

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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SAUL DISOBEYS

After Saul had been king over Israel two years he decided to form an army of three thousand men. King Saul kept two thousand of the soldiers with him in Michmash. The other thousand soldiers were with Jonathan, his son, in Gibeah.

Near Gibeah was a Philistine garrison. Jonathan and his men attacked this garrison and drove the enemy away. When the Philistines heard their garrison had been taken they were very angry and ready to attack Saul's army. Quickly Saul sent messengers throughout all Israel. All the men must come up to fight at once!

The Philistines also gathered their army. It was so large they spread out over the countryside. There were thirty thousand chariots, six thousand horsemen and a great number of soldiers in their army!

Samuel had told Saul to wait in Gilgal seven days. He would meet Saul there and offer sacrifices to ask for God's help. Day after day as Saul and his men waited for Samuel, they saw the enemy troops grow larger and larger. Saul's men were so distressed by the sight of the enemy that many of them found places to hide and some ran away. The Israelites were not trained soldiers. The Philistines did not allow them to have swords or spears so they had nothing to fight with. Saul felt he must do something before his whole army deserted him.

The seventh day came and still Samuel had not come. Finally Saul said, "Bring me the burnt offering." There he offered the sacrifice that God had commanded only priests and Levites to offer.

The sacrifice was still burning when Samuel came into the camp. "What have you done?" he asked Saul.

"The people were beginning to scatter and you had not come," Saul said. "I was afraid the Philistines would attack before you came, so I forced myself to make the offering."

"You have disobeyed God," Samuel answered. "Now the kingdom will be taken from you and given to another man."

—Sis. Nelda Sorrell

**And Samuel said to
Saul, Thou hast done
foolishly: thou hast
not kept the com-
mandment of the
Lord thy God,...
I Samuel 13:13a.**





The Extra Long Visit

What a beautiful afternoon it was! Powdery white snow covered both the ugly blotches of the earth and the graceful twigs of tree branches.

Over a sugar-white path, Linda and Amy were walking home after school. "Why don't you come to my house and play for a while?" asked Linda. "I'm sure my mother won't mind."

"Oh, I would like to do that," replied Amy. "But I had better ask my mother first."

"When we reach my house, you can call your mother and ask her," suggested Linda.

"That's a great idea!" exclaimed Amy.

Soon at Linda's house, Amy made the phone call. "You may stay and play until 5:30," said Amy's mother, "then I want you to come home before dark."

The girls had an enjoyable time together. First, they ate cookies with a glass of milk. Then they fed the cat and played with it. They were in Linda's bedroom listening to stories on a cassette tape recorder when Mother knocked on the door.

"Amy, it is the time your mother wanted you to come home," she said.

"Oh, does she have to go so soon?" sighed Linda. "Can't she stay for supper—we have plenty."

"I know," replied Mother, "but it will be dark soon. Amy's mother wanted her home before then." To Amy, Mother smiled and said, "We did enjoy having you, Amy. You may come again some other time."

After Mother left, Linda turned to Amy. "Don't leave now," she said. "This story is nearly finished—don't you want to hear the rest of it?"

So Amy stayed and listened to the story. Thirty minutes quickly slipped by before Mother knocked again on the door. Within five minutes Amy was in her coat and saying good-bye.

"I will call your mother in a little while to see that you made it home," Linda's mother told Amy.

As Amy stepped outside, the world felt cold and shadowy under the rising moon. Oh, how she wished she had left on time from Linda's house! Amy was only two blocks away from her home but it seemed so far that she began to run. Alas, ice which had formed under the snow caused Amy to slip and fall down.

The snow did not seem pretty to Amy as she struggled to get up. She ached all over by the time she climbed her porch steps. Her mother opened the door. "Amy, Linda's mother just called about you and I was going out to check for you. What happened?"

The beautiful afternoon was nearly forgotten as Amy nursed her aches from the fall. The extra few minutes of her visit actually cost her a few days of needless aching. The next time Amy visited Linda, she went home when Mother said to go.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

QUESTIONS:

1. How long had Saul been king when he formed an army?
2. How many men did he choose to be in his army?
3. How many soldiers were with Jonathan?
4. Who was Jonathan?
5. What made the Philistines angry?
6. How many chariots did the Philistines have?
7. Who told Saul to wait in Gilgal?
8. How long did he say to wait?
9. Why was the kingdom to be taken from Saul?

LESSON TEXT: I Samuel 13.

(Answers: 1. Two years. 2. Three thousand. 3. One thousand. 4. Saul's son. 5. Jonathan attacked their garrison. 6. Thirty thousand. 7. Samuel. 8. Seven days. 9. He disobeyed God.)

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JONATHAN'S GREAT VICTORY

Jonathan, the son of King Saul, was a brave soldier. He knew God could deliver the Israelites from their enemy, the Philistines. One day he and his servant slipped away from the rest of the army. "Come with me to the Philistines' garrison," Jonathan said. "It may be that the Lord will work for us. God is able to save His people by a few as easily as with a whole army."

"Do as you wish," his servant answered. "I will be with you." Then Jonathan explained his plan. "We will go to the Philistine camp. If the guards tell us to stay where we are until they come to us, we will stand still. But if they say, 'Come up to us,' then we will go up because the Lord has delivered them into our hands. This will be a sign to us."

So Jonathan and his servant marched bravely to the Philistine camp. When the Philistines saw them they knew that only two soldiers could not harm them. They made fun of them. "Look, the Hebrews have come out of the holes where they have been hiding!" they said to one another. Then they called to Jonathan, "Come up to us and we will show you something!"

"Follow me," Jonathan whispered to his servant. "The Lord has delivered them into the hand of Israel."

The only way to reach the camp was up a very steep path with huge rocks on either side. Jonathan and his servant climbed on their hands and feet until they reached the top. As soon as they came to the enemy they began fighting with all their might. Then God sent a great earthquake. The Philistines thought they had been attacked by a mighty army. They were so terrified they grabbed their weapons and began fighting. In all the noise and confusion the Philistines began killing one another until many lay dead and others ran away from the awful battle.

—Sis. Nelda Sorrell



...There is no restraint to the Lord to s



by many or by few. I Samuel 14:6b.

A Rescued Cat

It was evening time and Mother wanted to get to the grocery store before dark. "I will be right back," she told her husband and children as she went outside. Her car was parked on the city street and as she opened her car door, she heard a cat mewing loudly.

Mother looked across the street where thick underbrush and small trees covered the slope leading toward a creek. She could hear the cat, but she could not see it and she did not have time to hunt for it.

Upon returning, Mother again heard the cat. She thought it seemed to be in the underbrush close by. It was dark now and she did not have a flashlight to locate the cat. As she brought her groceries in, she mentioned it to her children who immediately put on their shoes and coats and with a flashlight went in search of the cat.

Soon they found it, lying in pain among the underbrush.

"Poor kitty," said Lisa softly. "Dale, go and get some cat food for it. We don't want to touch it until we know if it is wild or not."

As Dale hurried away, John said, "I wonder where it is hurting. Let's shine the flashlight on it a little better."

Then the children saw the awful torture that had been inflicted on the crying cat. With a round black shoestring, someone had tightly tied its two hind feet together. The string had been left on so long that the hind feet were swollen and damp.

"We must help this poor cat," cried Lisa. "John, get some scissors and a knife—quick! We must cut this string."

Gratefully, the starving cat ate the offered food. It let Lisa pet its head while Dale carefully cut at the string. The cat was in so much pain that they were afraid it would bite them.

"John, go and get Mother," said Lisa. "Maybe she can cut through the string."

Mother could not cut through the string either. It was tied so tightly that she was afraid she would cut the cat.

"Let's have a word of prayer," she told the children. So they prayed for the cat's pain to leave, that they could get the hard string off, and that God would help those who had done such a naughty trick.

"Let me find the knot," said Mother as she gently felt around the feet. Carefully, she began to pick the knot. Little by little it began to loosen. Finally, the string was undone! The cat kicked its feet but it could not walk so Lisa carried it to the shed where she made a cozy bed for it. At first, there was a concern that the cat would lose a foot or maybe die but it did recover. It became Lisa's fluffy, black and white pet that she named Lucky.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

QUESTIONS:

1. Who was Jonathan?
2. Jonathan knew that who could deliver them from the enemy?
3. Who did Jonathan ask to come with him?
4. Where did Jonathan want to go?
5. Who made fun of Jonathan and his servant?
6. What did they do as soon as they came to the enemy?
7. What did God send?
8. What did the Philistines think had attacked them?
9. Who started killing one another?

LESSON TEXT: 1 Samuel 14:1-15.

(Answers: 1. Saul's son. 2. God. 3. His servant. 4. To the Philistines' camp. 5. The Philistines. 6. They began fighting with all their might. 7. A great earthquake. 8. A mighty army. 9. The Philistines.)

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JONATHAN IS RESCUED

King Saul did not know that Jonathan had attacked the Philistine camp. When his watchmen saw the enemy killing one another or running away, they quickly told the king. "Number the army and see who has left us," Saul ordered. Soon they knew that Jonathan was not there.

As the Philistines fought each other, the noise and confusion became greater and greater. Saul and his soldiers joined the battle. Some of the people who had been with the Philistines turned against them and helped the Israelites fight. Even those who had been hiding came out to chase the Philistines.

But King Saul did a very foolish thing that day. He placed a curse on anyone who ate any food until evening. As the men fought they became weak. They could not chase the enemy and many got away.

