

***Bible Stories for Young Children***

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***SAUL DISOBEYS THE LORD /  
JONATHAN'S DARING DEED***

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**King Saul, his son Jonathan  
and their armies  
went out to fight the Philistines.**

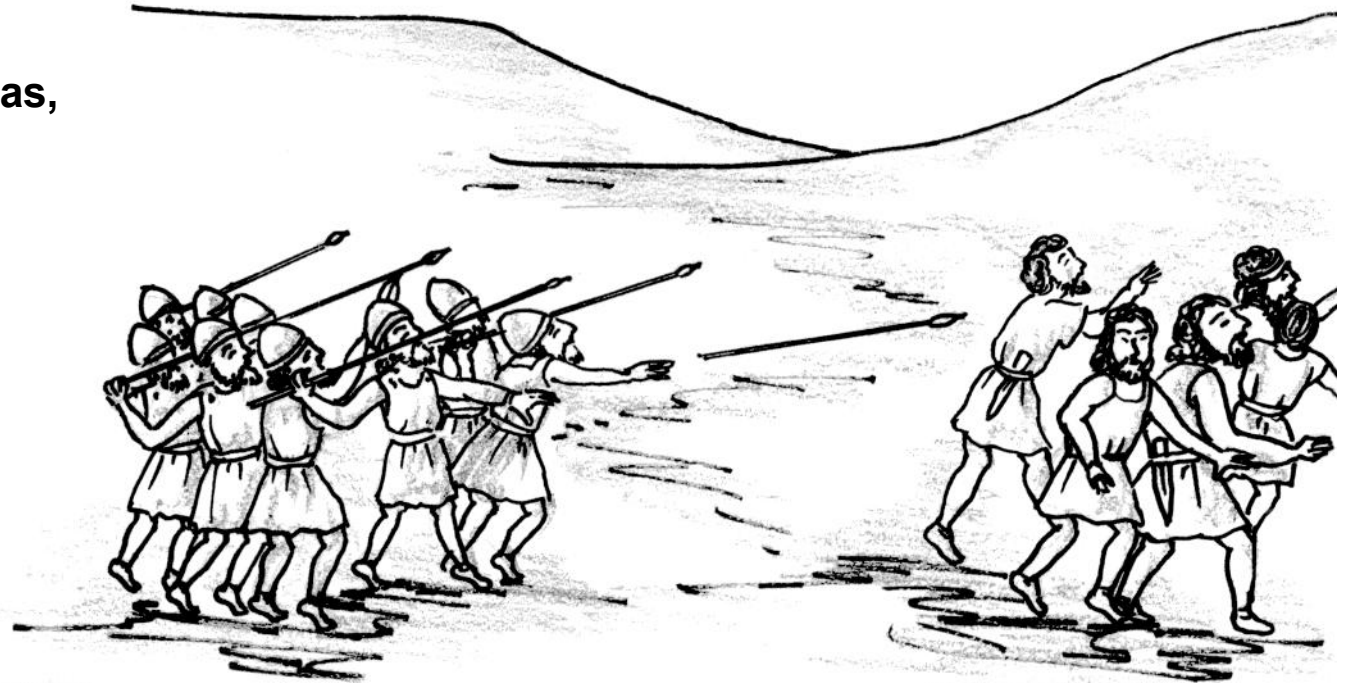
**Jonathan and his soldiers  
attacked and defeated  
the Philistines at Geba.**

**This made the Philistines angry.  
They called for more soldiers  
and soon there was a huge army  
ready to fight back.**



**When King Saul's men saw  
how big the Philistine's army was,  
they were afraid.  
Some of them ran away.**

**Saul was waiting at Gilgal  
for Samuel to come.  
Samuel was to offer  
a sacrifice to the Lord  
and ask for God's help.**



