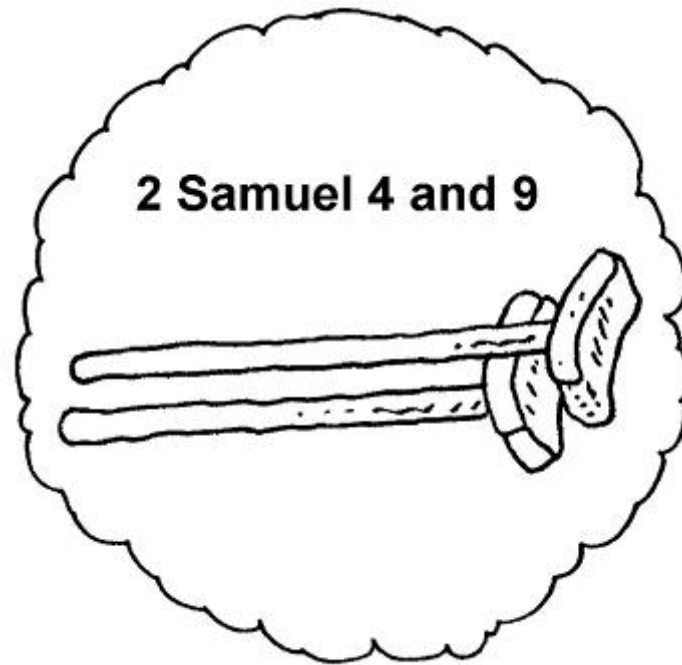


King David Takes Care of Mephibosheth

(Me-fib-o-sheth)

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When David played the harp
for King Saul and lived at the palace,
King Saul's son, Jonathan,
became David's very best friend.



Jonathan had a son called Mephibosheth.
Mephibosheth was five years old,
when news came that King Saul
and Jonathan had both died in a battle.



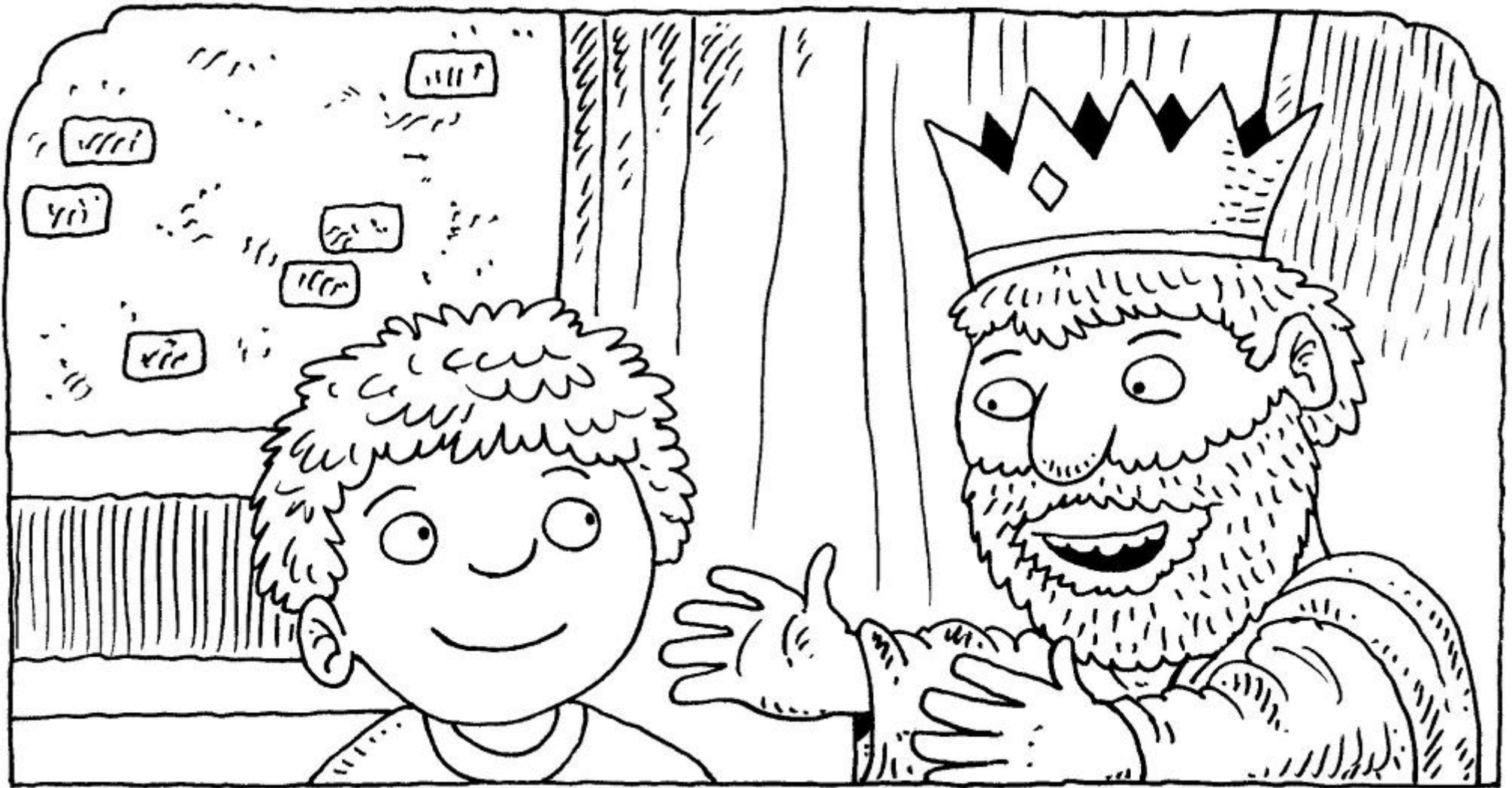
Mephibosheth's nurse was frightened
of King Saul's enemies.
Picking Mephibosheth up she ran to hide,
but she accidentally dropped him.



Both of Mephibosheth's legs
were badly hurt and he could
never walk properly again.
He was often lonely and hungry.



When David became king
he remembered his friend Jonathan.
“Go and find me Jonathan’s son
and bring him to me,” said King David.



“Your father once saved my life,”
King David said. “He was a true friend.
You will never be hungry again.
I will take care of you.”



So, every day, for the rest of his life,
Mephibosheth ate at the King's table,
with the king's sons.
King David took care of him.