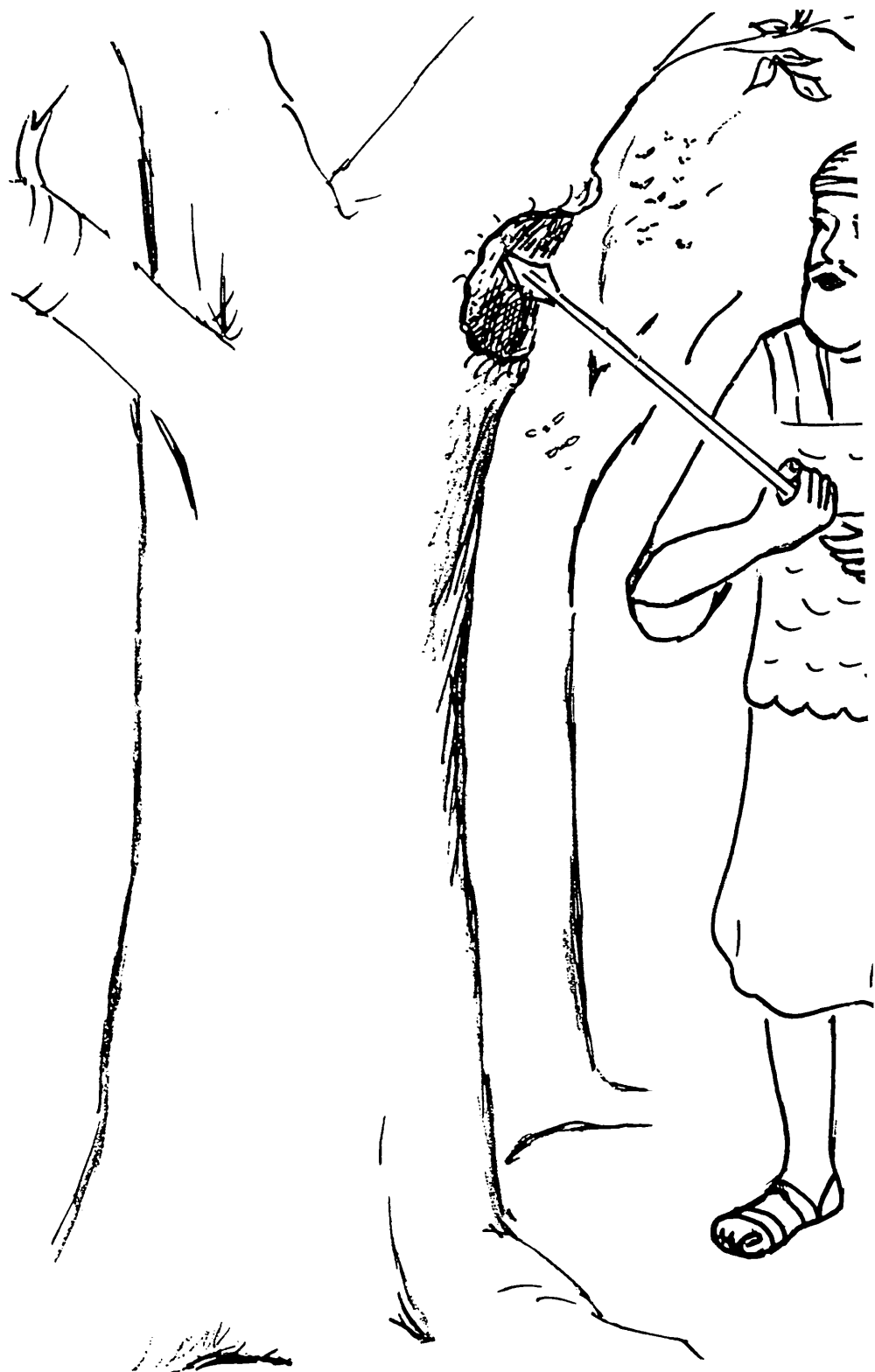
Jonathan and his servant joined the Israelites in the battle. As they followed the enemy, they came to some woods. Bees had built hives in the trees and they were so full of honey that some of it dropped on the ground. Although the men were faint with hunger no one dared to taste the honey.

Now Jonathan had not heard his father's curse upon anyone who ate that day. As he walked past, he dipped a rod he was carrying into a honeycomb and ate some of the honey. Immediately he felt stronger.

The men were shocked to see Jonathan eat the honey. "Your father commanded us, saying, 'Cursed be any man who eats any food this day,'" they told him.

That evening when Saul found that Jonathan had eaten the honey, he told him that he would surely die for disobeying his command. But the people begged Saul to spare Jonathan's life. "He has worked a great salvation in Israel today," they pleaded. "God forbid that he should be put to death." So the people rescued Jonathan that day.

—Sis. Nelda Sorrell





**...So the people rescued
Jonathan, that he died not.
I Samuel 14:45b.**

Hard Snowballs

"The weather is pretty today," said the school teacher, Mrs. Johnson. "After lunch if each one of you will put on a coat and hat, I will let you go outside to play."

"Hurray!" shouted all the boys and girls. Soon they were outside. Some played on the playground equipment and a few boys began a fun snowball fight.

"Look at those two girls over there on the teeter-totter," said Doug to Luke. "Let's make snowballs with these rocks and throw them at those girls."

"No, we will get in trouble if we do that," said Luke.

"Mrs. Johnson nor anyone else will know we threw them," retorted Doug. "There are several boys throwing snowballs. Everyone will think one boy missed hitting another boy."

"Don't put rocks in the snowballs," said Luke as he saw his friend put a rock in one. "Those rocks will hurt the girls."

"I will just aim low," said Doug. "It will probably make them get off the teeter-totter," he added with a chuckle.

Luke did not laugh with Doug. He did not want to see anyone get hurt because of Doug's naughtiness.

"Watch this," said Doug as he swung his arm around, aiming a hard snowball at his target. Just as the snowball left Doug's hand, Luke's hand reached up and caught it.

"Why did you do that?" exclaimed Doug angrily. With a doubled fist, he punched Luke in the arm. "Ha, ha! Luke is a sissy! He likes the girls," chanted Doug looking to the other boys to pick up the chant. "Hey, guys, Luke likes Jennifer over there on the teeter-totter."

"I don't either," said Luke as the other boys looked at Doug. "I just don't think you should put rocks in snowballs and throw them at people. You should never hurt anyone on purpose."

"You don't know if my snowball would hurt or not," retorted Doug. "I didn't throw it that hard and I was aiming low."

Suddenly, Luke had a good idea. Quickly, he picked up the five remaining rocks. "Here, guys," he said handing the rocks to four other friends. "Let's make snowballs with these rocks in them. Then we will throw the snowballs at Doug and let him tell us if they hurt or not."

"Alright," agreed the other boys merrily, for they all admired Luke's strength of character.

"Oh, no, you don't!" protested Doug. "I will tell on the first one that throws a rock snowball at me." With these words, Doug turned and went inside the school. Laughing, the boys gave the rocks back to Luke who threw them away. Luke proved that inward strength is better than outward.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

QUESTIONS:

1. Who did not know that Jonathan had attacked the Philistines?
2. Who saw the enemy killing one another?
3. Who did a foolish thing that day?
4. Why were the men weak?
5. What did Jonathan eat?
6. How did the honey make Jonathan feel?
7. What did Saul say would happen to Jonathan for disobeying?
8. Who begged Saul to spare Jonathan's life?
9. Who did they say had worked a great salvation in Israel?

LESSON TEXT: I Samuel 14:16-45.

(Answers: 1. King Saul. 2. The watchmen. 3. King Saul. 4. They could not eat any food that day. 5. Honey. 6. Stronger. 7. He would surely die. 8. The people. 9. Jonathan.)

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SAUL IS REJECTED

After the Philistines were defeated, they stayed in their own place and didn't trouble Israel for a long time. But Saul fought many other nations that were enemies of the Israelites and overcame them. Saul built a strong army and made his cousin, Abner, captain.

One day Samuel came to Saul and told him that he was to fight against the Amalekites and destroy them and everything they owned.

So Saul gathered his great army and marched against the Amalekites. He smote all the cities of Amalek and destroyed all the people but he saved the king, Agag. God had commanded that everything should be destroyed but Saul and the people took the best sheep, oxen and lambs and everything that was good and would not destroy them.

That evening the Lord appeared to Samuel. "I am sorry that I set up Saul to be king over Israel," the Lord told Samuel. "He has turned back from following me and has not obeyed my commandments."

Samuel was so sorry for Saul's disobedience that he cried and prayed to God all night. The next morning Samuel got up early and went to meet Saul. When he found him Saul said, "May the Lord bless you. I have done everything the Lord commanded me to do."

"Then why do I hear sheep bleating and cattle lowing?" Samuel asked.

Saul blamed the people for not destroying all the animals saying they had brought them to offer to the Lord. Samuel told him that God was more pleased with obedience than with any sacrifice. Finally Saul confessed that he had sinned but still blamed his sin on the people.

"Because you have not obeyed the Lord, He has rejected you from being king over Israel," Samuel told Saul. "The Lord has taken the kingdom from you and will give it to one who will obey Him."

—Sis. Nelda Sorrell

**...Behold, to obey is better than
than the fat of rams.]**



sacrifice, and to hearken
 Samuel 15:22b.



Carving Faces

Mr. John Borglum measured the model sculpture of the three presidents' heads and shoulders. The model towered fifteen feet above him, yet one inch on it represented one foot of carving on the granite wall of Mount Rushmore.

Mr. Borglum's skilled hands brushed gently over the model. "I cannot do this work without trained assistants," he said. "I cannot create a magnificent monument with cast-off miners."

It was June 7, 1929, and Mr. Borglum's goal was to carve huge, expressive faces into the 500 foot long by 400 foot high cliff of hard rock across the valley from his studio. He and his young son could not do the work alone so they advertised for help. Mr. Borglum wanted experienced sculptors like himself to help. Instead, poor miners who were without work applied for the jobs.

