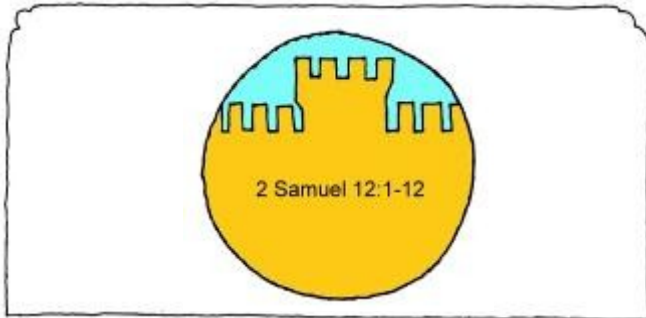


DAVID and the prophet Nathan

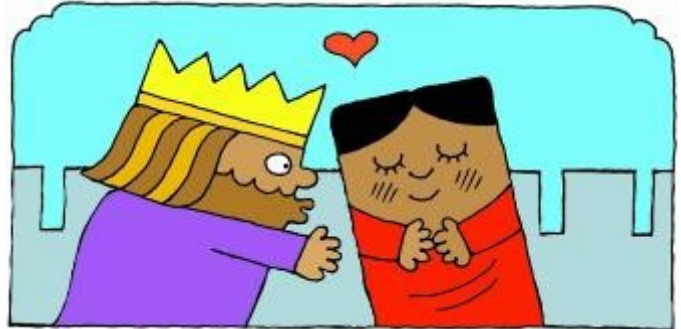
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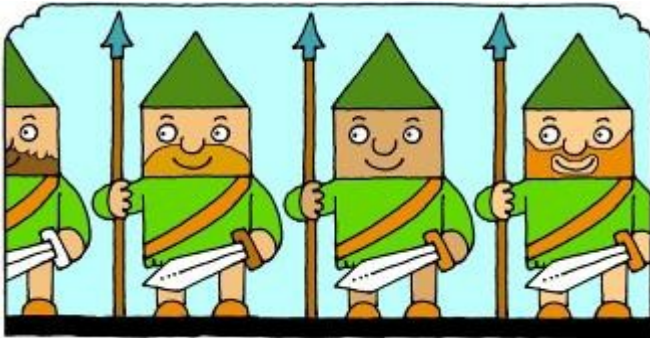
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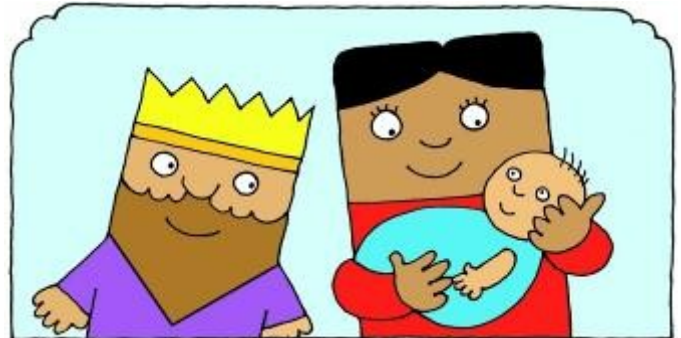
When King David made a secret plan to get rid of Uriah he thought no one would ever know. But God knows everything and sent Nathan the prophet with a message from God for the King.



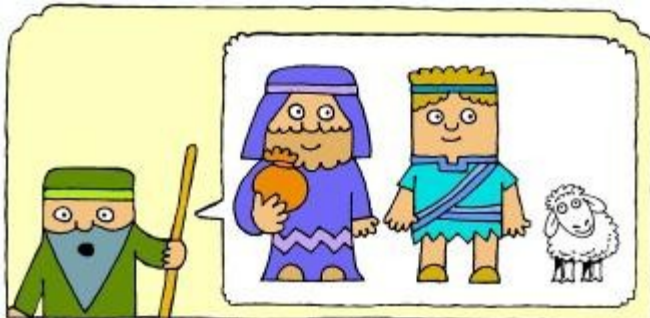
After King David fell in love with Bathsheba, another man's wife, he made a mean plan to get rid of her husband Uriah, so he could marry her himself.



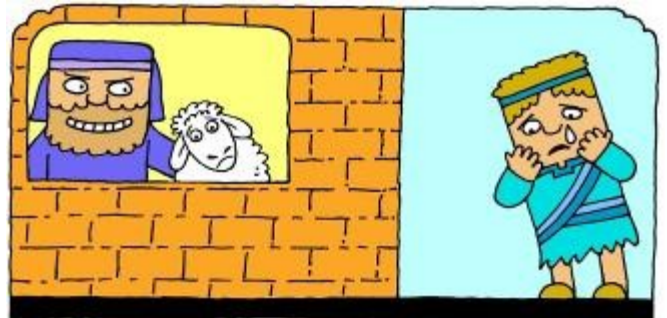
He told Joab, the Captain of his army, to put Uriah in the very front row of the fighting, so that he would be sure to get killed and poor, brave, loyal Uriah died.



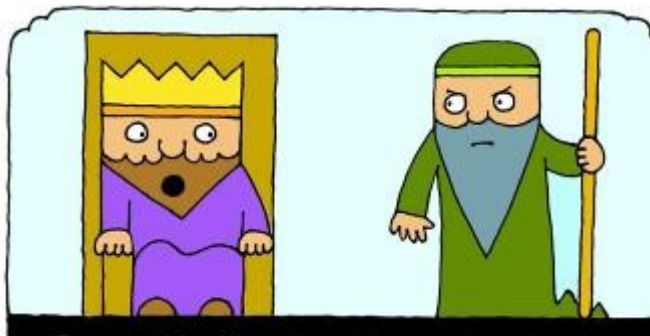
King David was very happy and married Bathsheba. Soon their baby was born. But God saw the bad thing that he had done and sent Nathan the prophet to tell him.



Nathan told King David this story. "There was a poor man with only one pet lamb which he loved very much. A rich farmer, with a big flock of sheep, needed a lamb for his visitors' dinner.



But instead of choosing a sheep from his own big flock, he took the poor man's one and only pet lamb, to feed his visitors. How should the rich man be punished?" he asked.



"For taking away the only lamb the poor man had, he should pay with his own life," said King David. Nathan replied, "God says this story is about YOU."



"You can have anything you want, but you took away the one thing that Uriah had and loved most; his one and only wife." David was sorry and asked God to forgive him.