

DAVID finds King Saul asleep in a cave

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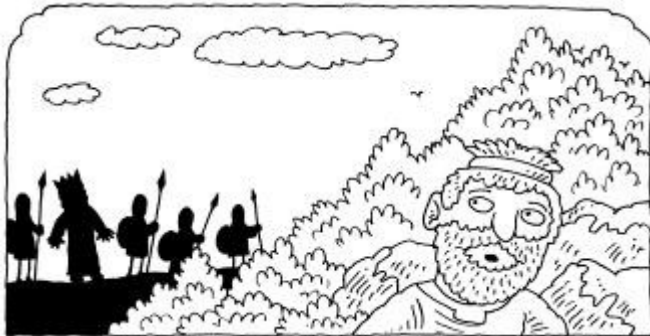
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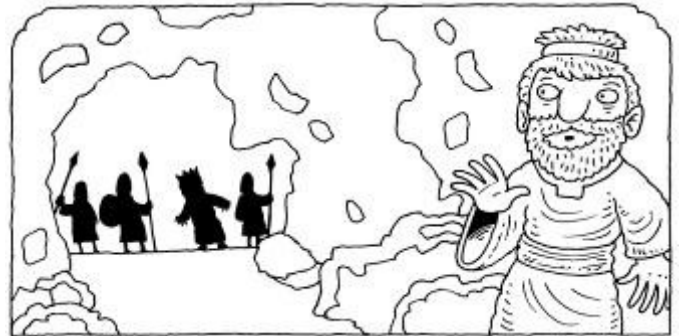
The Bible reminds us that it is good to make peace with your enemy. David also knew that Saul was the man God had chosen to be King and David respected God.



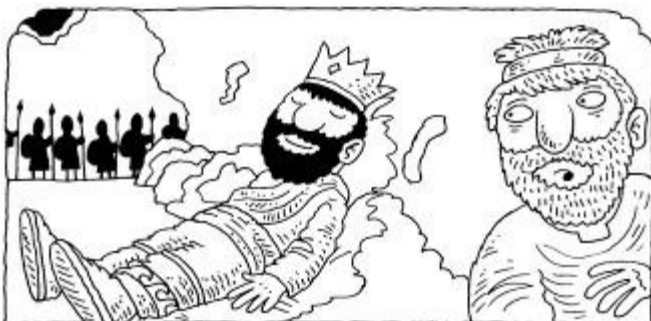
King Saul was jealous of David. One day he heard where David was hiding, so he took three thousand soldiers and went to catch him.



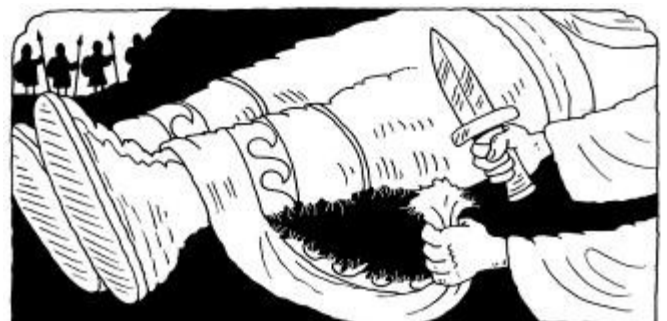
When David heard the King and his army were coming, he and his soldiers hid in a cave, where they were safe.



But King Saul was very tired and went into the same cave to rest, while his soldiers stood guard outside. David kept very quiet.



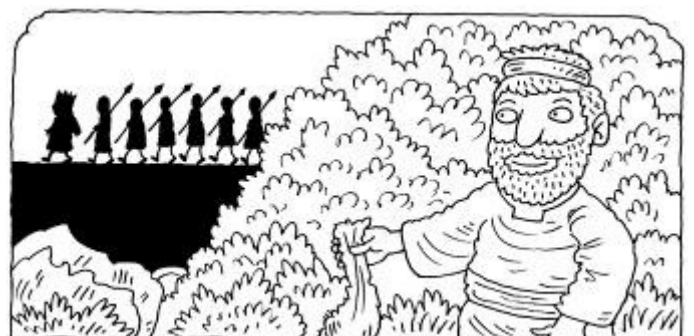
When King Saul was fast asleep, David's men whispered, "Here is your chance! Kill your enemy, before he hurts you!"



But David didn't want to hurt the King. He just wanted King Saul to stop chasing him. So, he took out his knife and cut a piece of material from the King's clothes.



When the King left the cave David shouted, "King Saul, I could have killed you, while you were sleeping, but I only cut your coat. See how close I was."



King Saul knew that David had saved his life and promised not to chase him anymore. David had honored God's chosen King.