"Try these men," encouraged Mr. Doane Robinson, a South Dakota State Historian. "These miners know how to use drills and dynamite. Show them where to blast and teach them how to carve."

Mr. Borglum finally accepted this crew of hard workers. Soon workmen strapped into a swing-seat were hanging by a tiny steel cable over the cliff of Mount Rushmore. Seen from the cliff, the trees and houses below were tiny like Lego toys.

As one workman was swung out on a cable, he began to pray. Later, he said, "Mr. Borglum gave me my jackhammer and my drills and I went down over that mountain, scared. Even at night I would wake up and grab my bed, thinking I was falling off the mountain. Somehow I never had any faith in that dinky cable and then if I looked down, it looked so very far!"

By October, the top of Washington's head, his eye sockets, and nose formation were cut into the cliff. The men were becoming enthused about their

work when a serious problem arose. The money in their account ran out.

Refusing to stop, Mr. Borglum and his commissioners began a series of fund raising campaigns all through the next six years. Presidents and government officials sent federal funds to pay for Mr. Borglum's workers and expenses. Through the hot summer months, workers dangling on steel cables carefully followed the pointing machine that transferred measurements of Mr. Borglum's model in the studio. In winter months, canvas coverings protected the workers from the cold.

After fourteen years of dedicated work, the carved heads of Presidents Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, and Theodore Roosevelt were ready for the world to view. The work was done by common, dedicated men who obeyed their instructor no matter what he said to do. Obedience is always blessed by the Lord.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

QUESTIONS:

1. Who was captain over Saul's army?
2. Who told Saul to fight the Amalekites?
3. What was he to do to the Amalekites?
4. Who was Agag?
5. Who appeared to Samuel?
6. Why did Samuel cry to God all night?
7. Who did Saul blame for not destroying all the animals?
8. What is God pleased with more than sacrifice?
9. Why did the Lord reject Saul?

LESSON TEXT: 1 Samuel 14:47-15:33.

(Answers: 1. Abner. 2. Samuel. 3. Destroy them. 4. King of the Amalekites. 5. The Lord. 6. He was sorry for Saul's disobedience. 7. The people. 8. Obedience. 9. Because he did not obey.)

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DAVID IS ANOINTED KING

Samuel told Saul that the Lord had rejected him from being king over Israel. Then Samuel went to his home in Ramah and Saul went to his house in Gibeah. Samuel never saw Saul again.

Samuel was very sorry that Saul had disobeyed God. He mourned for him until the Lord said to him, "How long will you mourn for Saul? I have rejected him from reigning over Israel, but I have chosen a king from among the sons of Jesse. You must anoint him to be king instead of Saul."

"How can I go?" Samuel asked the Lord. "If Saul hears about it he will kill me." So the Lord told Samuel just what to do and Samuel obeyed.

When Samuel got to Bethlehem where Jesse lived, he told the elders of the town that he had come to offer a sacrifice to the Lord. He called Jesse and his sons to the sacrifice along with the elders.

Jesse presented his sons to Samuel one at a time. When Samuel saw Eliab he said, "Surely this is the Lord's anointed." But the Lord told him, "Don't look at his handsome face or his great height. I have refused him. Men look at the outward appearance but I look on the heart."

Seven of Jesse's sons passed before Samuel but the Lord rejected all of them. "Are these all of your children?" Samuel asked.

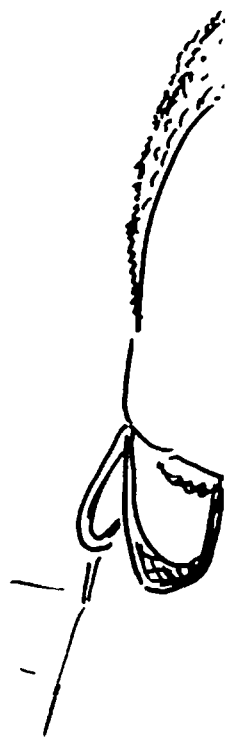
"There is one more, the youngest," Jesse answered. "He is keeping the sheep."

"Send for him at once," Samuel commanded. "We will not sit down until he comes."

So Jesse called for his youngest son, whose name was David. The Lord told Samuel, "Arise, anoint him: for this is he." Samuel obeyed and anointed David to be king. Then he returned to his home in Ramah.

—Sis. Nelda Sorrell

**Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and
anointed him... I Samuel 16:13a.**





Ellis Island

(True History.)

The years were 1892 to 1954. The place was Ellis Island. It was during this time and at this place that more than twelve million people passed into America to become citizens. One half of a mile to the southwest, the Statue of Liberty beckoned to the poor, the weak, the tired.

Truly the many people waiting on Ellis Island fit the given description. Embarking off of ships after many days on the sea, the immigrant people looked ragged and often sickly. Long lines formed in the registry room of the main building while each person took their turn telling a clerk their name and where they were from.

A woman from Czechoslovakia stood alone with only a bundle of clothes on her back. From Hungary, six men in high boots and rough jackets visited. Three Irish women in shaggy woolen shawls guarded their straw hampers that held everything they owned. A group of dark-hatted Jews stood apart from the rest of the throng as before them stood a German family wearing sturdy farm clothes.

At the register, one young woman said her name was Fanny Shook from Poland. "What did I bring with me?" she repeated slowly. "I brought two more dresses, pillows, a big, thick comforter of pure goose feathers, and a barrel of pickles."

Fourteen-year-old Florio Vincenzo from Italy announced to an inspector: "I am a nobleman, seeking my fortune." The inspector opened Vincenzo's tattered suitcase to find it empty except for an old pair of shoes, one holding \$1.80 in coins and the other stuffed with wrapped bologna and cheese. That was all Vincenzo had brought to start his new life in another country.

Though the people filtering through Ellis Island looked poor and often confused, many of them became blessings to the United States of America. Among such were songwriters like Irving Berlin from Russia; authors like Isaac Asimov also from Russia; entertainers like Bob Hope from England; and inventors like Albert Einstein, a Jew from Germany.

A notice on the wall read, "Immigrants shall be treated with kindness and civility." As much as possible, this motto was true. Only those with incurable diseases, with a criminal record, or with some other unusual problem were turned away from Ellis Island, the gateway to America.

It is good that the inspectors, clerks, and other officials did not judge these people by their looks. Instead, these people were accepted because they were seeking for something better and they were determined about it. Isn't that the same kind of people God accepts today?

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

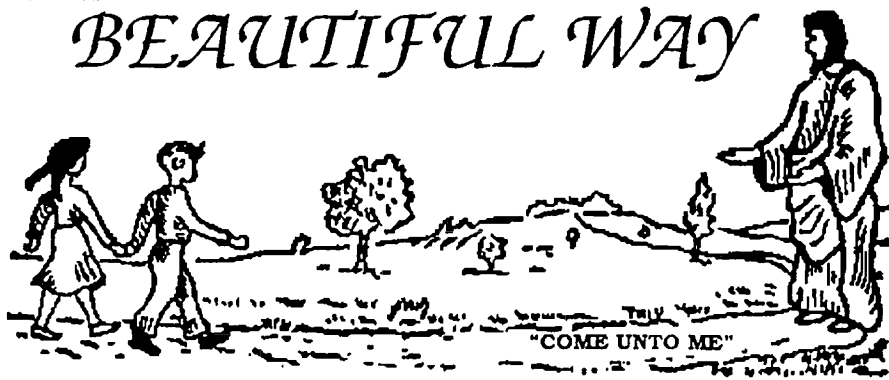
QUESTIONS:

1. Who told Saul that the Lord had rejected him from being king?
2. Who never saw Saul again?
3. Who did Samuel mourn for?
4. Who told Samuel just what to do in anointing a new king?
5. Where did Jesse live?
6. What did Samuel tell the elders he had come to do?
7. How many sons of Jesse did the Lord reject?
8. Where was David?
9. Who did Samuel anoint to be king?

LESSON TEXT: 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13.

(Answers: 1. Samuel. 2. Samuel. 3. Saul. 4. The Lord. 5. In Bethlehem. 6. To offer a sacrifice. 7. Seven. 8. Keeping the sheep. 9. David.)

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DAVID PLAYS HIS HARP

When Saul disobeyed, God's favor left him. God could not help the Israelites through a king who would not do as He commanded. God sent Samuel to anoint David to be king instead of Saul. He told Samuel, "I have provided me a king among the sons of Jesse." God saw that David would always trust Him and obey Him.

It was many years before David actually became king. When Samuel anointed him, the spirit of the Lord came upon him. He went back home where he cared for his father's sheep.

But the spirit of the Lord left Saul and an evil spirit came instead. Saul knew he had displeased God and many times his mind would be very troubled.

One day Saul's servants told him, "An evil spirit is troubling you. Seek out a man who can play a harp well. Then, when the evil spirit comes on you he will play and you will feel better."

"Bring me a man that can play well," King Saul answered.

One of the servants spoke up. "I have seen one of Jesse's sons who can play the harp very well. He is also a man of war and very brave and wise. He is a good-looking man; and the Lord is with him."

When Saul heard about David, he sent messengers to Jesse saying, "Send David, your son who keeps your sheep, to me."

Quickly Jesse gathered gifts, loaded them on a donkey, and sent them by David to the king. As soon as Saul saw David, he loved him greatly. The king made David his armorbearer. He sent word to Jesse asking that David be allowed to stay with him. So David left his sheep and went to live in the king's palace.

Whenever the evil spirit came upon Saul, he would call for David. When David played his harp, Saul was refreshed and the evil spirit left him.

—Sis. Nelda Sorrell



**...David took an harp, and
played with his hand: so
Saul was refreshed, and was
well, and the evil spirit de-
parted from him.**

I Samuel 16:23b.



