

Bible Stories for Young Children

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***SAUL TRIES TO KILL DAVID /
GOD KEEPS DAVID SAFE***

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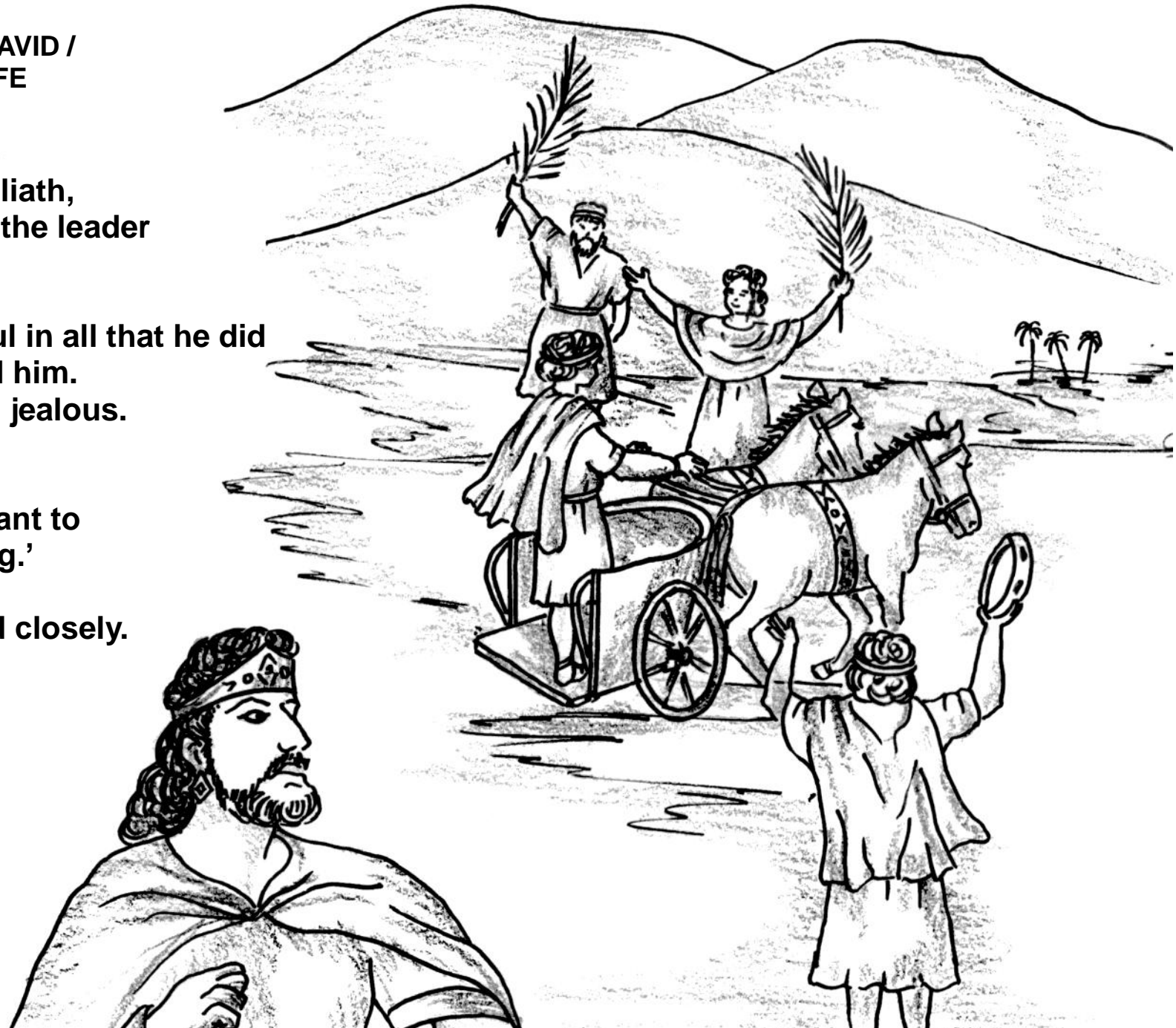
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**After David killed Goliath,
King Saul made him the leader
of an army.**

**David was successful in all that he did
and the people loved him.
This made King Saul jealous.**

**Saul thought,
'The people might want to
make David their king.'**

So he watched David closely.

