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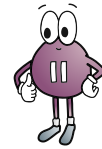
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A wise guide



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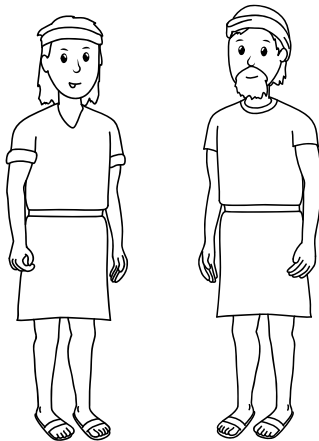
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STORY 1: David on the run

True friendship



David

Jonathan

King Saul had become very jealous of David. He was so jealous that he tried to kill David several times! David had to run from place to place to keep safe.

Saul's son, Jonathan, however, remained a true friend to David. Jonathan promised to do his best to save David's life.



READ:
1 Samuel 20: 1-42



KEY VERSE:
1 Samuel 20: 17
Ask someone to help you find this verse.

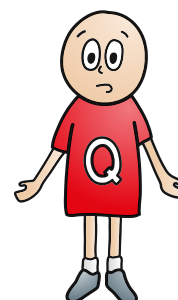
Q: Put these words in the correct spaces:

David Saul Jonathan

1. **S** _____ wanted to kill **D** _____ .
2. **D** _____ and **J** _____ were good friends.
3. **J** _____ promised to help **D** _____ .

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One day King Saul was holding a great feast. This feast lasted for several days. David was expected to attend, because he was Saul's son-in-law. Because of the danger to his life, he stayed away. On the second day, Saul noticed that David was absent and he asked Jonathan about him. Jonathan tried to explain to his father why David was missing, but Saul would not listen. He flew into a furious rage and hurled a spear at Jonathan for daring to take sides with David! Jonathan then left the feast, feeling very sad.



Can you imagine how difficult it must have been for Jonathan to be friends with David?

Q: Who was:

1. The king? **S** _____

2. The king's son? **J** _____

3. The king's son-in-law? **D** _____

4. Absent from the feast? **D** _____



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From that day on, Jonathan was sure that his father would kill David, if he could only catch him! He really wanted to warn David of his danger, so he left the feast and went in search of him. Sure enough, the good friends met! They were able to spend a little while talking to each other in a field.

Q: Unjumble these letters.

1. Jonathan left the (**esatf**) _____ and went to look for

(**Ddvai**) _____ .

2. David was (**idghin**) _____ in a (**eildf**) _____ .

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It was not easy for Jonathan to tell David that King Saul hated him, and that he was planning to murder him. But because Jonathan loved David, he was faithful to him and told him the whole truth. The KEY VERSE tells us that:

Q: Decorate the words.

Jonathan loved
David as much as
he loved himself.

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See 1 Samuel 20: 17

Soon they had to say goodbye. Jonathan went back to the city, and David went into hiding once more. How thankful David was to have a true friend who helped to save his life!

The Bible teaches that each of us can have Jesus as our friend! Think about how much He loves us - even to the point of dying for us! When we trust Him, He becomes not only our Saviour, but also our faithful friend.

TOTAL:

STORY 2: David spares Saul's life

True forgiveness



READ:
1 Samuel
24: 1-22



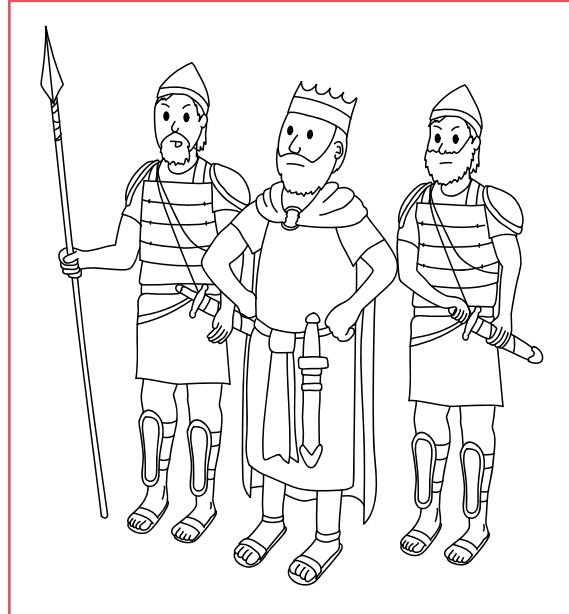
KEY VERSE:
Ephesians 4: 32
*Ask someone to help
you find this verse.*

One day Saul heard that David was hiding, in a part of the country where there were many rocks and caves.