The Ticking Watch

It was a nice, winter afternoon and the children were playing outside for recess. Billy and John were balancing themselves on the teeter-totter.

"Did I show you my new watch I got for Christmas?" John asked his friend. "I wore it to school today for the first time. Mother has been afraid I will lose it, but I finally proved to her that I wouldn't. She says it cost quite a bit of money so I mustn't take it off my arm. As soon as we get off, I will show it to you."

In just a short while both boys were looking at the watch. It was a nice one with a second hand and a timer that counted time when set. Press another little side button, and the face of the watch lit up so you could see it in the dark.

"Ah, it's a pretty swell watch," said Billy carelessly. He was too proud to let John know he really did like it. "John always gets expensive things," thought Billy to himself. "He's so proud about it, too." Every day John wore his watch and Billy often saw John light up the face of it for fun.

One day Billy was in the restroom washing his hands when he saw that familiar watch laying on the counter. "How careless of John to leave his watch here," said Billy as he picked it up. His first intention was to return it to John but then another thought came into his mind. He looked around the rest room. No one else was there so he slipped the watch into his pocket.

When Billy went to class he looked for John but John had left early with his mother. Billy didn't tell anyone about the watch and as soon as school let out, he shot home like an arrow flying from a bow.

"Billy, why are you so out of breath?" exclaimed his mother, but he didn't answer. He hurried to his room to

find a place to put the watch. Finally, he tucked it under his pillow until he could find a better place.

That night when Billy went to bed, he put his hand under his pillow, took out the watch, and looked at the lighted face in the dark. Then he put it back under his pillow and tried to go to sleep. Tick-tock, tick-tock, said the watch. Sleepily, Billy took out the watch and tossed it under his bed. Tick-tock, tick-tock, said the watch. It was so loud that Billy could not sleep. All night long he tossed and turned in bed because that watch ticked so loudly.

The next morning, he took it from under his bed and slipped it into his pocket. As soon as he got to school, he found John. "Here is your watch you left in the restroom yesterday," said Billy. "It is the loudest ticking watch I ever heard!" —Sis. Connie Sorrell

QUESTIONS:

1. What left Saul when he disobeyed God?
2. Who did God send to anoint David?
3. Why was David anointed?
4. Why did God choose David?
5. What came upon Saul when the spirit of the Lord left him?
6. Who told Saul to find a man who could play the harp well?
7. Who sent gifts to Saul by David?
8. When David left his sheep, where did he go to live?
9. What would David do when the evil spirit came on Saul?

LESSON TEXT: 1 Samuel 16:14-23.

(Answers: 1. The spirit of the Lord. 2. Samuel. 3. He was to be king instead of Saul. 4. He saw David would always trust and obey Him. 5. An evil spirit. 6. His servants. 7. His father, Jesse. 8. In the king's palace. 9. He played his harp.)

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DAVID VISITS HIS BROTHERS

Again the Philistines decided to make trouble. They gathered their armies and marched into Israel, ready to fight. Saul got his men together and went out to meet the Philistines. The Philistines pitched their tents on one mountain and Israel pitched their tents on another mountain on the opposite side. There was a valley between the two armies where the battle would take place.

One of the Philistine soldiers was a giant named Goliath. He was nearly twice as large as any of the other men. King Saul was head and shoulders taller than any of his men but he looked small compared to Goliath. Goliath wore heavy armor of brass from head to foot. It looked like no one could possibly kill him.

Every morning and every evening Goliath would stand and call to the Israelites, "Choose a man to come fight me. If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants. But if I kill him you will be our servants. I defy the armies of Israel. Give me a man so we can fight together."

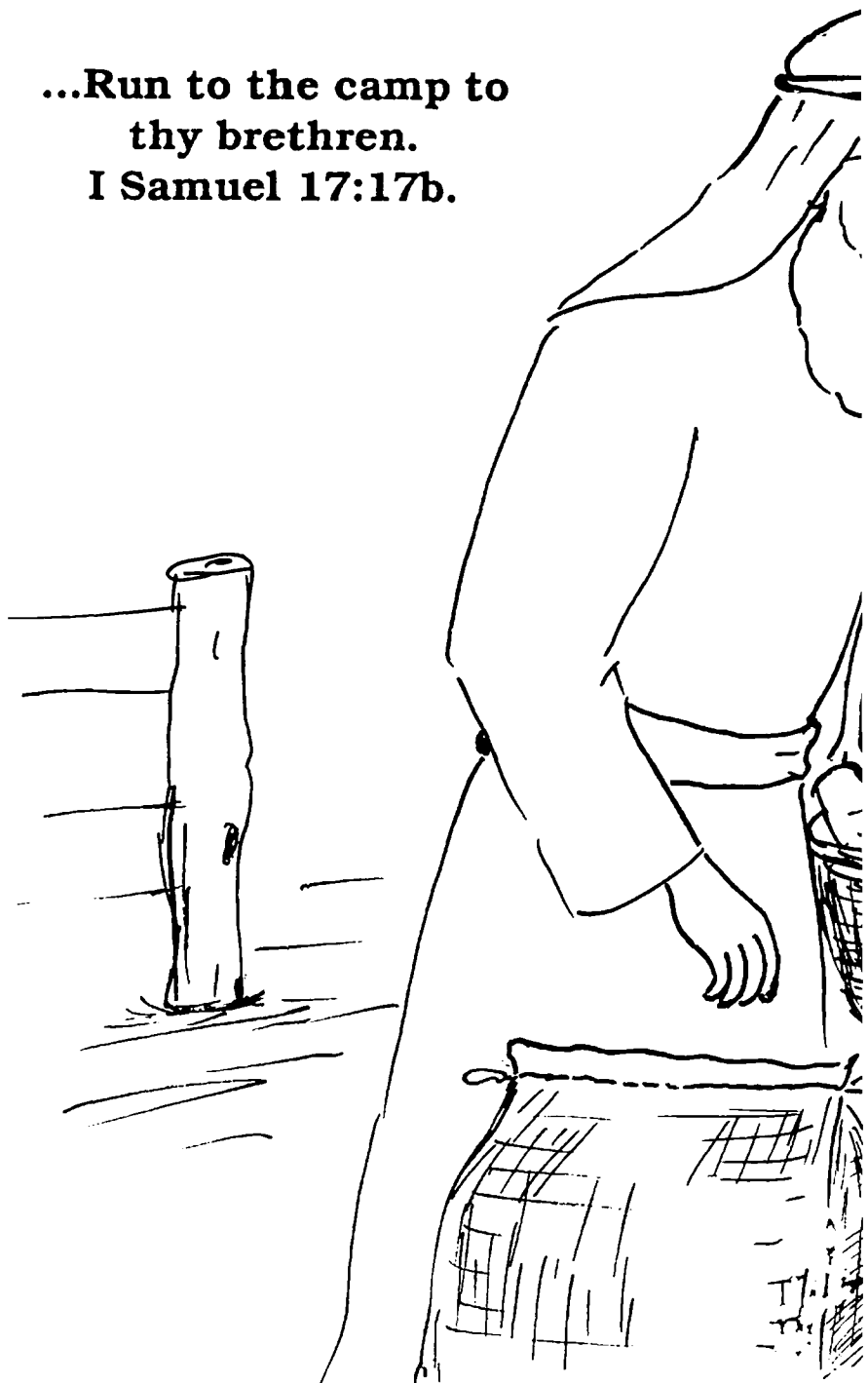
Just the sight of Goliath was frightening. When the Israelites heard his voice bellowing across the valley they were terrified. Surely no one could dare fight such an enemy!

David was not in Saul's army. He stayed in the fields caring for his father's sheep while his three older brothers went to war. One day Jesse called David. "I want you to run to the camp where your brothers are. Take them some parched corn and bread," he told him. "And take these ten cheeses to their captain. Find out for me how your brothers are doing."

David got up early the next morning to do as his father had asked. Leaving the sheep with a keeper, he took the food his father had fixed and started for the camp of Israel to find his brothers.

—Sis. Nelda Sorrell

**...Run to the camp to
thy brethren.
I Samuel 17:17b.**





Brothers And Sisters

It was a lovely Saturday morning—just the right kind for housecleaning. Mother sent Aaron and Neil outside to play while Brenda and Carrie helped her tidy, dust and vacuum.

Brenda was dusting around the living room window when she looked outside and saw the boys dumping dirt out of Mother's flower pots.

"Mother, the boys are dumping dirt on the porch," she said on her way out the front door. "You boys put that dirt back in the pots right now," she demanded.

"Why?" asked Aaron. "The dirt is all dead. We are looking for worms to go fishing."

"You are making a terrible mess," said Brenda. "Here we are in the house cleaning and you are outside getting things dirty. Take this broom and sweep up that dirt right now."

"We will, we will," agreed the boys. "We aren't finished looking for worms yet."

"There aren't any worms in those pots and I'm going to tell Mother," said Brenda as she went inside to find Mother.

"She is so bossy," said Neil. "We ought to put a worm in her spaghetti the next time we have spaghetti."

The boys were still laughing when Mother came outside at the request of Brenda. "Okay, boys, the worm hunt is over," she said. "Sweep the dirt back into the pots and then find something clean to play with."

With sighs of protests, the boys obeyed their mother. Later, Carrie happened to look outside and she saw the boys playing in the dog's water bucket.

"Mother, the boys are getting all wet," she called as she went out the front door. "Boys, get out of that water right this minute. You will catch your death of a cold."

"We aren't getting all wet," said Aaron. "We were just washing our

hands. Mother told us to do something clean. We were just minding her."

"The dog water is not clean and you certainly have more wet than just your hands. I'm going to tell Mother," with this Carrie turned and went inside.

"Let's go over by the dryer vent and let it dry us," said Aaron.

