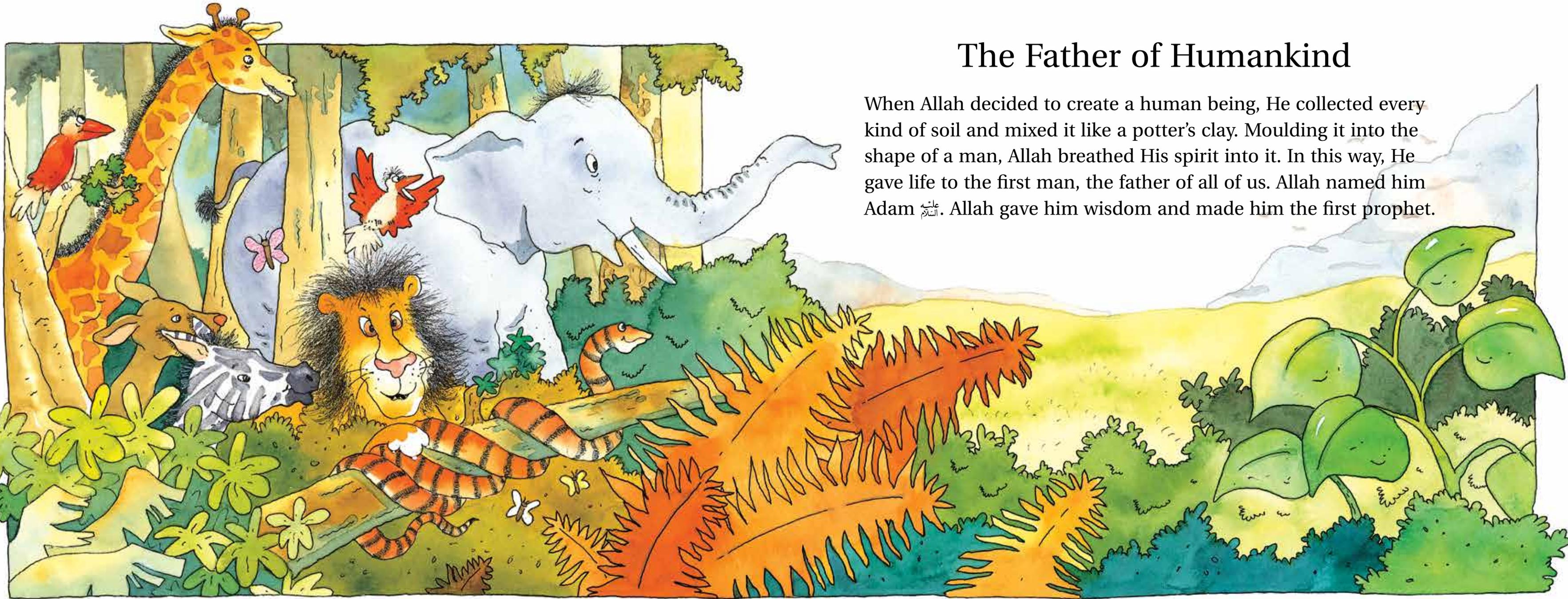
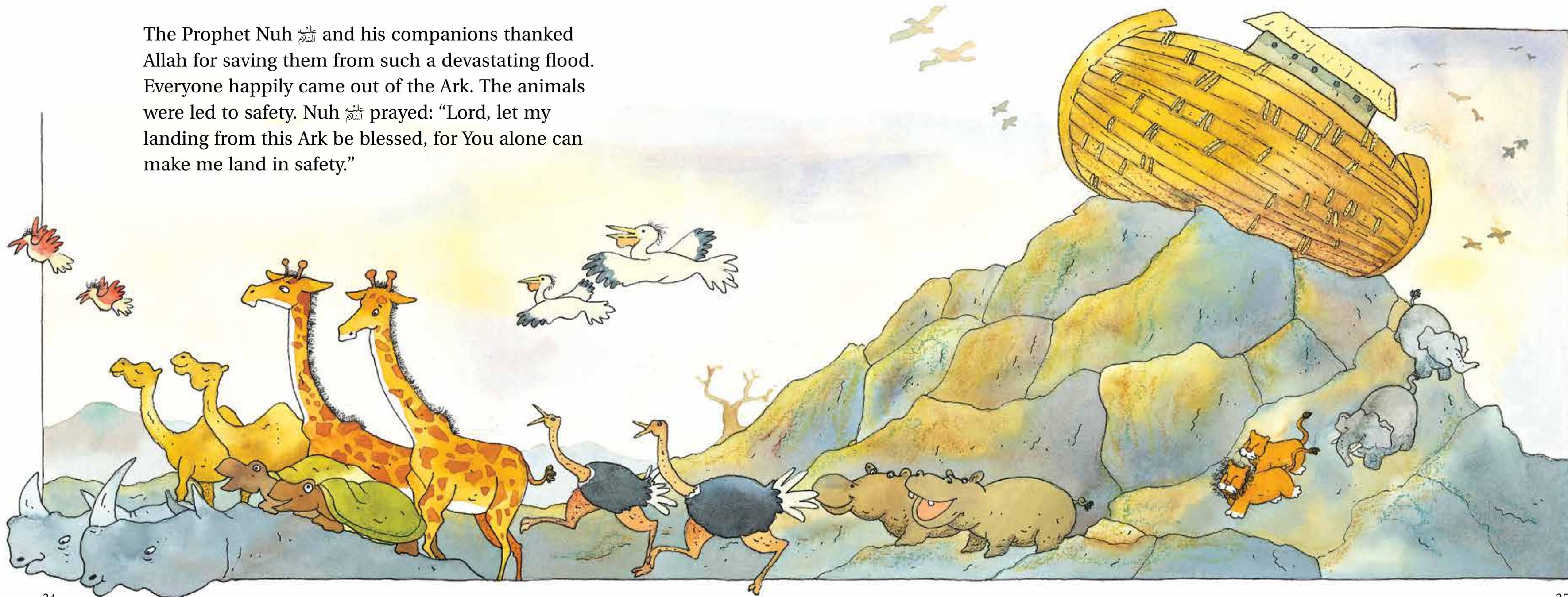