He took 3,000 of his best soldiers and started searching for him. David and his men hid far back in a cave. It so happened that Saul came into that cave, not knowing that the man he was looking for was there!

"Now is your chance to get rid of him," whispered David's men.

But David would not kill Saul.

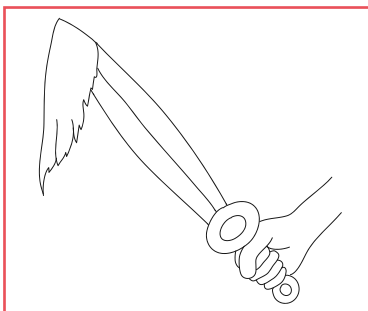


In spite of all his bad deeds, he was the king whom God had appointed to rule the people. To kill him would be a sin in God's sight.

Q: Write TRUE or FALSE after each of these sentences:

1. David and his men hid in a forest.
2. Saul searched for David with 3,000 men.
3. David could not wait to kill Saul.

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David did, however, creep up very quietly to where Saul had put his coat down. Without making a sound, he cut off a piece of his coat! He crept back into the darkness of the cave and waited until Saul moved out. Then David got up, took the piece of cloth in his hand, and walked out of the cave. He shouted loudly to the king who, on hearing him, looked round. What a surprise for Saul to see David standing there!

Q: Answer these questions.

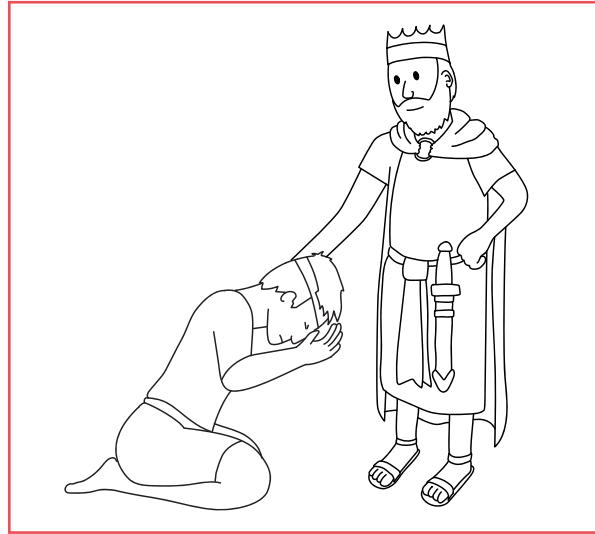
1. Who was first to leave the cave?
2. What did David take with him from the cave?

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“Look what I have here,” called David, as he held up the piece of cloth. “I could have killed you. But I wouldn’t do such a thing. Why are you trying to kill me? I haven’t done you any harm!”

With such words as these David reasoned with King Saul. The king’s heart was touched.

He realised that David had been good to him in sparing his life. He gave up chasing David (for a little while, at least!) and went back to his palace.



David was a forgiving person. He did not want to take revenge on Saul.

The Bible teaches that God wants to forgive us for the wrong things that we have done. When we say sorry to God we can have His forgiveness because Jesus has died for our sins.

Q: Fill in the missing letters to answer these questions.

1. What does God want to do for us? **F _ _ g _ _ _** us **o _ _** **s _ _ s**.

2. What did Jesus do for us? He **d _ _ d** for **o _ _** **s _ n _**.

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When we believe in Jesus and have our sins forgiven, we should then try to forgive others when they hurt us.

Q: Colour the letters in the Key Verse which tells us to:

Be kind one to another,

forgiving
one another

even as God has forgiven us.