The dryer vent blew on the boys for a little while then it shut off. "Maybe we could tiptoe into the house and get some dry shirts and pants," said Neil. When they reached the front door, Neil said, "I'm going to call for Mother before the girls get a chance to tattle."

Mother had the boys take off their shoes, clean up, and put on dry clothes. "See how clean the house is, boys?" asked Mother. "Please help to keep it tidy. Girls, let's give the boys some cookies and milk. Brothers and sisters need to respect one another."

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

QUESTIONS:

1. Who decided to make trouble?
2. What was the name of one of the Phillistine soldiers?
3. How tall was he?
4. What kind of armor did he wear?
5. How often did Goliath call to the Israelites?
6. What did Goliath tell the Israelites to do?
7. Who stayed in the fields caring for sheep?
8. How many of his brothers went to war?
9. Who sent David to see about his brothers?

LESSON TEXT: I Samuel 17:1-20.

(Answers: 1. The Phillistines. 2. Goliath. 3. Nearly twice as tall as any other man. 4. Heavy armor of brass. 5. Every morning and evening. 6. Send a man to fight him. 7. David. 8. Three. 9. Jesse.)

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DAVID SEES GOLIATH

Saul's soldiers dreaded hearing Goliath's awful booming voice echoing across the valley from the camp of the Philistines. For forty days now he had dared defy the Israelites by demanding that some man come and fight him. Every morning and every evening they would hear him bellow out his threats and see him dressed head to foot in his shining armor of brass. No one dared even think about fighting him.

David got to the camp of the Israelites just as the men were marching out to the battlefield. Quickly he left his things in the camp and ran among the soldiers to find his brothers. As he talked to them, the champion of the Philistines, Goliath, came out of the Philistine camp and called to the Israelites as he had for forty days now. "Choose a man to come fight me," David heard him call. "I defy the armies of Israel. Give me a man so we can fight together."

At the sound of Goliath's voice, the men of Israel ran. They were afraid to face him. David saw the dreaded giant and heard his words. The men of Israel near him asked, "Did you see that giant? He has come to defy Israel. The king has offered to give great riches to any man who will kill him. He will even give his daughter to him to be his wife and pay all his father's debts!"

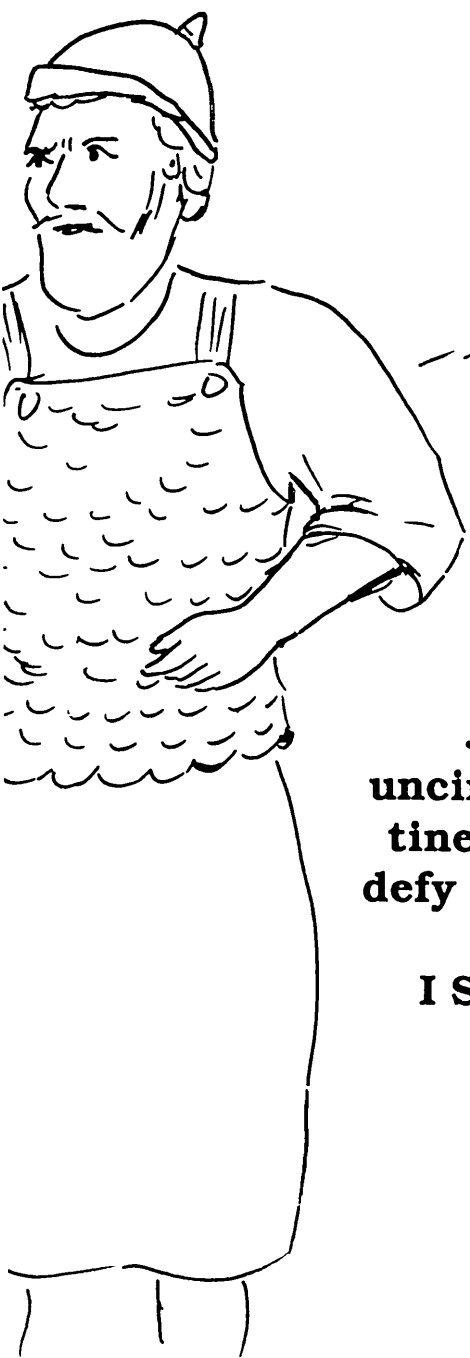
"Who is this wicked Philistine, that he would dare defy the armies of the living God?" David asked.

Eliab, David's oldest brother, heard David's brave words. He was angry and embarrassed to hear his youngest brother talk so boldly. But David ignored Eliab's harsh words and again asked the men more about Goliath. He was shocked that not one of the soldiers was brave enough to fight against this wicked giant.

Soon David's brave words were told to King Saul. Quickly Saul sent for David. He wanted to see who could have such courage.

—Sis. Nelda Sorrell





**...Who is this
uncircumcised Philis-
tine, that he should
defy the armies of the
living God?
I Samuel 17:26b.**

Standing Firm

Paul and Loren were seated on the school bus visiting together.

"Paul, it's too bad you don't have a TV," said Loren. "You should have seen the last Ninja Turtle cartoon. It was so funny!"

"I don't have to have a TV to see something funny," replied Paul. "My family does exercises every morning before school and that is funny."

"You do?" asked Loren, impressed. "How do you find time to do that?"

"Well, as soon as my two brothers and I wake up, we have a race to the bathroom. Then we do pull-ups and pull-on's putting on our clothes."

"Oh, those kind of exercises," laughed Loren. "I guess my family does those exercises every morning also. We can't watch TV before school because it makes us slower getting ready, but I like it in the evenings. Really, Paul, TV's aren't that bad."

"They aren't that good either," replied Paul. "We have plenty of live entertainment at our house."

"So what kind of exercises does your family do in the evenings?" teased Loren.

"We have BP's and MT's at our house," said Paul. "They are more healthy than Terrible Vision."

Loren was quiet for a little while but then curiosity got the best of him. "What are—BP's and MT's?" he asked.

"Just come to my house some evening and I will show you," chuckled Paul. "You will have a good time, I guarantee it."

"Could I come tonight?" asked Loren. So arrangements were made with the parents for Loren to visit Paul. That afternoon as soon as the bus dropped off the boys, Loren was anxious to see Paul's BP's and MT's.

"First, let's have a snack," said Paul. "Then I need to do my chores. After that I will show you."

At last Paul took Loren to the family den. "Who made all these wooden toys and model cars?" asked Loren. "These are really neat."

"You are looking at our Building Pride," said Paul. "In the evenings we often make things together."

"Then these must be your BP's," guessed Loren laughing.

"Yes," said Paul. "Would you like to help me make this model car?" The boys worked until suppertime on the car. After a good meal of homemade chicken and dumplings, Loren was ready for MT.

"What games do you know how to play?" asked Paul. "We have many Mind Teasers."

"You know, Paul, you all do have fun evenings," said Loren.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

QUESTIONS:

1. Who dreaded hearing Goliath's awful voice?
2. How long had he been defying the Israelites?
3. When David got to the camp who did he run to find?
4. Who was the champion of the Philistines?
5. What did the men of Israel do when they heard his voice?
6. Who would give great riches to the man who killed Goliath?
7. Who was angry at David's brave words?
8. Who was shocked that no one was brave enough to fight Goliath?
9. Who sent for David?

LESSON TEXT: I Samuel 17:20-31.

(Answers: 1. Saul's soldiers. 2. Forty days. 3. His brothers. 4. Goliath. 5. They ran. 6. The king. 7. Eliab. 8. David. 9. Saul.)

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DAVID FACES GOLIATH

King Saul himself was afraid to go and fight against Goliath. Although he was much taller than any of his men, had heavy armor to protect himself and had fought many battles, Saul knew he could not kill the giant. When his men told him David's words, he sent for him right away.

David came and stood bravely before the king. Saul saw that he was only a young man. He was dressed like a shepherd and certainly did not look like a soldier. "Don't be afraid of that giant," David assured him. "I will go and fight this Philistine!"

"But you aren't able to fight this Philistine," Saul objected. "You are only a youth and not a soldier. He has been a man of war ever since he was a youth."

But David had fought with wild animals while he was caring for his father's sheep. He told Saul how God had helped him kill both a lion and a bear when they came to steal one of his sheep. "The Lord that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine," he said bravely.

"Go, and the Lord be with thee," Saul told David. Then Saul took his own armor and put it on David and gave him a sword. But when David tried to move, he found the armor was much too heavy. He knew how he had fought the lion and the bear and that was how he would fight the giant, too. He took his shepherd's staff in one hand and his sling in the other. As he walked toward Goliath he stooped down and picked up five smooth stones and dropped them into his shepherd's bag.

When Goliath saw such a young man coming toward him with only a staff and a sling, he made fun of him. "Am I a dog that you come to fight me with a stick?" he asked. Then he cursed David.

"You come with a sword and a spear and a shield," David told the giant, "but I come to you in the name of the Lord. Today the Lord will deliver you into my hand. I will kill you so everyone will know there is a God in Israel."

—Sis. Nelda Sorrell





**...The Lord that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine....
I Samuel 17:37.**

Testifying Before A Judge (A True Story.)

One cold morning in January, 1941, a young Korean woman was taken from a prison cell by two Japanese guards. Dressed only in a thin gray tunic, the prisoner shivered in the cold. In the prison office, an officer threw her a pair of straw sandals for her bare feet then he put a big straw hat over her head and shoulders. After handcuffing Ahn, a jailer bound her with a heavy rope already attached to other Christian prisoners.

They were all going to stand before a Japanese judge who would read them their charge (believing Christians) and announce their sentence (life in prison until executed).

"Lord, I need your strength today," prayed Ahn. "Keep my heart pure from the sin all about me. Lord, I am ready for my homecoming. Let it be swift. Amen."