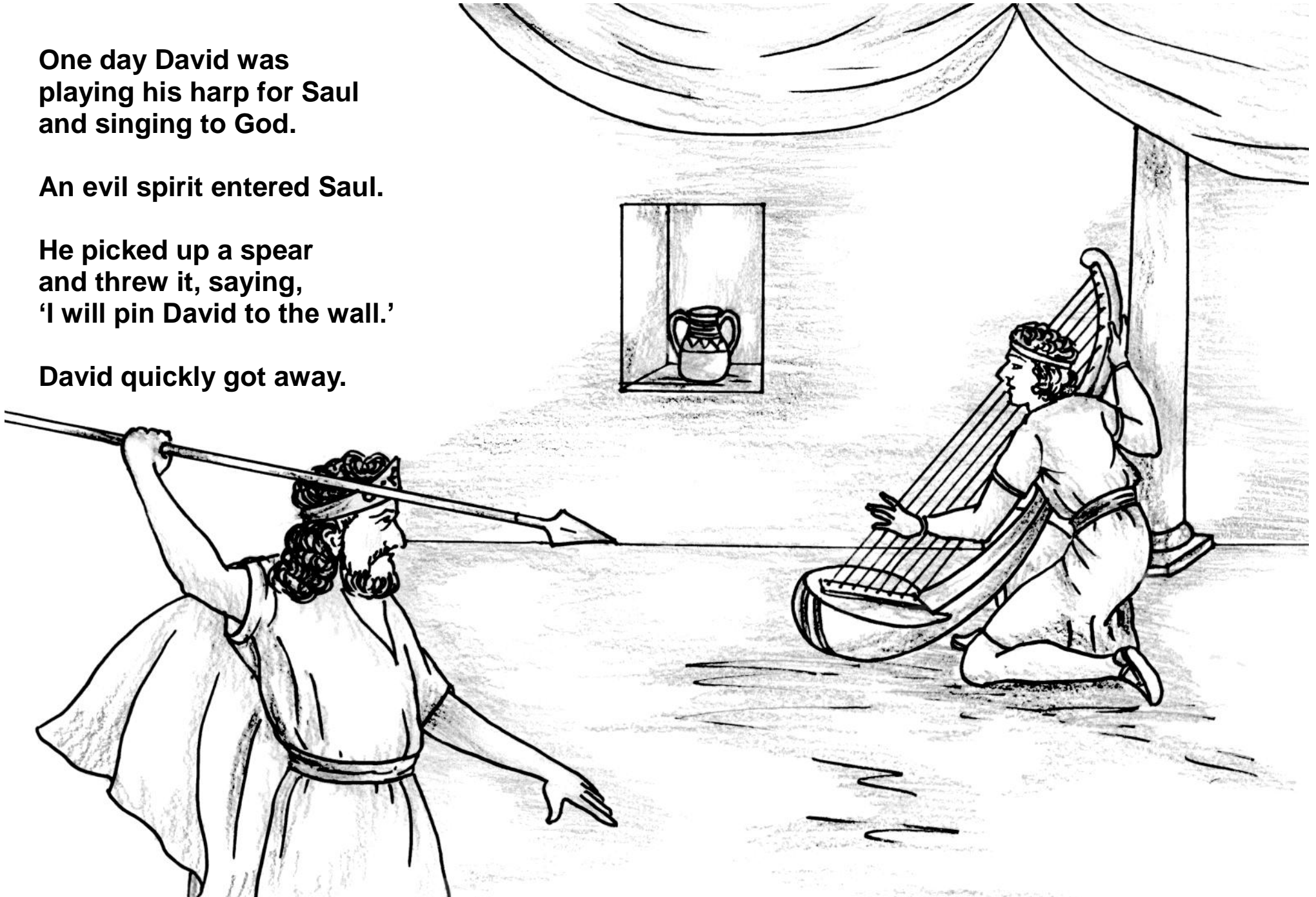


One day David was playing his harp for Saul and singing to God.

An evil spirit entered Saul.

He picked up a spear and threw it, saying, 'I will pin David to the wall.'

David quickly got away.



He ran to his home.
It was not safe to stay there.
Men had been sent to catch him.

Michal, David's wife loved David.
She helped him escape
and let him out
through the window.

David ran to Samuel.
He stayed with the young prophets.

Saul heard that David
was with the prophets.
He tried to catch him,
but God stopped him.



