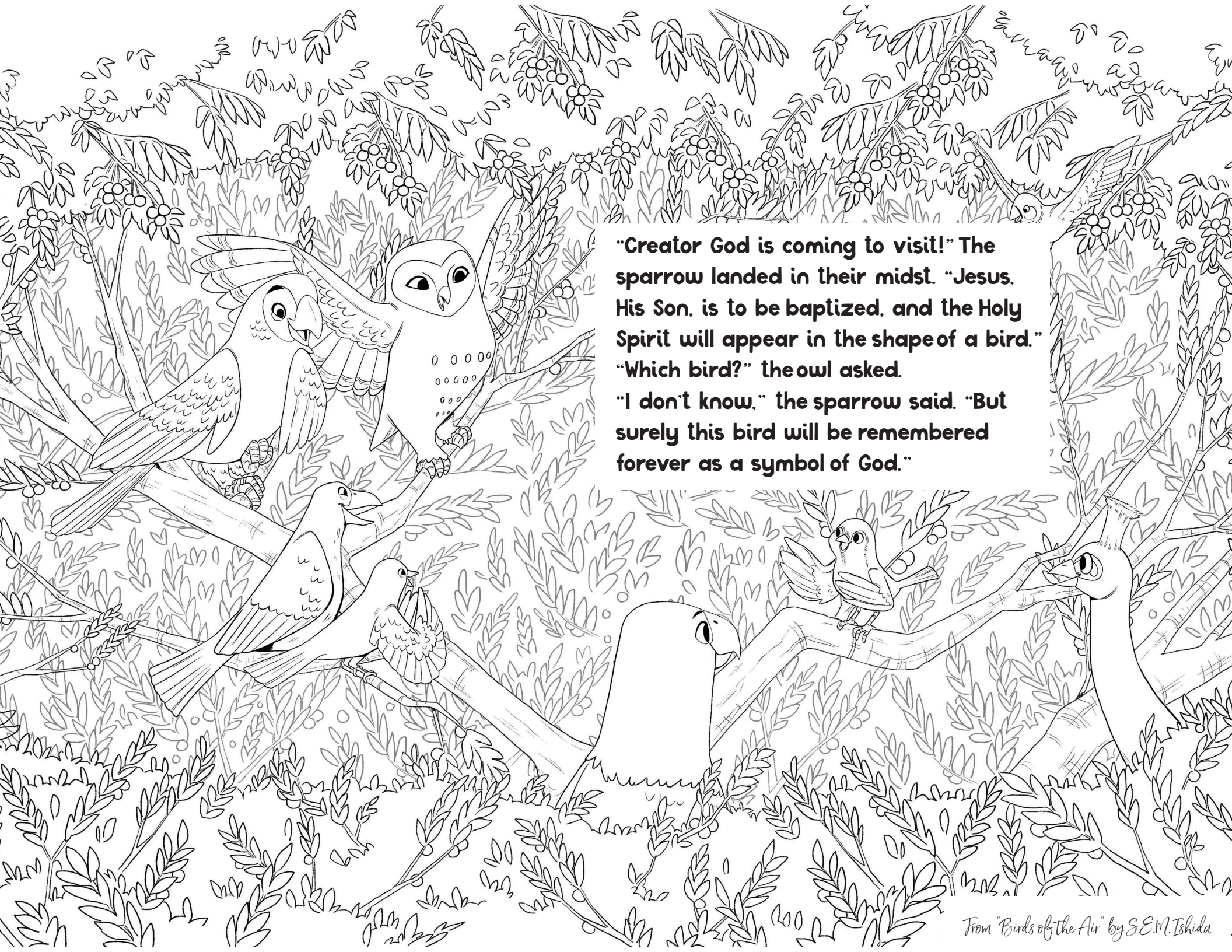


When Jesus was baptized, he went up immediately from the water. The heavens suddenly opened for him, [e] and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased."
(Matthew 3:16-17)





“Creator God is coming to visit!” The sparrow landed in their midst. “Jesus, His Son, is to be baptized, and the Holy Spirit will appear in the shape of a bird.” “Which bird?” the owl asked. “I don’t know,” the sparrow said. “But surely this bird will be remembered forever as a symbol of God.”