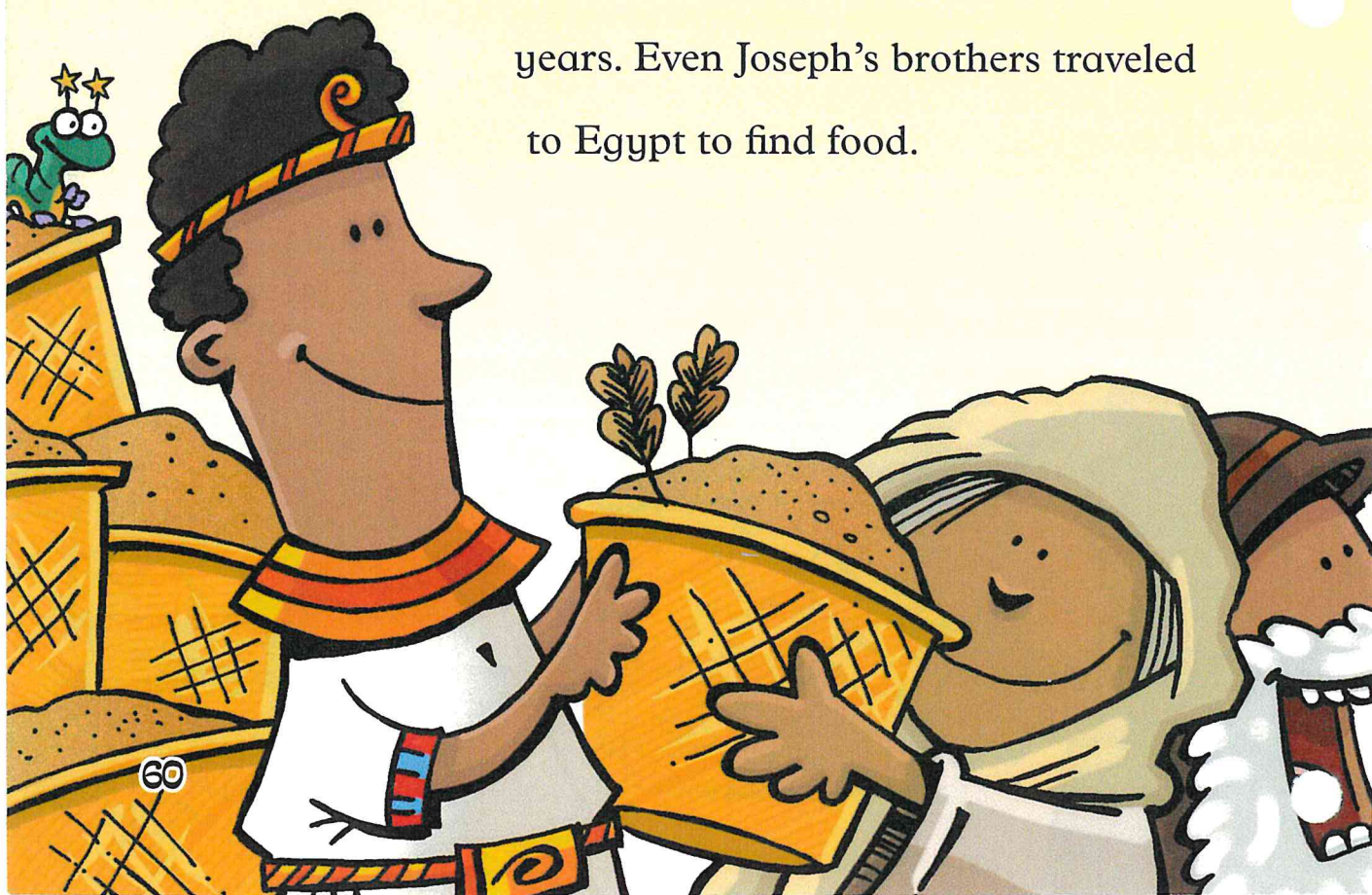


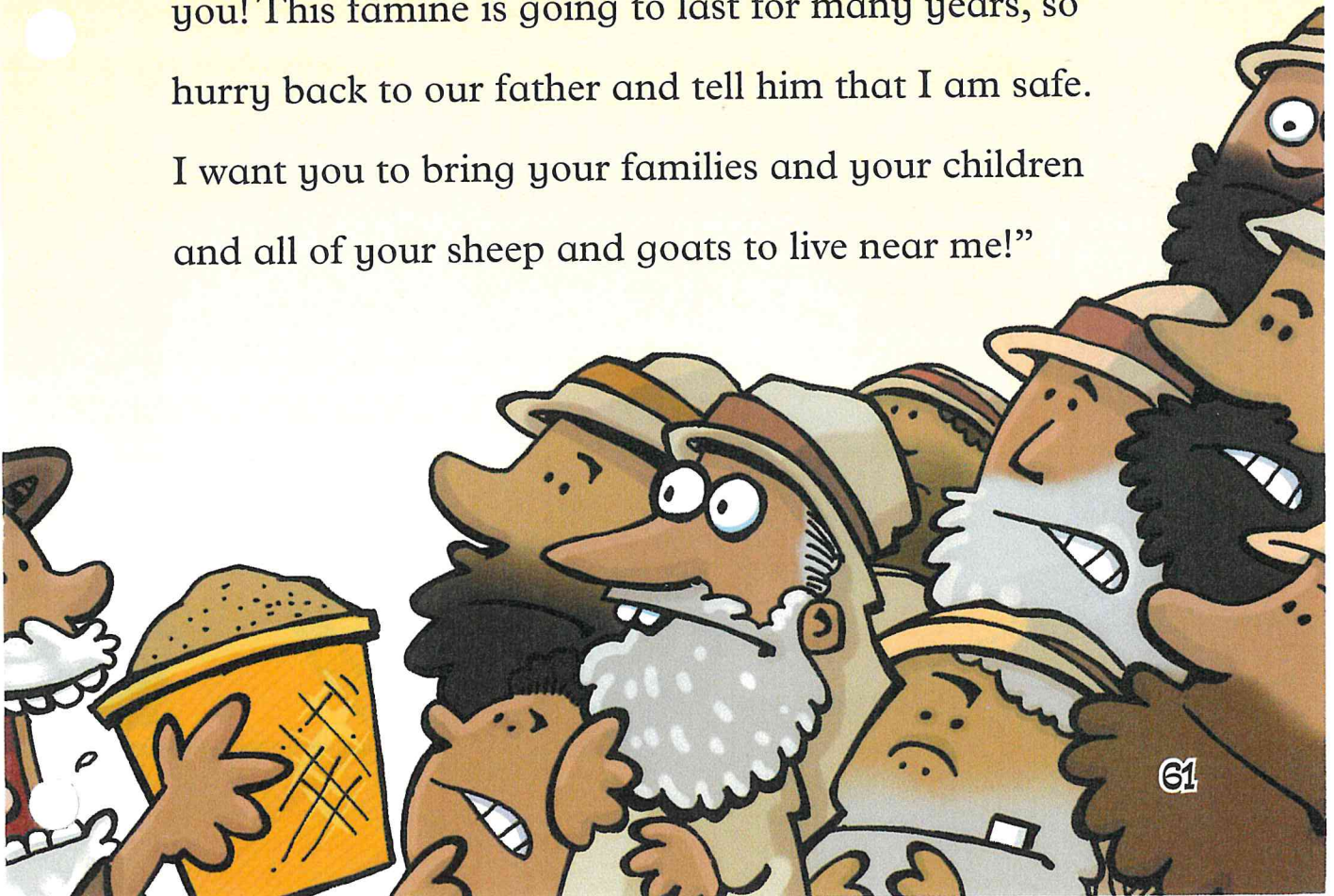
Joseph Helps His Family

God always watched over Joseph. God spoke to Joseph in dreams, and Joseph used this knowledge to plan ahead. When the famine came, people from all over came to find food for their families because they heard that Joseph had saved up for seven years. Even Joseph's brothers traveled to Egypt to find food.

