

Jonathan and David



Once upon a time, in the land of Israel, God spoke to the wise prophet Samuel.

“Go to Bethlehem and find Jesse. One of his sons will be the new king.”

Samuel obeyed and met Jesse’s family. He saw 7 strong sons, but God said,

“Look at the **heart**, not the **outside**.”



Jesse's seven older sons passed by, but none was chosen. "Is there another?" Samuel asked.

"Yes, David, the youngest, watching the sheep."

They called David in. He was brave and kind.

God said, "**This is the one!**" Samuel anointed him with oil.



Meanwhile, King Saul felt sad and worried. His helpers said, **“Find a musician to cheer you.”**

They heard of David, the shepherd who played the harp beautifully. David came to the palace and played sweet music, making Saul smile again.



A giant named Goliath from the enemies scared everyone. He shouted, “**Fight me!**”

No one dared, but David said, “**I’ll go, with God’s help.**”

With his sling and a stone, David hit Goliath right on the forehead, and the giant fell!



King Saul's son, Prince Jonathan, watched David's bravery.

His heart filled with joy. **"You are like a brother!"**

Jonathan gave David his robe, sword, and belt as gifts.

They promised to be best friends forever.



Saul grew jealous of David and tried to hurt him. But Jonathan stayed loyal. He warned David,

“Hide in the field!”

Using arrows as signals,
Jonathan helped David
escape.

They hugged and said,
**“Our friendship will last
forever, with God between us.”**



David had to run away, but he never forgot Jonathan. Years later, David became king and was kind to Jonathan's family.

Their story shows that true friends are brave, loyal, and kind, sticking together through good and bad times.



David was a brave young man, but King Saul was jealous and wanted to hurt him. So David ran away to a town called Nob.

There, a kind priest named Ahimelech gave him holy bread to eat and Goliath's big sword to protect himself. **“Be safe,”** the priest said.



David went to the enemy city of Gath, but the people there knew him as the giant-slayer!

To stay safe, David pretended to be silly, scribbling on doors and letting drool run down his chin. The king thought he was crazy and let him go.



David hid in a big cave called Adullam.

His family came to join him, and soon, many people who were sad or in trouble gathered there too.

They became David's friends and helpers, like a big adventure team!



Mean King Saul was angry and thought the priests helped David.

He ordered them hurt, but one priest's son, Abiathar, escaped and ran to David.

“I’ll protect you,” David promised, feeling sorry for what happened.



David heard that bad guys were attacking a town called Keilah.

He asked God, “Should I help?” God said yes! David and his friends fought bravely and saved the town. Everyone cheered!



King Saul chased David, but David's best friend Jonathan sneaked away to find him in the woods.

“Don't be afraid,” Jonathan said. “God will make you king one day.”

They hugged and renewed their friendship promise.



Saul hunted David in the wilderness of En Gedi.

Saul went into a cave to rest, not knowing David was hiding there!

David's men said, **“Catch him!”**
But David only cut a tiny piece of Saul's robe and let him go.

“I won't hurt God's king,”
David said.



David called out to Saul from afar, showing the robe piece.
“See, I could have hurt you,
but I didn’t!”

Saul cried and said,
“You are kind, David.
You will be a great king.”

They made peace for a while,
and David trusted God.



Here are the main lessons we can learn

Trust in God: David always asked God what to do, like when he decided to save the town of Keilah. This shows us that when we're scared or unsure, we can pray and trust God to guide us.

Be Brave in Tough Times: Even when King Saul was chasing him, David didn't give up. He hid in caves and faced dangers with courage. It reminds us to be strong and keep going when things are hard.

Use Your Smarts: David pretended to be silly in the enemy city to stay safe. This teaches us that sometimes, being clever and thinking quickly can help us out of tricky situations.

Help and Protect Others: David saved the town from bad guys and took care of the priest's son, Abiathar. It shows that being kind and helping people in need makes us good friends and heroes.

True Friendship Lasts: Jonathan visited David in secret to encourage him, even though his dad was the king. This lesson is about being a loyal friend who sticks by someone through good and bad times.

Show Mercy and Kindness: When David had the chance to hurt Saul in the cave, he chose not to. Instead, he showed respect and forgiveness. This teaches us that being kind, even to those who are mean, can bring peace and make things better.

Good Wins in the End: David trusted God and did the right thing, and Saul even said sorry for a while. It reminds us that being patient and doing what's right will help us in the long run.





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