A heavy door was opened and the lead prisoner was guided outside with the rest of the roped prisoners following. A crowd of people had gathered to watch the prisoners. Some jeered and mocked but others began to sing, "God is my Refuge and Strength." Ahn's mother was among the singing Christians. "You are going to die for certain this time," she cried to Ahn. "Look to the gates of heaven. There we will meet." Ahn prayed for her grieving mother.

As the prisoners entered the courtroom, the rope and hats were taken off. A Japanese judge and two secretaries sat behind a table ready to hear the Christians testify of their invisible God. Ahn was so cold that she began to shake, which rattled her handcuffs. "Take them off of her," ordered the judge. "She is too weak to run anyway." When Ahn stood before the judge, she silently heard her charge: she had acted against the law of imperial Japan and was a dangerous, unpardonable criminal. Then the judge asked her

questions. "You are a well educated young woman," he said. "You are also from a wealthy family. What allured you to ruin yourself, disorder society, and bring loss to your nation?"

"Mr. Judge," said Ahn, "if you saw a friend drinking sewage water without knowing how filthy it was, wouldn't you tell him not to drink it? Therefore, though I be imprisoned or killed, I must testify of the power of Jesus who gives pure, everlasting water and saves people from drinking sewage water."

"Who do you mean is drinking sewage water?" he demanded.

"The Japanese government and all those under Japanese control. I have no need to bow before your shrines and gods. My Father is the Creator of the universe. He will watch over me and take me home with Him when He is ready."

The judge was shocked at Ahn's boldness but impressed by her testimony. He had her sent back to prison and gave her better treatment.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

QUESTIONS:

1. Who was afraid to go fight Goliath?
2. How was David dressed?
3. What did David say he would do?
4. Who had fought with wild animals?
5. Who helped him kill the lion and bear?
6. What did Saul put on David?
7. What did David carry in his hands?
8. What did he pick up and put into his shepherd's bag?
9. What did the giant do when he saw David?

LESSON TEXT: 1 Samuel 17:32-44.

(Answers: 1. King Saul. 2. Like a shepherd. 3. Fight Goliath. 4. David. 5. God. 6. His own armor. 7. A staff and a sling. 8. Five smooth stones. 9. Made fun of him.)

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THE GIANT IS DEAD!

The giant walked slowly toward David in his heavy armor of brass. Looking at David, dressed only in his shepherd's coat, he was sure the Israelites were only making fun of him by sending such a youth to fight him. "Come to me and I will give your body to the birds and wild animals to eat!" Goliath threatened angrily.

"You come to me with a sword, and with a spear and with a shield," David shouted back. "But I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied."

"Today the Lord will deliver you to me and I will kill you and cut your head off. Not only you, but the whole army of the Philistines will be killed and their bodies given to the birds and the wild beasts. Then all the earth will know that there is a God in Israel. Then all these people will know that the Lord saves not with sword and spear; because this battle is the Lord's and He will give you into our hands."

When he had said this, David ran toward the giant who was slowly coming toward him. As he ran, David put his hand into his bag and took out one smooth stone. With one swift movement he put the stone in the sling and sent it shooting toward Goliath.

The stone hit the giant so hard it sunk into his forehead. He fell face down on the ground. David didn't even have a sword. He quickly ran to the giant and stood on him while he pulled his long sword from its sheath. Then, using Goliath's own sword, David cut off his head.

The Philistines could not believe their eyes. Surely this young shepherd could never kill their champion. But when they saw that Goliath was really dead, they ran. The Israelites chased them and won a great victory that day.

—Sis. Nelda Sorrell

**So David prevailed over the Philistine
with a stone, and smote the Ph
I Samuel 17:50a.**



With a sling and
stone,...



On The Winning Side

(A True Story.)

Ahn, a young Christian prisoner in Korea, awoke early as usual on August 15, 1945. Through the little upper window of her cell, Ahn could see that the sun was just beginning to lighten the sky. While her seven cell mates slept, she knelt in a corner and prayed to her heavenly Father.

"My Father which art in heaven, I have committed my life into your hands to do with it what you see best. Give me physical strength to endure until the end. Continue to cheer my heart with your Holy Spirit. Please be with my mother and sister."

Before this prayer of Ahn's, the Lord had already worked a miracle for her and her people. For thirty-seven years Japan had cruelly ruled over Korea but that soon was to change. God in His love and mercy had heard the prayers of the Christian Korean people like Ahn.

This morning as Ahn finished her prayer, a jailer came into the prison with a startling announcement. "Japan has surrendered! They lost the war! Now Korea is free!"

Ahn could hardly believe her ears. Though she had prayed with faith believing that God could do all things, she had not expected Him to answer in such a big way. "Who is saying all this?" Ahn asked the jailer.

"The other jailers are all talking about it and there is not a Japanese officer around."

The prisoners became excited when it was officially learned to be true. "No more shrine worship!" they shouted. "No more Japanese food ration cards! We can get our land and houses back from Japan!"

Around 11 p.m. on August 17, 1945, Ahn and other Christian men and women were set free. Ahn was so weak from hunger and sickness that two jailer friends on either side of her

gave assistance as she walked down a long hall. When they were all together just inside the gate, the jailer in charge shouted for attention.

"Ladies and gentlemen! These are the ones who for six long years refused to worship the Japanese gods. They fought against severe torture, hunger and cold, and have won out without bowing their heads to the idol worship of Japan. Today they are the champions of faith!"

Suddenly the throng of people outside the gate shouted as one. "Praise the name of Jesus!" Then a song of victory was sung.

When the gate opened, prisoners were reunited with their waiting families. Though Ahn was weak and her eyes were dim, she found her mother and sister. They hugged each other and wept for joy. It was only a miracle from God that Ahn was still alive. Of the thirty-four Christians who had entered the Pyong-yang prison, only fourteen had survived. Ahn's testimony is an autobiography entitled: *If I Perish*.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

QUESTIONS:

1. Who walked slowly toward David?
2. What did the giant have on?
3. How was David dressed?
4. Who thought the Israelites were making fun of him?
5. What did David do as he ran toward the giant?
6. Where did the stone hit Goliath?
7. Where did David get a sword?
8. Who could not believe their eyes?
9. Who won a great victory that day?

LESSON TEXT: 1 Samuel 17:45-53.

(Answers: 1. Goliath. 2. Heavy armor. 3. In a shepherd's coat. 4. Goliath. 5. Put a stone in his sling and shot it. 6. In the forehead. 7. He took Goliath's sword. 8. The Philistines. 9. Israel.)

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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DAVID'S ENEMY

After David killed Goliath, Abner, the captain of Saul's army, brought David before Saul. Saul asked David, "Whose son are you?"

"I am the son of Jesse," David reminded him. While David talked with Saul, Saul's son, Jonathan, watched David closely. Jonathan saw David was a brave young man. He loved him and became his best friend.

From that day Saul insisted that David live in the palace. He never went back to caring for his father's sheep. Jonathan was glad to have his brave friend near him. Jonathan loved David so much he gave his own coat and sword to him. He and David made a vow to always be true friends.

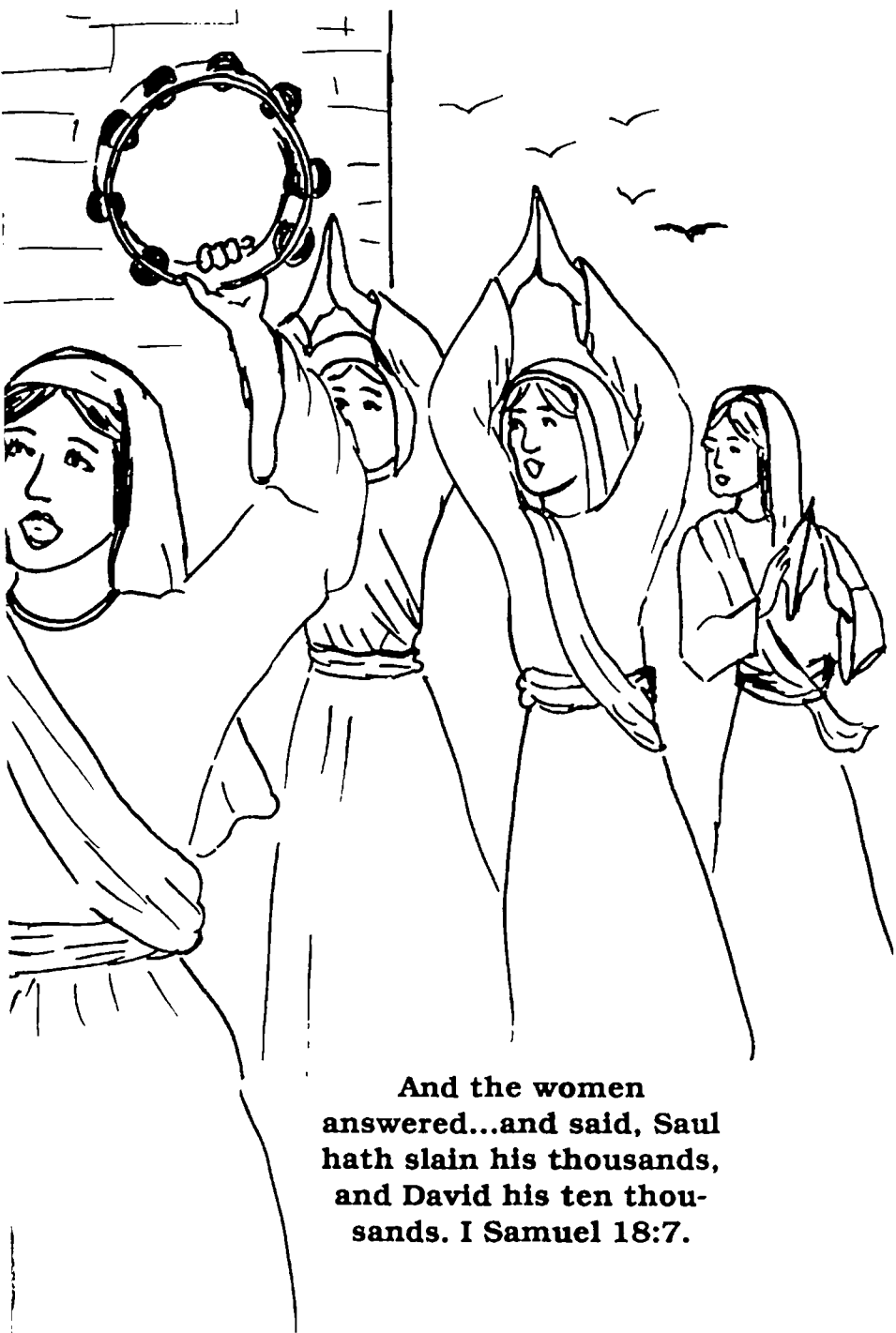
David found favor wherever he went. He was careful to obey Saul so Saul made him captain over his army. David behaved himself so wisely that he was soon a favorite of the people. When he went to war and again showed his great courage by defeating the Philistines, the women went through the streets singing of his bravery. "Saul has killed his thousands, and David his ten thousands," they sang.

