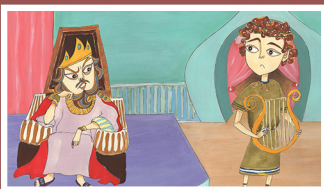




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# David & Jonathan

**Narration** Having defeated the Philistine warrior, Goliath, David was called to live in the palace of King Saul. King Saul had a son named Jonathan. Jonathan was very fond of the courageous David.

Jonathan and David became very good friends from the beginning. Jonathan said to David:

**Jonathan** “My friend David, from now on you shall be my dearest friend. Please, take this gift!”

**Narration** Jonathan took off his most precious robe only worn by a prince and clothed David with it. He also gave David his armor, sword, arrows and belt.

**Jonathan** “Let’s love each other with God’s love and let us not harm each other in any way!”

**David** “Yes, lets!”

**Narration** Jonathan and David promised each other that they would be each other’s greatest friend. As friends, David and Jonathan loved and cared for each other.

**Narration** One day, King Saul was returning from battle with David. The people on the streets sang their praises.

**People** “King Saul has killed thousands but David has killed tens of thousands!”

**Narration** King Saul was very angry.

**Saul** ‘It seems the people favor David who is wiser and braver. What should I do? What if David becomes king after me? This will not do! Israel’s king can only be me! My son, Jonathan, must succeed me on the throne!’

**Narration** Whenever King Saul seemed upset, David would play the harp and sing songs. Then King Saul always seemed to feel better. But this time, King Saul threw a spear at David during one of his songs. David moved quickly to avoid being killed.

**David** ‘Why is King Saul doing this to me?’

**Narration** David didn’t know why King Saul hated him. King Saul was angry because the people seemed to like David more than



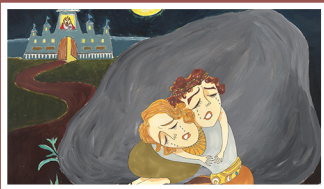
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him. He grew to hate David more and more.

- Narration** King Saul wanted to kill David. Jonathan, who knew this, was worried for David.
- So, he built up his courage to speak to his father, King Saul.
- Jonathan** “Father, why are you trying to kill my friend? David fought Goliath and defeated him, did he not? He is a courageous and a faithful servant.”
- Narration** King Saul was ashamed. So, he promised Jonathan,
- Saul** “You are right. I will never kill David”.
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- Narration** But one day, when David was playing the harp, King Saul threw a spear at him again. David fled during the night. King Saul realized David had run away.
- Saul** “Where is David?”
- Servant** “He has fled somewhere far away.”
- NAR** King Saul did not like Jonathan helping David. So, he got very angry. Out of anger, King Saul called his soldiers to go after David.
- Saul** “Where is David? Go after him and bring him back immediately! I must kill him!”
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- Narration** When King Saul was plotting to kill David, Jonathan hid David behind a big rock.
- David** “Jonathan, why is your father, King Saul, trying to kill me? What have I done wrong?”
- Jonathan** “David, you will not die. If my father tries to kill you, I will help you escape.”
- Narration** No matter how much King Saul hated David, David could not hate Jonathan. Jonathan went to the secret hiding place with David. There, he spoke to David.
- Jonathan** “David, I think my father is really going to try to kill you. You must escape.”
- Narration** David and Jonathan embraced each other and wept. The time came for them to part. But the two would remain each other’s greatest friend.