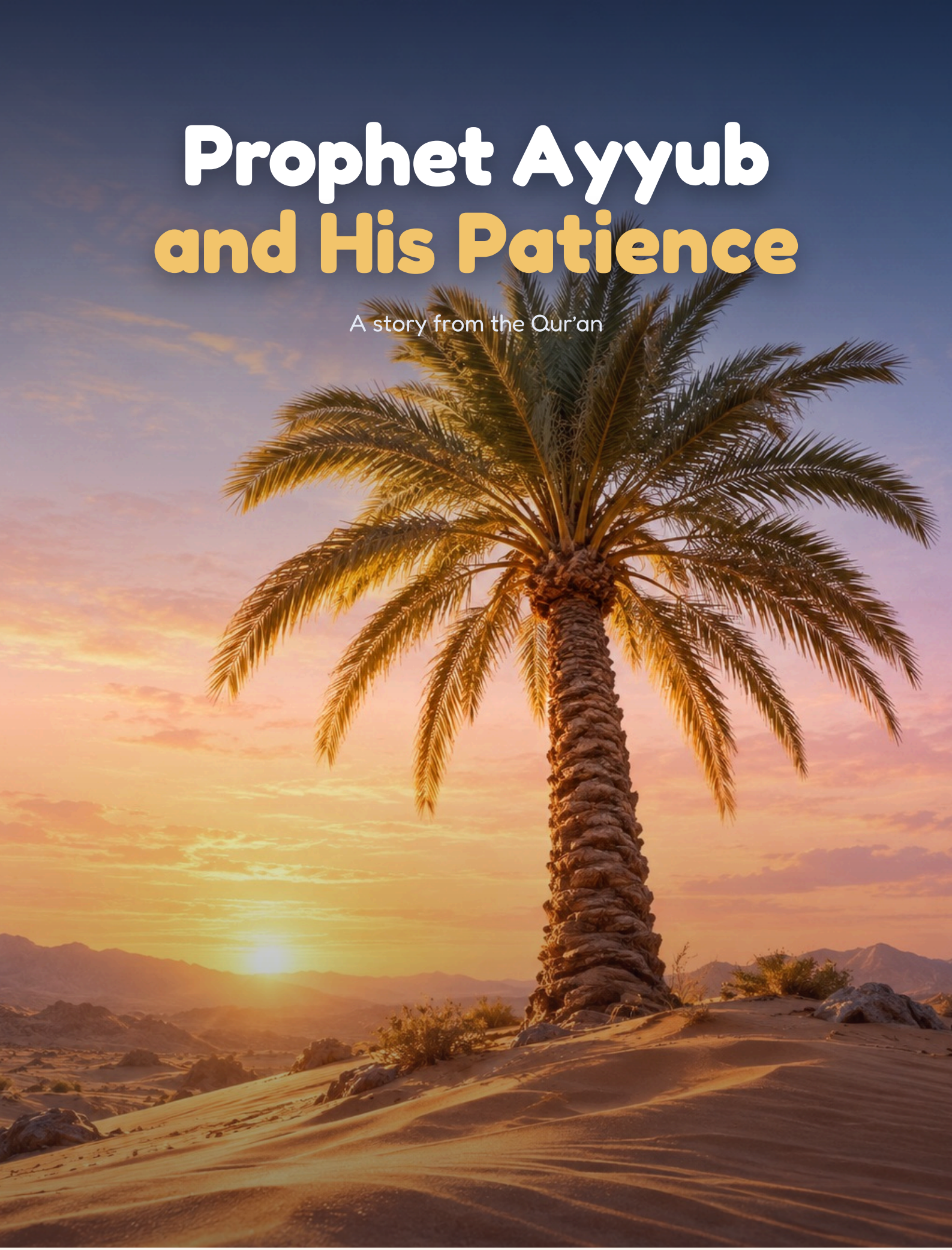
Prophet Ayyub and His Patience

A story from the Qur'an



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Long ago, there lived a prophet called Prophet Ayyub عليه السلام.
Allah had given him so much: green fields, flowing streams, flocks of animals and many blessings.

He had a big, loving family too. Their home was full of laughter and good food, and Prophet Ayyub عليه السلام always thanked Allah for everything.

Every blessing, big or small, reminded him of Allah. Prophet Ayyub عليه السلام was a thankful servant, and he worshipped Allah night and day.

Then Allah tested Prophet Ayyub عليه السلام. One after another, the blessings went away. His animals, his fields and his wealth were lost.

He lost his family, and then he became very ill. Year after year he stayed weak and in pain. But Prophet Ayyub عليه السلام never complained about Allah.