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Ephesians 4: 32

TOTAL:

STORY 3: David becomes king

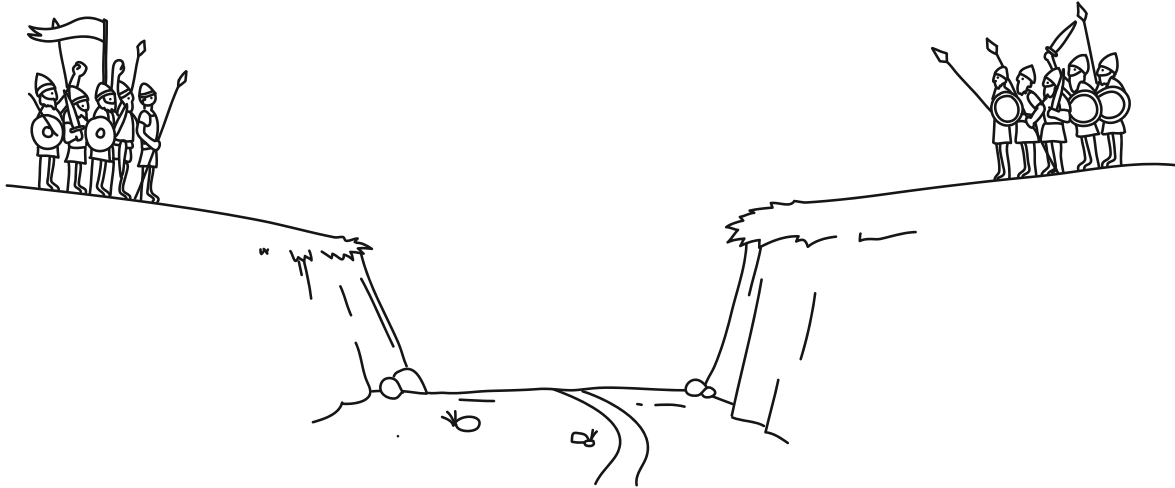
True sadness



READ:
1 Samuel 31: 1-6
2 Samuel 5: 1-5

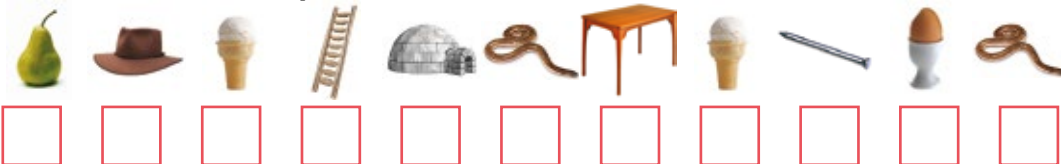


KEY VERSE:
Galatians 2: 20
*Ask someone to help
you find this verse.*



King Saul and his men were at war with neighbouring people.

Q: Use the picture alphabet to discover the name of the people.



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It was a fierce battle. Three of King Saul's sons were killed. One of them was Jonathan who had been a good friend to David.

Q: Write YES or NO after each of these sentences.

- The Amalakites were fighting against King Saul.
- Three of Saul's sons were killed.
- Jonathan came through the battle without being hurt.
- David and Jonathan had been very good friends.

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King Saul was badly injured by an arrow. He asked one of his men to draw his sword and kill him. He wanted the soldier to do this because he was afraid that the Philistines might capture him and torture him.

The soldier, however, was not willing to kill the king, so Saul took his own sword and killed himself with it.

Q: Tick the correct answers.

Who killed King Saul? The Philistines ☐ One of his own men ☐ Himself ☐

What killed King Saul? An arrow ☐ A sword ☐ A spear ☐

☐ /4



David was very upset when he heard that Saul and Jonathan had been killed. He wrote a poem (or lament) about them. (Try and find it in your Bible - 2 Samuel 1: 17-27.) In the poem, David recalled Jonathan's great love for him. He could never forget it!

The Bible tells us about the wonderful love of Jesus for us! When Paul, the writer of many parts of the New Testament, thought about Jesus, he wrote:

When David felt upset he wrote a poem. What do you do when you feel this way?



Q: Colour the words of the Key Verse and join the dots.

“The Son of God
who loved me and
gave Himself for me.”

Galatians 2 : 20

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Before long a new king was chosen. His name was David. Many years had passed since Samuel had anointed him with oil, as a sign that one day he would be king! Since that day he had often been hunted and attacked by Saul, but God had never left him. Now God's promises were being fulfilled. David, who was 30 years old, began his long reign. For the next 40 years he ruled the people of Israel.

Q: Put the correct numbers in the spaces.

1. David was years old when he became king.

2. He reigned for years.

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No matter what happened, David put his trust in God. The Bible teaches that if we do the same, we will also find that He will help us, and fulfil His plans for us.