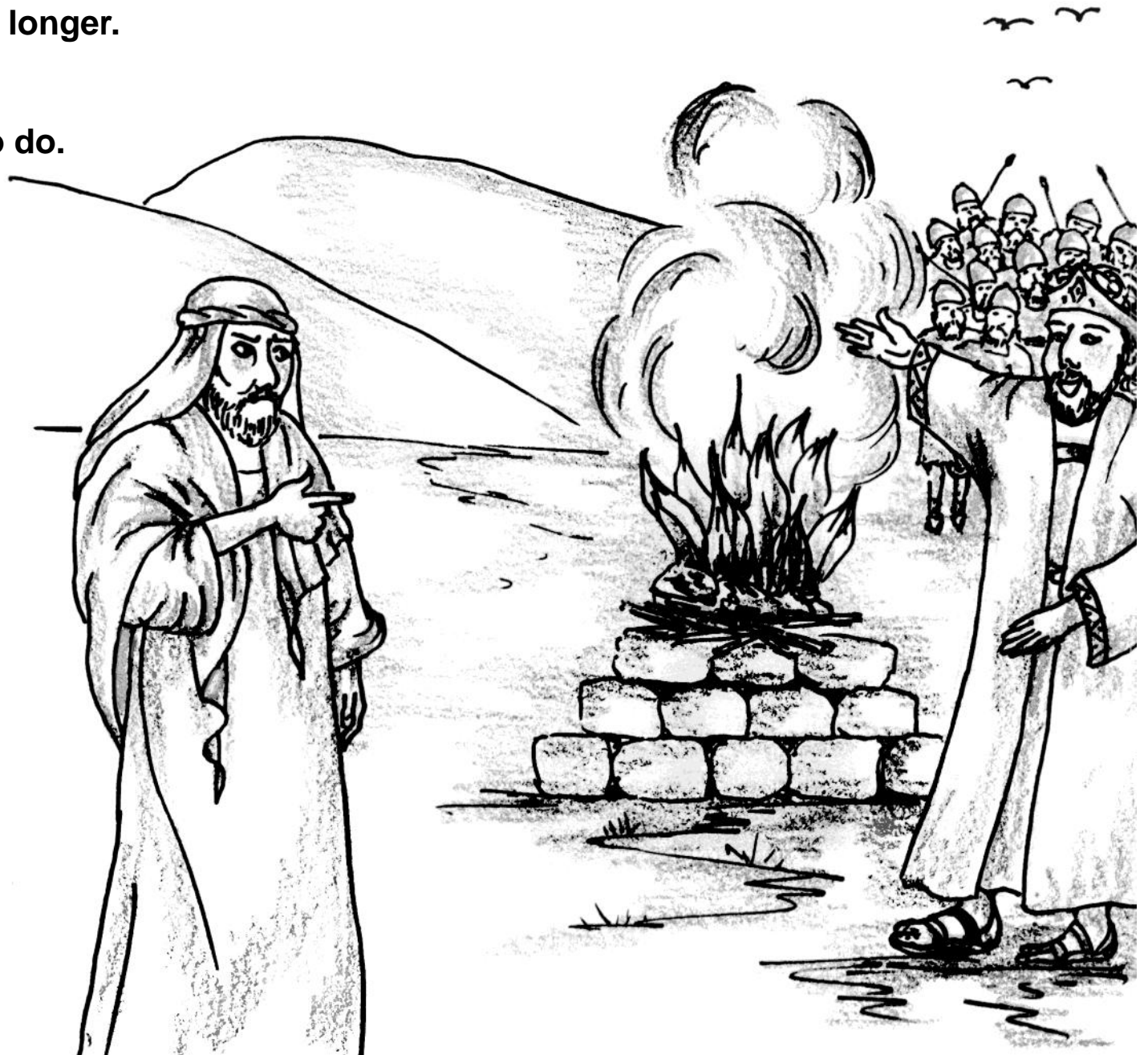
Seven days went by.  
Samuel had not come  
and Saul could not wait any longer.  
He disobeyed God  
and offered the sacrifice,  
which only the priest was to do.

Just as he was finishing  
Samuel came.

Samuel asked,  
'What have you done?'

Saul replied,  
'You did not come,  
so I offered the sacrifice.'

'You have been very foolish  
to disobey God,'  
Samuel said.  
'God will find someone else  
whom He can trust  
and will make him king  
over His people forever.'