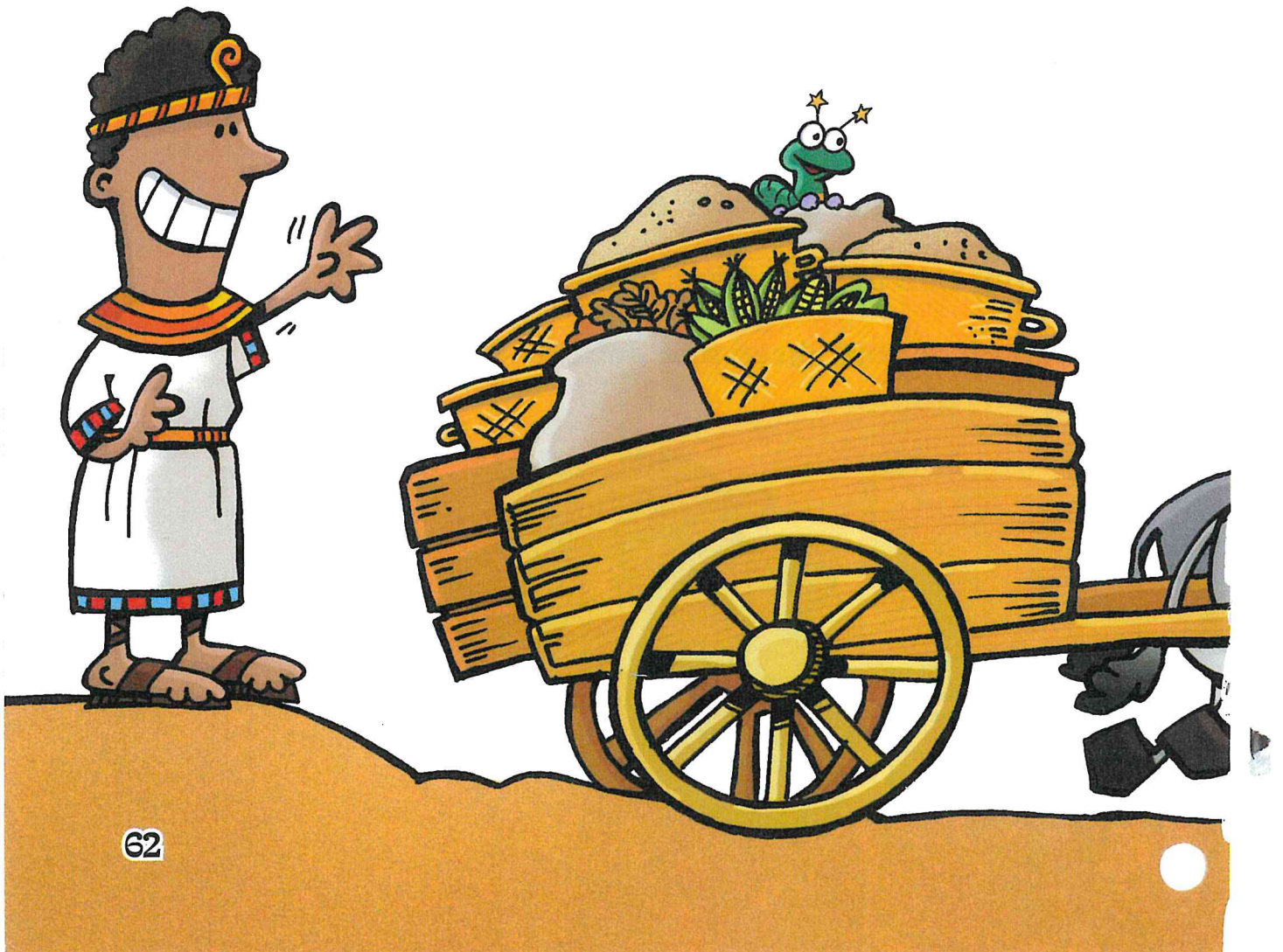


But it had been such a long time since they'd seen each other, the brothers didn't recognize Joseph!

Joseph kept the secret of who he was from his brothers for awhile. But soon he couldn't wait any longer. Joseph finally told them who he was. "I am your brother Joseph, who you sold to the Egyptian traders. Don't feel bad anymore because God sent me ahead of you so that I could save people, including you! This famine is going to last for many years, so hurry back to our father and tell him that I am safe. I want you to bring your families and your children and all of your sheep and goats to live near me!"