When Saul heard the women singing, he became very jealous. From that day he watched David. The next day the evil spirit came to trouble Saul. As before, David came to play for him on his harp, but Saul now hated David because he knew the Lord was with him. As Saul listened to the beautiful music of David's harp, he became more enraged. Suddenly he lifted the spear he was holding and threw it at David, hoping to kill him. But the Lord helped David dodge the spear and escape from Saul twice.

Saul was afraid David would take his kingdom. He could not have him as captain of his whole army. Instead he made him captain over only one thousand men. But David still behaved himself wisely and had favor with all the people.

—Sis. Nelda Sorrell





**And the women
answered...and said, Saul
hath slain his thousands,
and David his ten thou-
sands. I Samuel 18:7.**

Enemy Games

Chris was just leaving school when he heard a friend call: "Hey, Chris, would you like to come over to my house this afternoon? A couple of other guys are coming over, too, and we are going to play this game I got for Christmas. You are welcome to join us. What do you say?"

"I don't think I can," replied Chris. "I haven't asked my mom and she will be expecting me home soon."

"You can call her from my place," replied Marvin. "Are you coming? We don't have time to wait."

Chris stood still, thinking it over. His mother probably would let him go but he did not know Marvin very well.

"Don't keep us waiting," said Marvin. "Just come on. The more time we have for the game, the better it is."

Chris let Marvin persuade him. Soon the four boys were in Marvin's backyard under a couple of shade trees.

"See this book?" said Marvin to his friends. "It tells us the rules for Dungeons and Dragons. I'm going to read to you some of the characters in this game and you can pick which one you want to be. I'm going to be the Dungeon Master. I've been playing for a while so I already have some of the game made up."

Suddenly, Chris knew he was in the wrong place with the wrong crowd. His parents had warned him about this game.

"I think I had better go home after all," he said. "I do have a lot of homework to do."

"Are you already scared?" mocked Marvin.

"No," replied Chris, "but I know about this game and it isn't any fun. Who wants to be an elf, dwarf or gnome? I don't and I don't care to learn about chants and spells. If I had known you were playing this game, I would not have come."

The three boys stared at Chris who was surprised at his own courage. Then Marvin said, "You wouldn't be good at this game, I can tell. You have to know how to live in a land of castles, thick forests and robbers. If you don't believe in magic spells, you won't get out alive."

"If you believe and practice witchcraft, you will die," replied Chris. "Back in the old Bible times, witches and wizards were burned. I was told not to deal with games that have make-believe fighting and killing, stealing and lying. It does lead to death. Now I had better go." So saying, Chris arose and silently left the other boys.

About halfway home, Chris began to feel very good inside for leaving the game. He had tried to be polite about his feelings but he could not join into such wicked play. In his heart, he prayed for the other boys.

The next day at school, the two boys told Chris that they decided not to play the game with Marvin also. They appreciated Chris's stand against an evil game.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

QUESTIONS:

1. Who brought David before Saul?
2. Who had David killed?
3. Who was Jonathan?
4. Who became Jonathan's best friend?
5. What did Jonathan give David?
6. Who went through the streets singing?
7. What did Saul do while David was playing his harp?
8. Who helped David dodge the spear?
9. How did David behave himself?

LESSON TEXT: 1 Samuel 17:55-18:14.

(Answers: 1. Abner. 2. Goliath. 3. Saul's son. 4. David. 5. His coat and his sword. 6. The women. 7. He threw his spear at him. 8. God. 9. Wisely.)

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DAVID MARRIES MICHAL

Saul had promised to give his daughter, Merab, to the man who killed Goliath, to be his wife. But when it came time for David to marry Merab, Saul gave her to be the wife of another man.

No matter how badly Saul treated him, David always behaved himself wisely. The people saw this. They all loved David, even Michal, Saul's younger daughter.

When Saul was told of Michal's love for David, he was pleased. "Now I know how to have him killed," he thought.

Calling some of his servants, Saul told them, "Go to David secretly and tell him, 'The king is very pleased with you and all his servants love you. Why don't you become the king's son-in-law?'"

When Saul's servants told David this, David answered humbly, "Do you think it is a light thing to be a king's son-in-law? I am only a poor man."

Saul's servants went back and told the king what David had said.

"Go to David again," Saul told his servants. "This time tell him, 'The king doesn't ask for any money for you to become his son-in-law. He only wants you to kill one hundred Philistines to avenge him of his enemies.'" Saul was sure David could not attack one hundred Philistines without being killed himself.

David liked Saul's plan. He was sure he could become the king's son-in-law. So David and his men attacked the Philistines. Instead of the one hundred that Saul asked for, David and his men killed two hundred Philistines.

David proved to Saul that he had killed two hundred Philistines. Then Saul gave Michal to David to be his wife. Saul could see that the Lord was with David and that his daughter, Michal, loved him. Saul was even more afraid of David. He watched David closely and was determined to kill him.

—Sis. Nelda Sorrell

**...And Saul gave him Michal his daughter t
wife. I Samuel 18:27b.**





Welcome Home

(Based on a true story.)

Helen Cohen clung to her mother's hand as they boarded the steamship. She carried a bag with diapers and clothes for her baby brother. Her two dresses were in the wicket hamper packed with her mother's two dresses, two quilts, an iron skillet and several rolls of bread.

On deck of the crowded ship, Helen and her mother looked toward the shore where their relatives stood either waving handkerchiefs or blowing their nose into one. "Wave good-bye," Mother said to her 10-month old baby. "Wave, Helen, it will be a long time before you see them again."

As the ship chugged slowly toward sea, Mother began to cry. "God be with you! Pray for us!" she called out to the disappearing figures of her family. Helen was silent. She was torn between her love for her family in Poland and in her love for her father waiting for them to arrive in America.

Though young, she realized many problems would be faced before the three of them actually saw her father. First of all, the motion of the ship made them feel sick. She wanted to lie down but soon found that their assigned quarter was at the bottom of the ship, nearly dark, with no portholes to open for air as it was below water level. Both of the two tier bunk racks had a mildewed straw mattress on it. This six by eight box was to be their apartment for four weeks.

Helen's baby brother became ill. He would not eat nor sleep but cried most of the time. Other passengers were angry about his crying but Helen quietly helped Mother care for him. "Let us pray," Mother said. And pray they did.

During storms the ship rose and fell on the mountainous waves. The extra bread Mother had brought helped Helen during these times for she laid on her bunk and slowly chewed a bite at a time. Finally, one day the shore of hope was seen by someone on deck.

"Just in time," murmured Mother as she clutched her weak baby. The ship waited with a yellow flag until U.S. doctors boarded and checked for contagious diseases. One doctor asked Mother about her baby. He frowned, took yellow chalk, and marked an X on the baby's collar. He had to be better before they could go to the mainland of America. Helen and Mother prayed again.

After a week of waiting on Ellis Island, Helen suddenly saw her father in the main lobby looking for them. When he saw them, he came running. "Welcome home!" he said as he swung his well son into his arms, then hugged his wife, and daughter. Helen did feel at home—she was with her family.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

QUESTIONS:

1. Who treated David badly?
2. How did David behave himself?
3. Who was Michal?
4. What did Saul want David to do before he could be his son-in-law?
5. How many Philistines did David kill?
6. Who became David's wife?
7. Who was with David?
8. Who was afraid of David?
9. What did Saul want to do to David?

LESSON TEXT: 1 Samuel 18:17-30.

(Answers: 1. Saul. 2. Wisely. 3. Saul's daughter. 4. Kill one hundred Philistines. 5. Two hundred. 6. Michal. 7. The Lord. 8. Saul. 9. Kill him.)

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JONATHAN AND MICHAL SAVE DAVID'S LIFE

At first Saul pretended to be friendly to David while he secretly planned how he might kill him. But one day Saul called Jonathan and his servants to him and told them that they must kill David. Jonathan knew David had done nothing wrong. He must warn him! As soon as he could slip away, Jonathan ran to David. "My father wants to kill you!" Jonathan told him. "You must hide until morning. I will go and talk to my father, then I will tell you what he says."

Jonathan went to Saul, his father. "Don't do this evil against David," he begged. "He has not sinned against you. He has done only good to you." Jonathan reminded Saul how David risked his life to kill Goliath. "Why will you kill David without a cause and shed innocent blood?" he asked.

Saul listened to his son. He knew he spoke the truth and was sorry that he had been so angry. "As the Lord lives, David will not be killed," Saul promised.