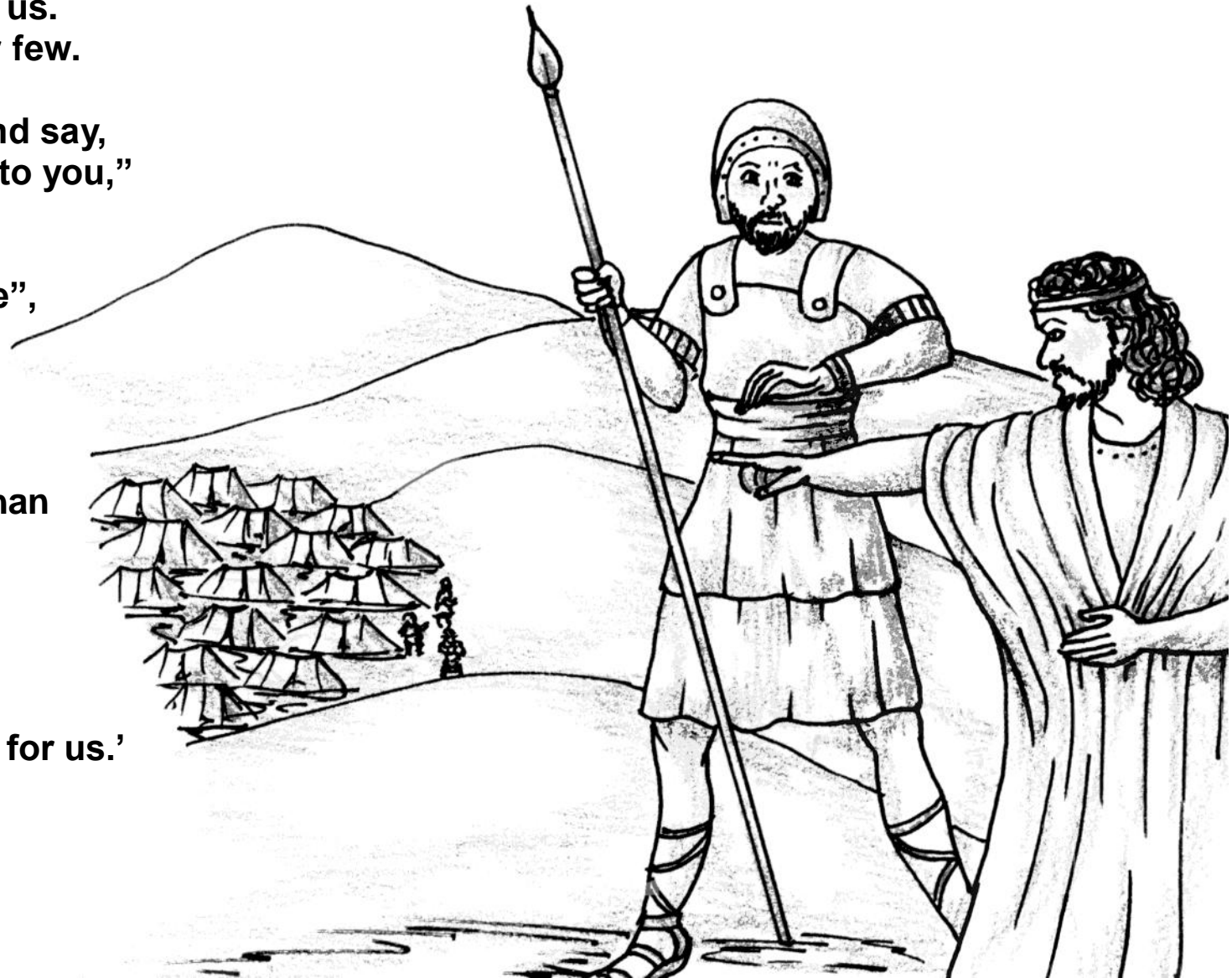
While this was happening  
Jonathan said to his armour bearer,  
'Let us go over to the Philistine camp.  
Perhaps the Lord will help us.  
He can work with many or few.

'If the Philistines see us and say,  
"Stay there until we come to you,"  
we will stay.

'If they say, "Come up here",  
we will go to them.  
This will be the sign  
that God will fight for us.'

The Philistines saw Jonathan  
and called out,  
'Come up here.'

'Come on!'  
said Jonathan.  
'That means God will fight for us.'



