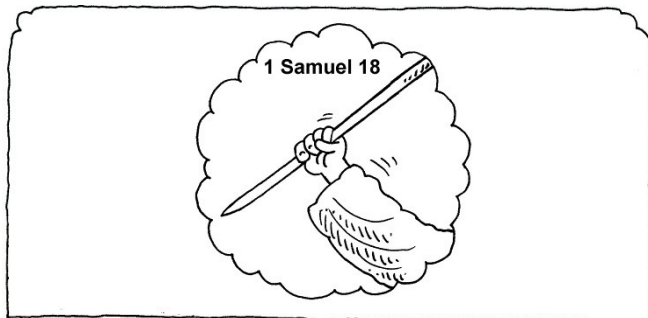


DAVID and King Saul

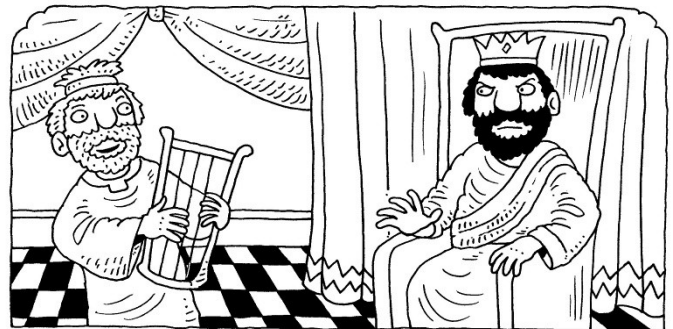
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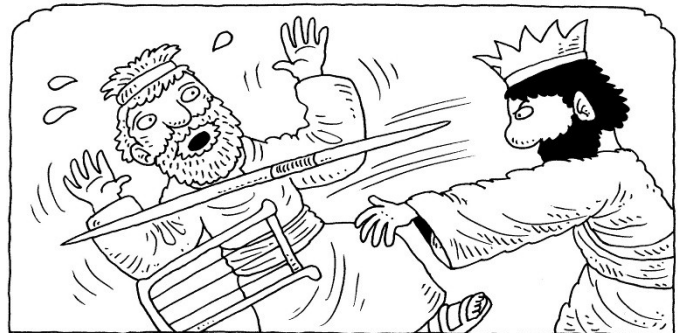
King Saul had a bad temper
and was jealous of young David
because everyone like him so much.
David was their hero.



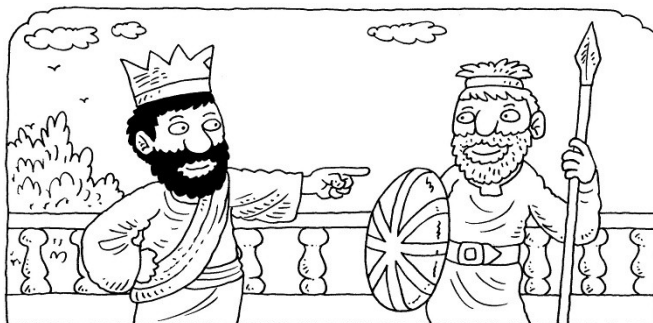
King Saul had seen how brave the boy
David was, fighting the giant Goliath,
so he sent him, with his soldiers,
to fight the Philistine army.



David's soldiers beat the Philistines.
David was a hero! The women sang,
"David is ten times stronger than Saul!"
That made King Saul jealous and angry.



He got so angry that tried to kill David.
But God saved David from King Saul.
David knew that it was God who saved him
from his enemies and helped him to be brave.



Then King Saul had another idea.
"You can marry my daughter, if you
fight bravely and beat the Philistines.
You will be the Captain of my army," he said.



He hoped that David would be killed
by the mighty Philistine army.
"That would be a good way
to get rid of him," he thought.



But God helped David and his
soldiers, beat the bigger, stronger army.
He went back to tell King Saul
how brave his soldiers had been.



The king had to keep his promise.
Everyone celebrated when David, their hero,
married Michal, the King's daughter.
David thanked God for blessing him.