The Father of Humankind

When Allah decided to create a human being, He collected every kind of soil and mixed it like a potter's clay. Moulding it into the shape of a man, Allah breathed His spirit into it. In this way, He gave life to the first man, the father of all of us. Allah named him Adam ﷺ. Allah gave him wisdom and made him the first prophet.

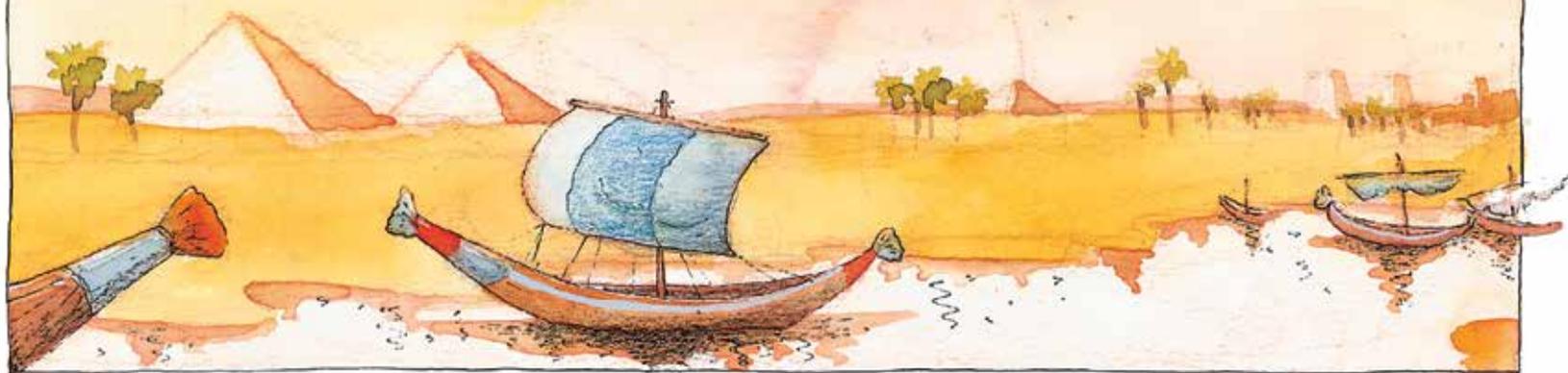


The Prophet Nuh عليه السلام and his companions thanked Allah for saving them from such a devastating flood. Everyone happily came out of the Ark. The animals were led to safety. Nuh عليه السلام prayed: "Lord, let my landing from this Ark be blessed, for You alone can make me land in safety."



The Queen's Kindness

Long, long ago a tribe called the Children of Israel lived in Egypt. At that time, Egypt was ruled by a cruel King. He was called the Firawn, or Pharaoh. He made the people of Israel his slaves. He made them do hard labour.



One day, a soothsayer told the Firawn that a boy born into the children of Israel would destroy him and his kingdom. When the Firawn heard this, he ordered the killing of all the new-born boys of the Children of Israel. Only their daughters were to be spared. During these hard times, there lived a pious woman of the Children of Israel. Her name was Yukabid, and Imran was her husband. She gave birth to a beautiful boy named Musa, or Moses عليه السلام.



The Prophet Isa عليه السلام was also given the power to perform a number of miracles, such as moulding a bird out of clay, which, when he breathed on it, came to life. He gave sight to the blind, cured lepers and even raised the dead to life. But despite these clear signs, the people of Israel rejected him, accusing him of sorcery. Only a handful of his disciples responded to his call, saying, “We are the helpers of Allah.”

The Prophet Isa عليه السلام continued his mission for several years, but only a few answered his call. The Children of Israel wanted to crucify him. But Allah saved him and they crucified another man, who was made to appear like him.

The Prophet Muhammad's Message of Peace

A great part of the Prophet's mission was to bring peace to the world. One way of doing so was to convince people that all men and women, although living in very different regions of the world, and seemingly different from one another in colour, culture and language, etc., were in fact each other's blood brothers and sisters. The Prophet would preach to his followers: "You are all Adam's offspring and Adam was made of clay." And in his prayers to his Creator, he would say, "O Lord, all your servants are brothers." The Prophet himself set an example of peaceful living with his great gentleness, kindness,

humility, good humour and excellent common sense, and his great love for all people and even for animals. He never made others feel small, unwanted or embarrassed. He urged his followers to do likewise, to release slaves whenever possible, and give alms, especially to very poor people, orphans and prisoners—without any thought of reward. He would tell people that "every religion has some special virtue, that of Islam being modesty." Without such a virtue, no community can have lasting peace. He was of a high moral character, so that people might harm him, yet he would pray for them, returning good for evil. When others tried to provoke him, he would remain patient and serene. In setting this example, his real aim was to fashion souls