Many people left him. But Prophet Ayyub عليه السلام stayed patient. He knew that Allah gives, Allah takes, and Allah always knows best.

Through the long nights he kept remembering Allah. His body was tired, but his heart was full of trust and hope.

Then Prophet Ayyub عليه السلام called out to his Lord with this du'a:

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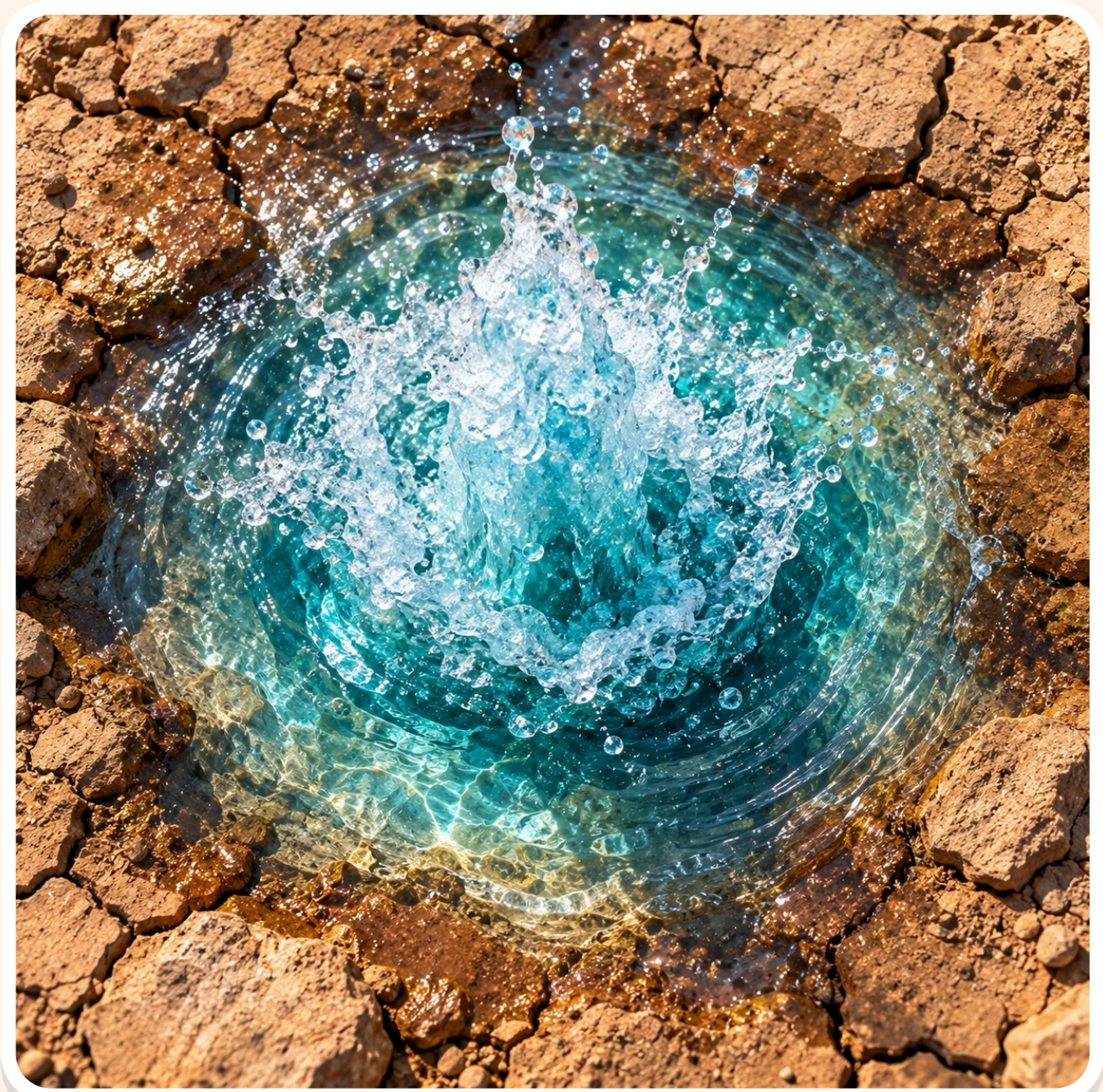
"Hardship has touched me, and You are the Most Merciful of all who show mercy."



Allah answered him at once. Allah said: “Strike the ground with your foot.” Prophet Ayyub عليه السلام did, and a cool, fresh spring burst out of the ground!

“This is cool water to wash with and to drink,” Allah told him. Prophet Ayyub عليه السلام washed and drank, and Allah took away all his illness.