TOTAL:

STORY 4: David and Mephibosheth

True kindness



READ:
2 Samuel
9: 1-13



KEY VERSE:
2 Samuel 9: 7
*Ask someone to help
you find this verse.*

Mephibosheth was the son of Jonathan and the grandson of King Saul. He was just five years old when both his father and his grandfather died in the battle with the Philistines. (See Story 3)

On that very same day, little Mephibosheth had a dreadful accident, which badly injured his feet. From that time onwards, he could not walk properly.

Q: Who was Mephibosheth's father?

Who was Mephibosheth's grandfather?

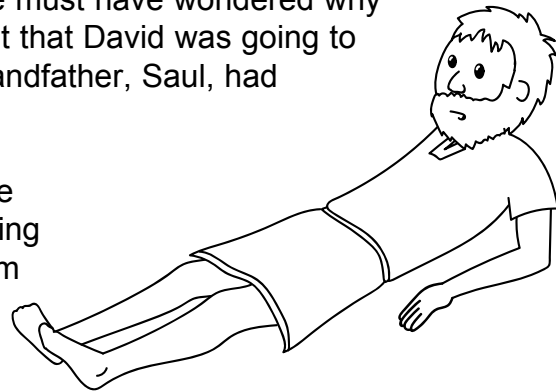
What was the matter with Mephibosheth? He could not **.** /6

Mephibosheth grew up in a lonely part of the country. He was almost unknown, until one day King David called him to the palace.

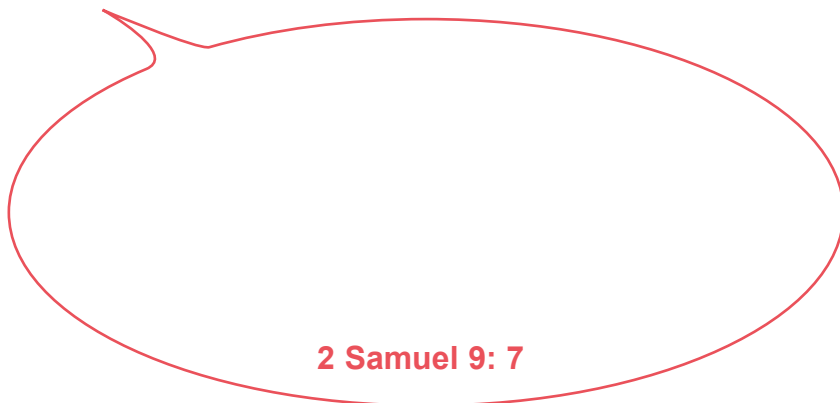
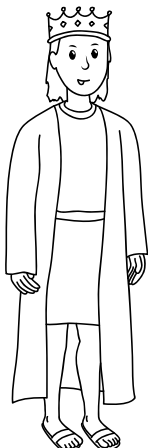
Mephibosheth was now a young man, and he must have wondered why the king had sent for him. Perhaps he thought that David was going to take revenge on him for all the trouble his grandfather, Saul, had caused!

When Mephibosheth got to David's palace, he discovered that he had nothing to fear! The king had sent for him because he wanted to do him good!

The king said "I will show you kindness."



Q: Write the words the king said in the speech bubble.



2 Samuel 9: 7

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David could not forget his friendship with Jonathan. Indeed, he had promised Jonathan that he would be kind to him and to his family “for ever”! (See 1 Samuel 20: 15) Now, years after Jonathan was dead, David remembered his promises and wanted to keep them. The only way he could do so was by being kind to Mephibosheth.

Q: Put TRUE or FALSE after each of these:

David brought Mephibosheth to the palace in order to:

1. have him put to death.
2. carry out promises he had made to Jonathan.
3. get revenge for the way his grandfather had treated him.
4. show him great kindness.

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King David had great plans for Mephibosheth. To begin with, he gave him all the land which had belonged to his grandfather, King Saul. He also appointed men to plough the fields, sow the crops, and then bring in the harvests.



Best of all, the king decreed that Mephibosheth would now live at Jerusalem, and would dine with him every day, just as if he was one of the king's own sons.

Q: Put the following words in the correct blank spaces.

Saul David Jonathan Mephibosheth

1. King David gave the lands which had belonged to .

2. Every day dined with King .

3. David was kind to Mephibosheth for the sake of .



Showing kindness to others is pleasing to God.

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David's kindness towards Mephibosheth was in response to the kindness he had been shown by Jonathan, and the promises he made to him. The Bible teaches that we should show kindness to others in response to God's kindness to us.

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