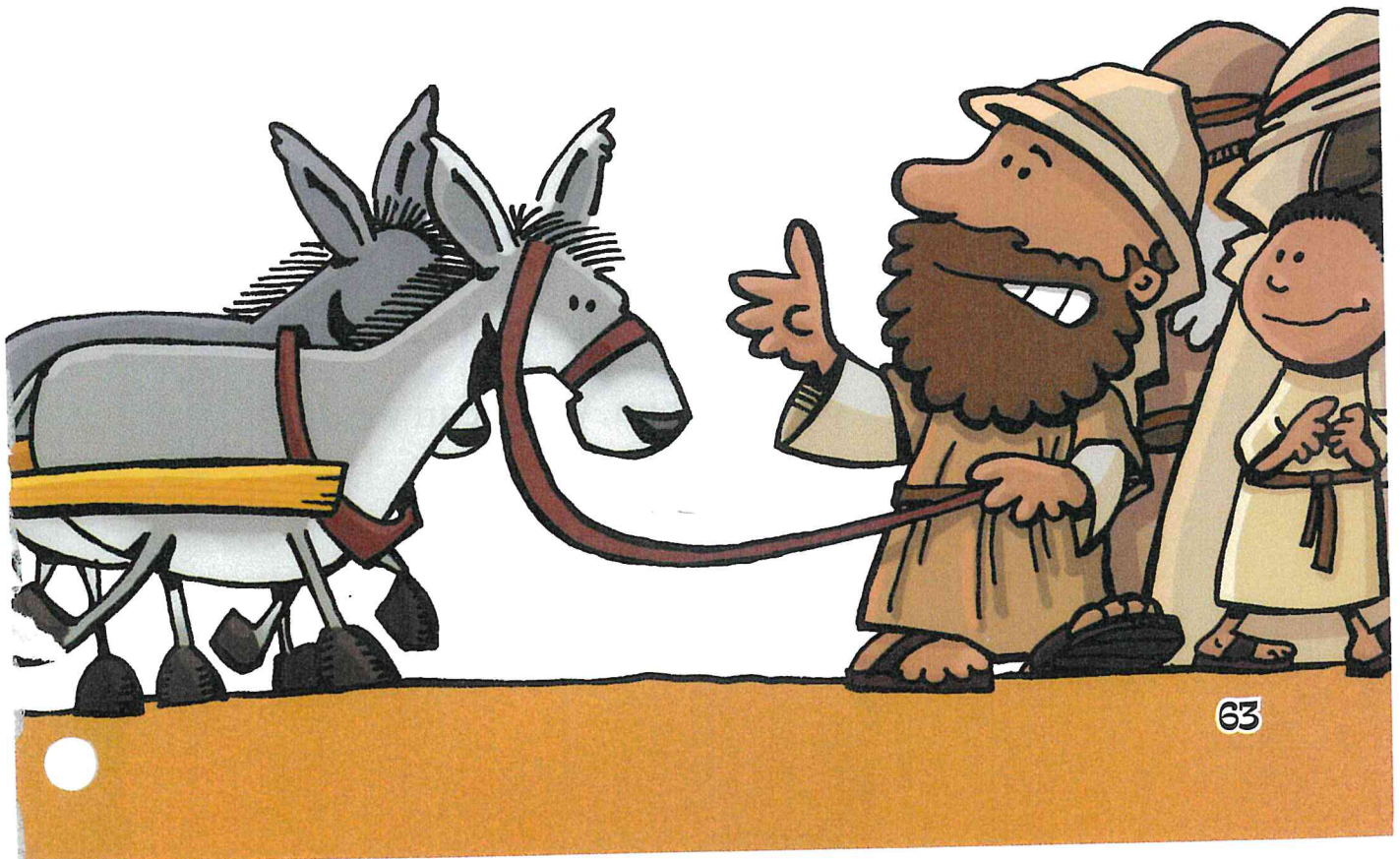


Once Joseph's brothers saw who he was, they all hugged each other and cried. They jumped up and down with relief and joy. Joseph and his brothers talked and talked. The brothers talked from the time the sun came up to the time the sun went down. When the pharaoh heard that Joseph's brothers had come,



he told Joseph, "Tell them to go get everyone in your family! I will give them the best land in Egypt to call their own."

Joseph gave his brothers wagons, food, and new clothes, and they went back to their father and told him the good news.





“Joseph is still alive! He is the ruler of all of Egypt!” Everyone danced when they heard the news.

“This is all I could ask for,” Joseph’s father said.

“Now I will see my son again! Let’s get moving!”

Joseph’s family all moved to Egypt. But the brothers were worried, “What if Joseph is still angry with us? We were so awful to him. What can we do?”



The brothers went to Joseph and said, “Here we are—
we don’t deserve to be your brothers anymore, so we
will be your slaves!”

But Joseph said to them, “Don’t be silly! I am your
brother no matter what. Even though you planned for
something bad to happen to me, God turned it into
something good!”

★ How would you have felt if
you had been Joseph and
were seeing your brothers
after such a long time?