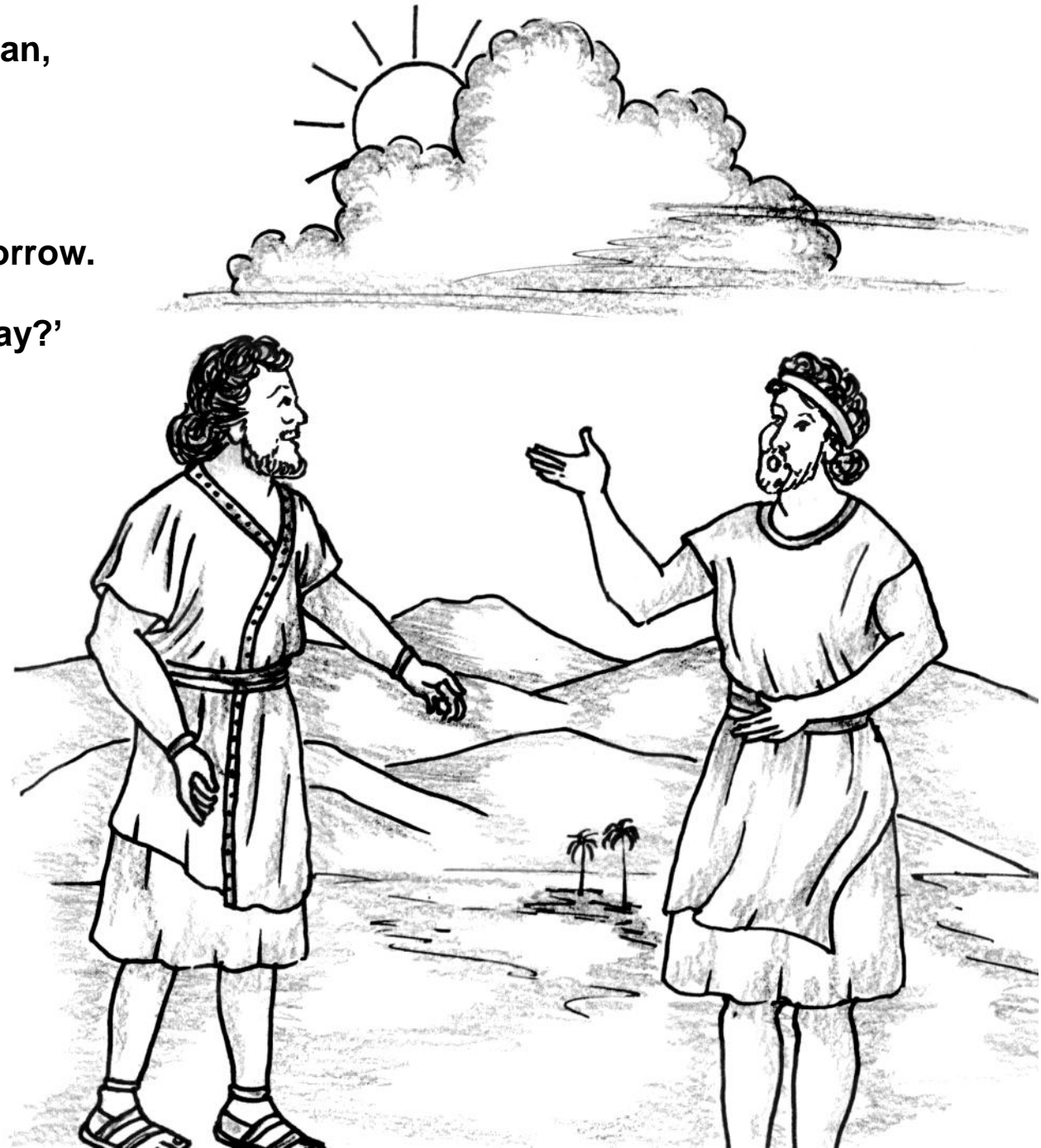
**Then David went to his friend Jonathan,
who was Saul's son.**

**He said, 'Please help me.'
'Your father wants to kill me.
I am not going to be at the feast tomorrow.
If Saul is angry with me,
will you let me know and I will go away?'**

**Jonathan said to David,
'Hide by that big stone over there.
I will find out whether my father
is really angry with you.
In the morning
I'll come out with a boy
and will shoot three arrows.**