**They climbed the cliff  
and killed about twenty Philistines.**

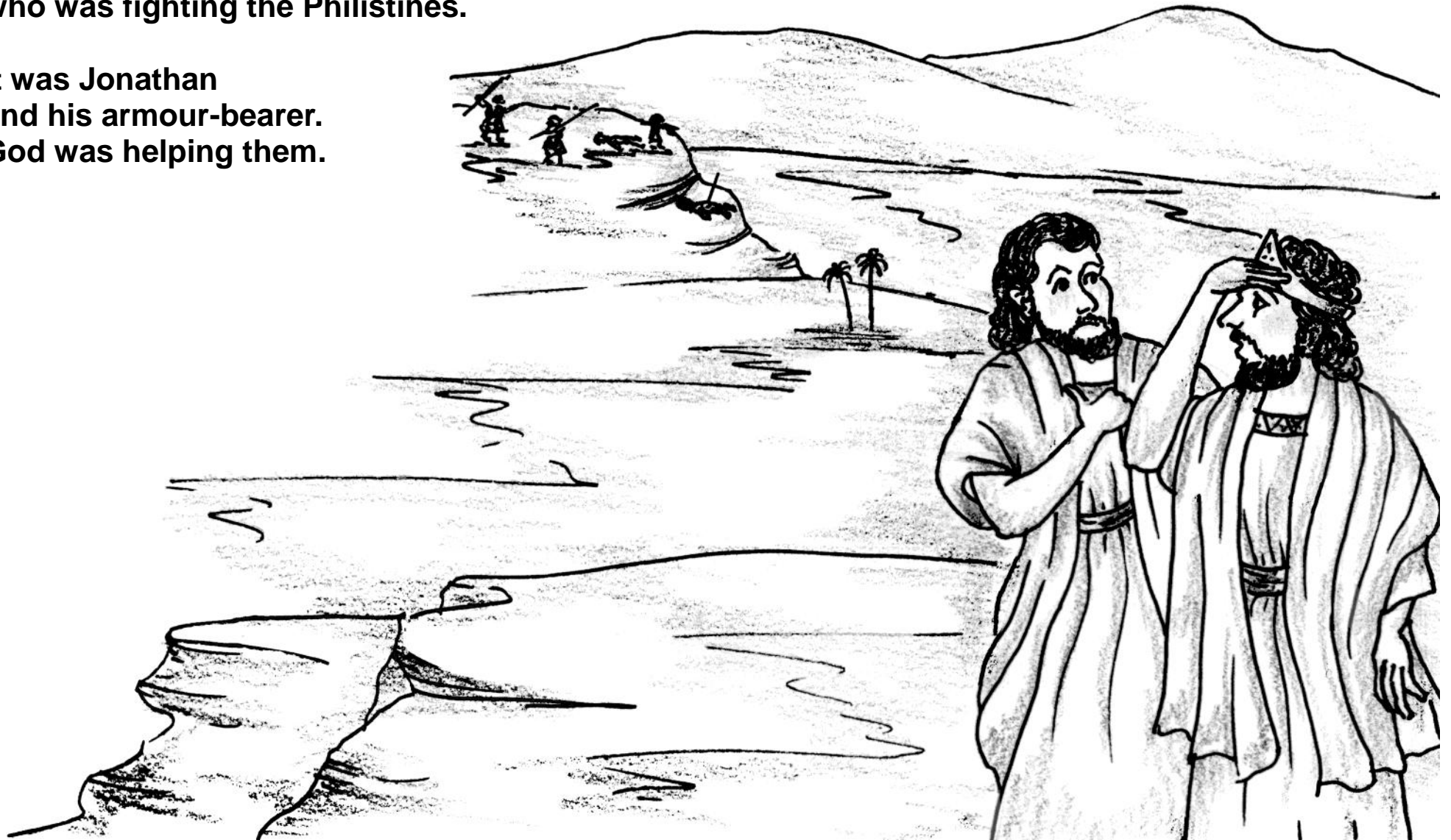
**Then God sent an earthquake  
to help Jonathan.**





Someone from Saul's camp looked out  
and saw fighting among the Philistines.  
Saul also looked  
and wondered  
who was fighting the Philistines.

It was Jonathan  
and his armour-bearer.  
God was helping them.



**The noise from the Philistines  
grew louder and louder.**

**Saul couldn't wait  
to ask the Lord what he should do.**

**He took his men  
into the battle.**

**The Philistines were confused.  
Some began fighting each other  
and others ran away.**

**God saved Israel that day.**

