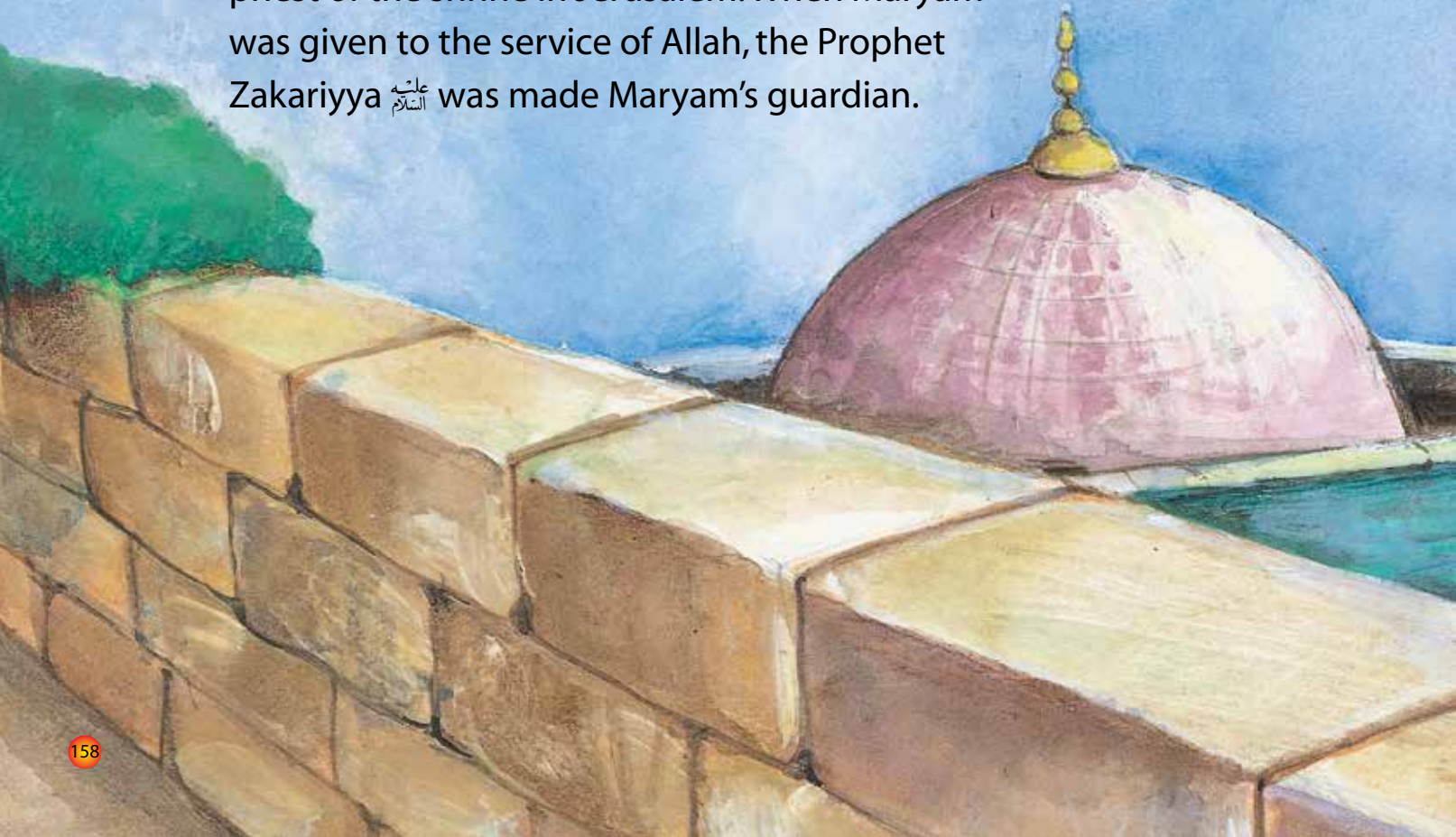
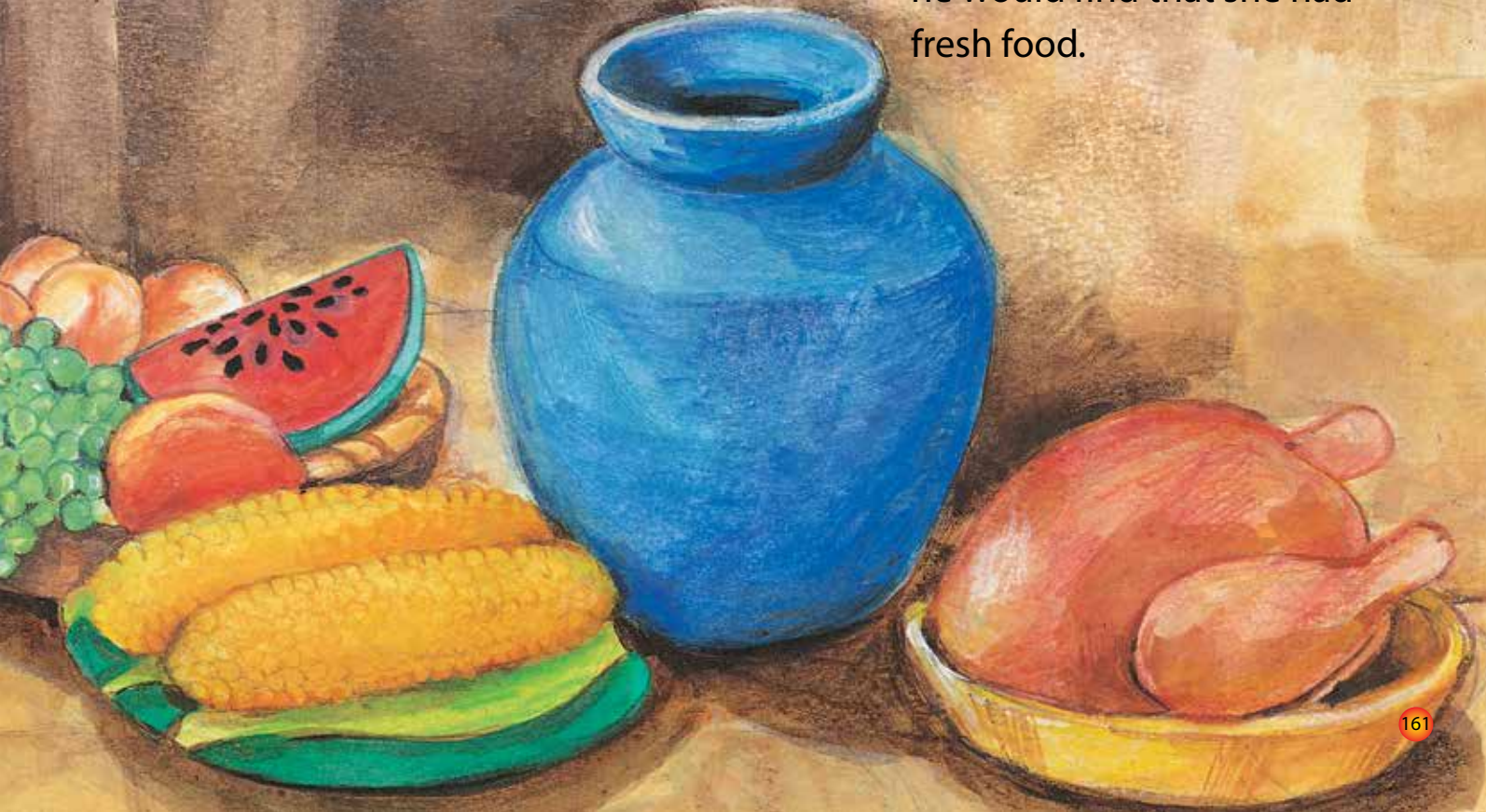


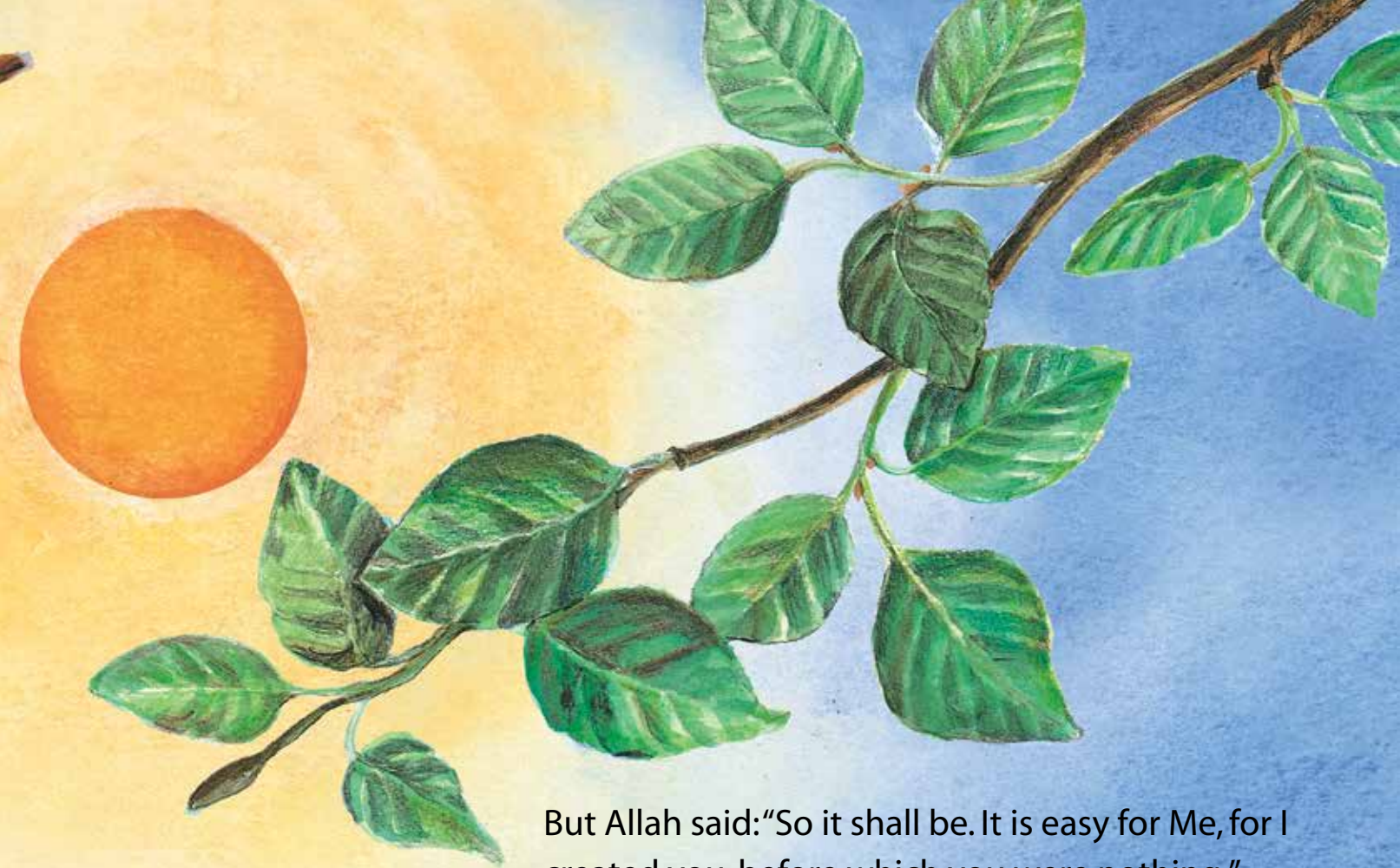
The Prophet Zakariyya عليه السلام was a noble man. He was an uncle of Maryam (Mary), and the priest of the shrine in Jerusalem. When Maryam was given to the service of Allah, the Prophet Zakariyya عليه السلام was made Maryam's guardian.



Whenever the Prophet Zakariyya عليه السلام visited Maryam in her niche (*mihrab*) in the shrine, he would find that she had fresh food.







But Allah said: "So it shall be. It is easy for Me, for I created you, before which you were nothing."

The Prophet Zakariyya عليه السلام was filled with joy and words of thanks came pouring from his lips. He came out of the shrine and exhorted his people to praise the Lord morning and evening.