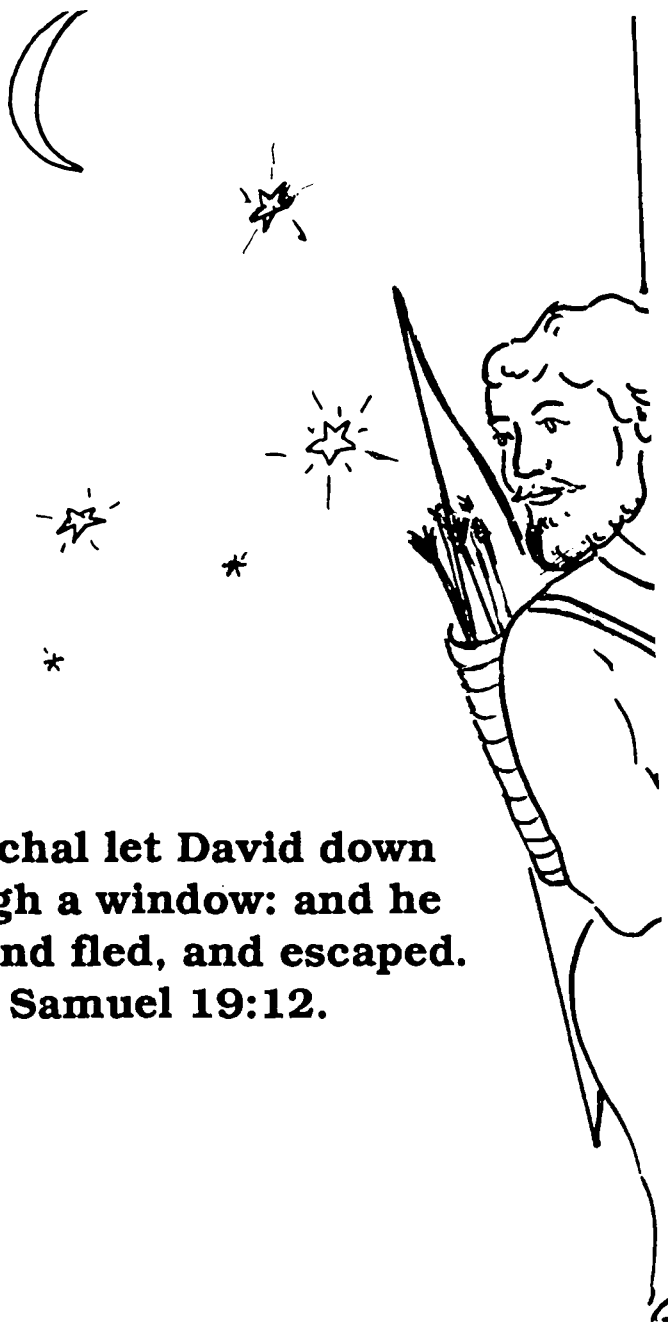
Jonathan called David from his hiding place and told him Saul was no longer angry. It was safe to come back to the palace.

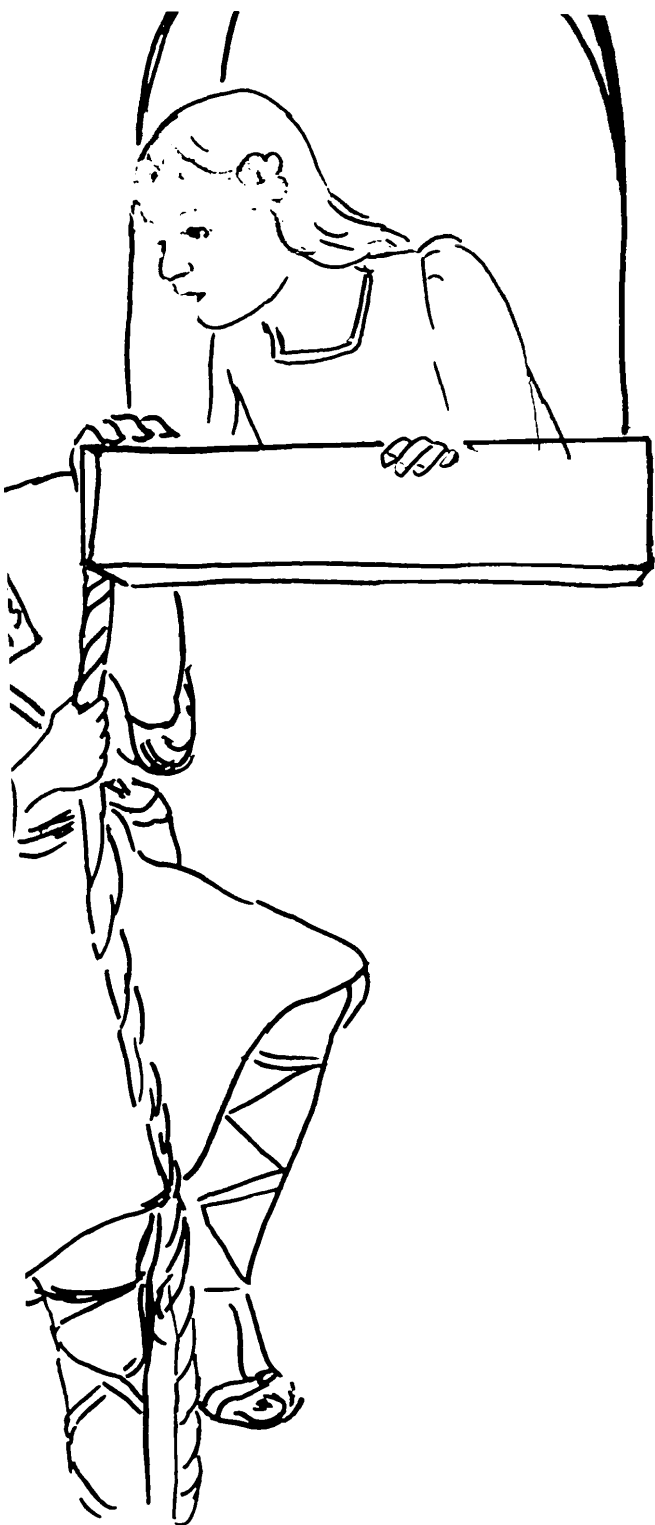
Again the Philistines came to fight against the Israelites. David fought so bravely that his enemies were defeated. David's victory only made Saul more jealous. Again the evil spirit came upon him and his mind was so troubled that David came to play his harp for him. As Saul listened he suddenly hurled his spear. It lodged deep in the wall, barely missing David. David ran from the palace and hid.

Saul knew David would go home so he sent men to capture David at his house. Michal heard of her father's plan and knew she had to help David escape at once. Quickly she let David down through a window. While David ran to a safe hiding place, Michal fixed pillows in the bed to look like he was sleeping there. When the men came to take David, they found that he had already escaped.

—Sis. Nelda Sorrell

**So Michal let David down
through a window: and he
went, and fled, and escaped.
I Samuel 19:12.**





Two Good Friends

Alpheus and Alice were very good friends. They lived at the same house because they had the same owners. Sometimes Alpheus liked to act big and tough. Then he would bark at the mailman. Alice loved attention. Often she would curl around someone's feet and purr gently.

Dannie was very fond of his two pets. He would hook up his little red wagon to his bicycle and put the bulldog and long-haired American cat in it for a ride. Alpheus rode in the wagon only until Dannie stopped. Then Alpheus would jump out, barking merrily that he had gotten away. With a quick hop out of the wagon, Alice would follow.

"Oh, you two," Dannie would exclaim, laughing. "You are always teasing me. Now get back into the wagon!"

Alpheus had to be on a chain at night because of the city law. To keep him company, Alice slept like a little round ball beside him. One day Dannie let Alpheus off of his chain so he could ride in the wagon. Alpheus was so excited that he took off running. He didn't watch where he was going and he ran right into the street. Car brakes screeched and then Alpheus began to yelp.

Dannie and his mother ran to the street. There lay Alpheus, bleeding and crying. The driver of the car was so sorry, but the dog had run into his car. Dannie was crying with Alpheus as Mother helped him carry the dog to his blanket.

"Will he die, Mother?" asked Dannie.

"I don't know," replied Mother as she began to clean his bleeding shoulder and back. "Let's pray for him. Jesus can help our poor dog to heal."

Together they prayed while Alpheus whined. Then came Alice. She touched noses with Alpheus and looked

at Mother as if asking what she could do to help. "We are praying for Alpheus," said Mother. "He is badly hurt."

Gently, Alice curled herself under Alpheus's chin and near his hurt shoulder. Her presence comforted her hurt friend who soon quit crying and went to sleep. Alice became Alpheus's official nurse. With her pink tongue, she licked his wounds. When he felt too stiff and sore to eat, she would coax him with worried looks and loud meowing.

"Mother," said Dannie a few days later, "I think Alpheus will get well because God is his doctor and Alice is his nurse."

Mother laughed. "It is a miracle. Friendships are very important and in Alpheus's case, we could say his encouraging friend has kept him from giving up. We humans can learn from this. Make good, lasting friendships with others about you for you never know when you may need a friend."

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

QUESTIONS:

1. Who pretended to be friendly to David?
2. What did he plan secretly?
3. Who did Saul call to him?
4. What did he tell them they must do?
5. Who ran to warn David?
6. What did Saul promise?
7. What made Saul more jealous?
8. What did Saul hurl at David?
9. Who let David down through a window?

LESSON TEXT: 1 Samuel 19:1-13.

(Answers: 1. Saul. 2. How he might kill David. 3. Jonathan and his servants. 4. Kill David. 5. Jonathan. 6. David would not be killed. 7. David's victory. 8. His spear. 9. Michal.)