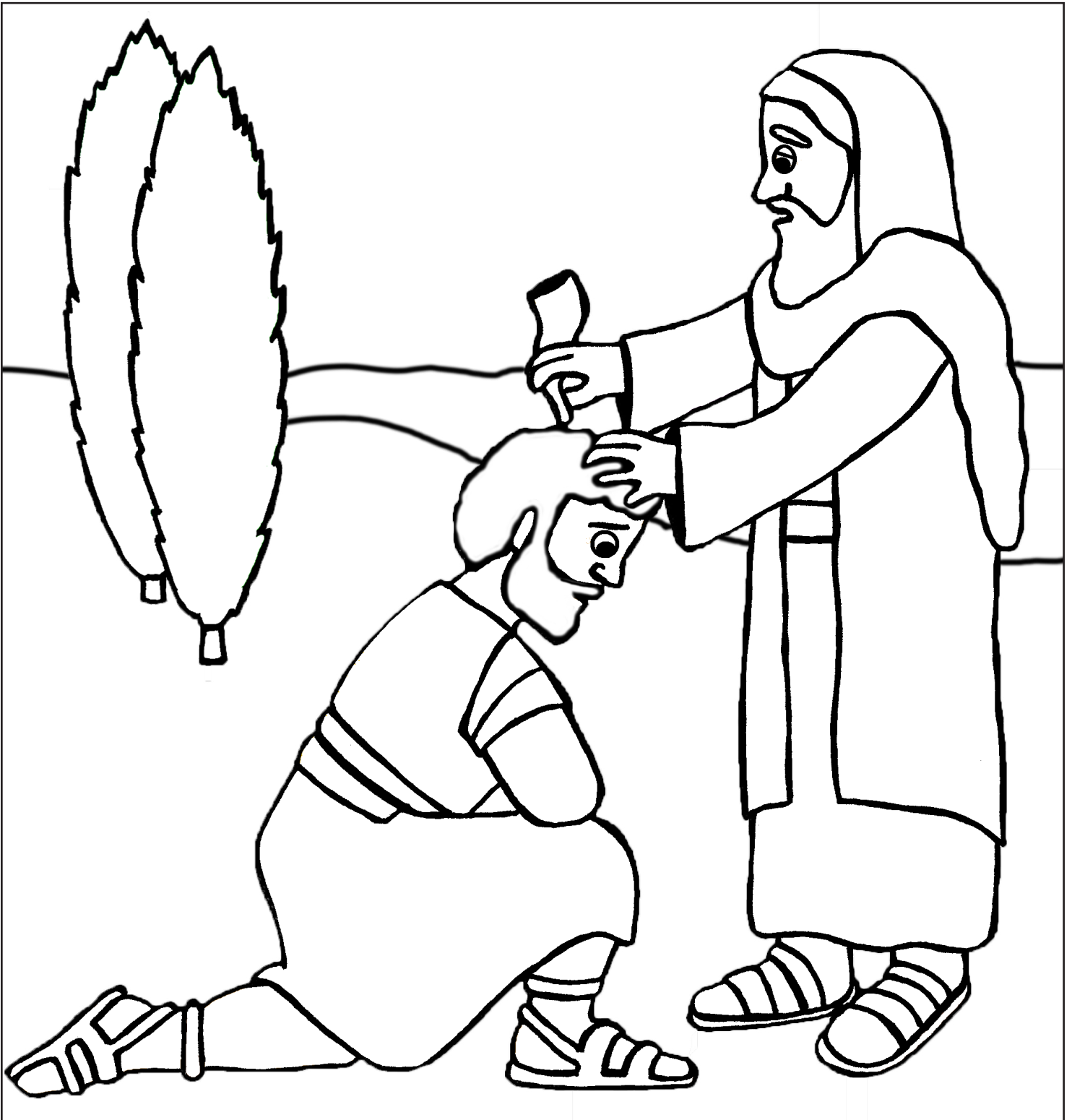
Samuel prayed to God about this. God said to him, "I had been their leader, but they didn't listen to me. Let them have a king."



God told Samuel to warn the people that a king may not treat them very well. But they didn't care. They wanted a king anyway.



So God led Samuel to a man named Saul. Samuel poured oil on Saul's head to anoint him. Now, the people had their first king.



Samuel anointed Saul as the first king of Israel.