Allah gave him back his family, and the same again with them, as a mercy. Allah says: “We found him patient. What an excellent servant!”

Talk about it

Read the story together, then talk about these

1. **What blessings did Allah give Prophet Ayyub عليه السلام at the start of the story?**

2. **When things became very hard, what did Prophet Ayyub عليه السلام do instead of complaining?**

3. **When something is hard for you, what can you say to Allah?**

LEARN THE DU'A OF PROPHET AYYUB عليه السلام

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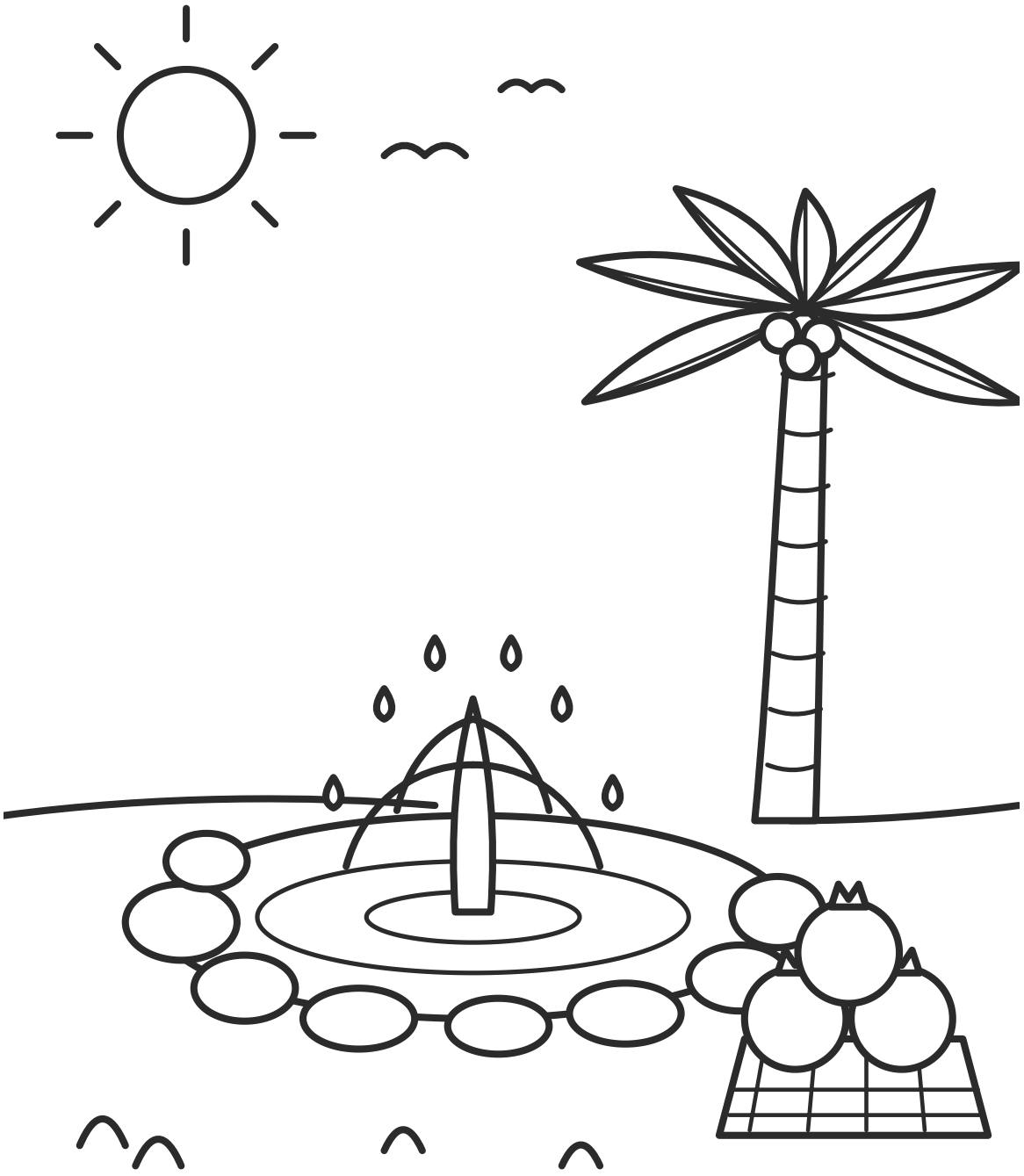
This du'a is in Surah al-Anbiya (chapter 21 of the Qur'an).

Colour me in!

Colour the spring, the palm tree, the pomegranates and the sun



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