**I will send him to get them
and if I say,
'The arrows are on this side,'
that means that you can come home.**

**'But if I say,
'The arrows are beyond you,
then go,
for the Lord is sending you away.'"**



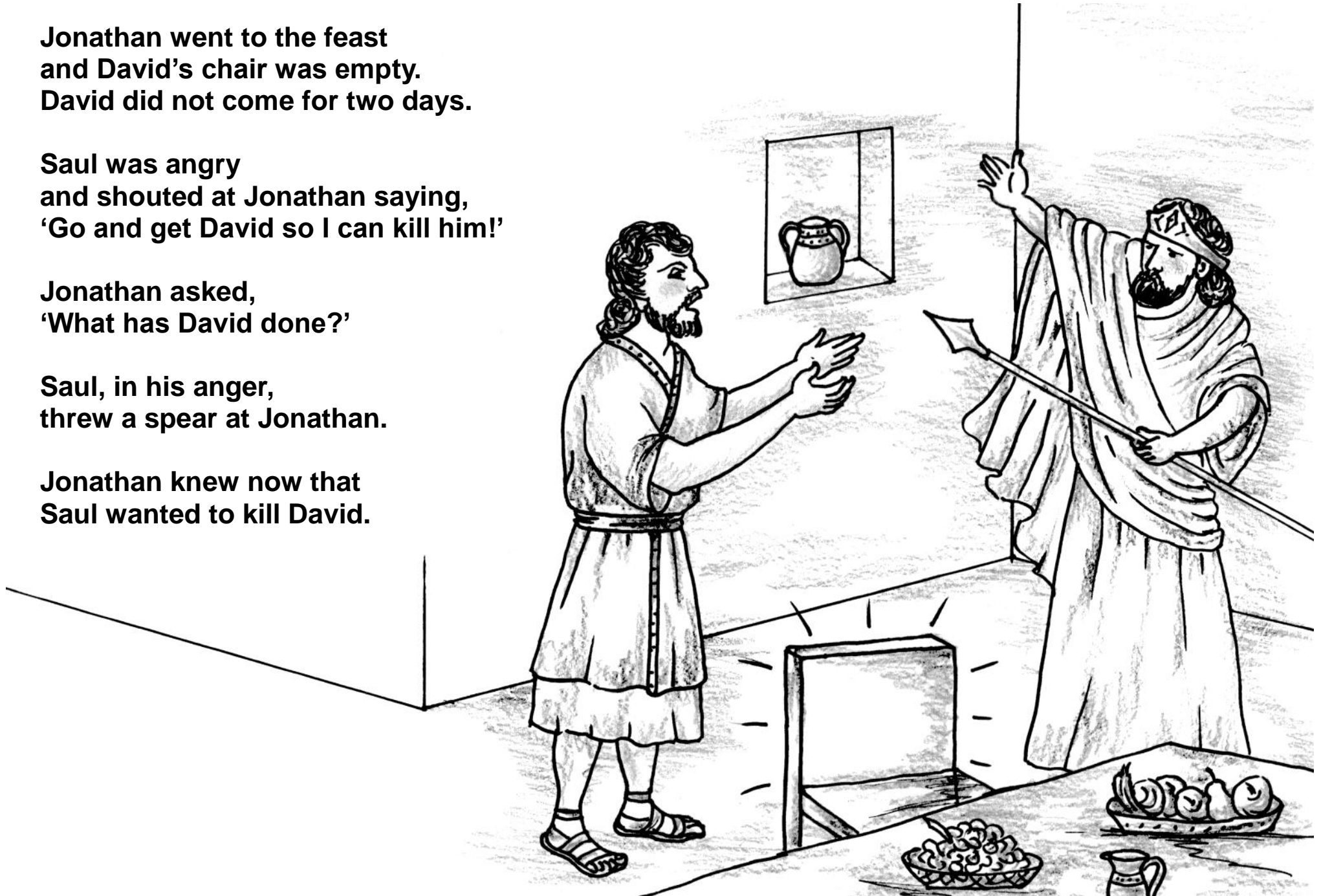
**Jonathan went to the feast
and David's chair was empty.
David did not come for two days.**

**Saul was angry
and shouted at Jonathan saying,
'Go and get David so I can kill him!'**

**Jonathan asked,
'What has David done?'**

**Saul, in his anger,
threw a spear at Jonathan.**

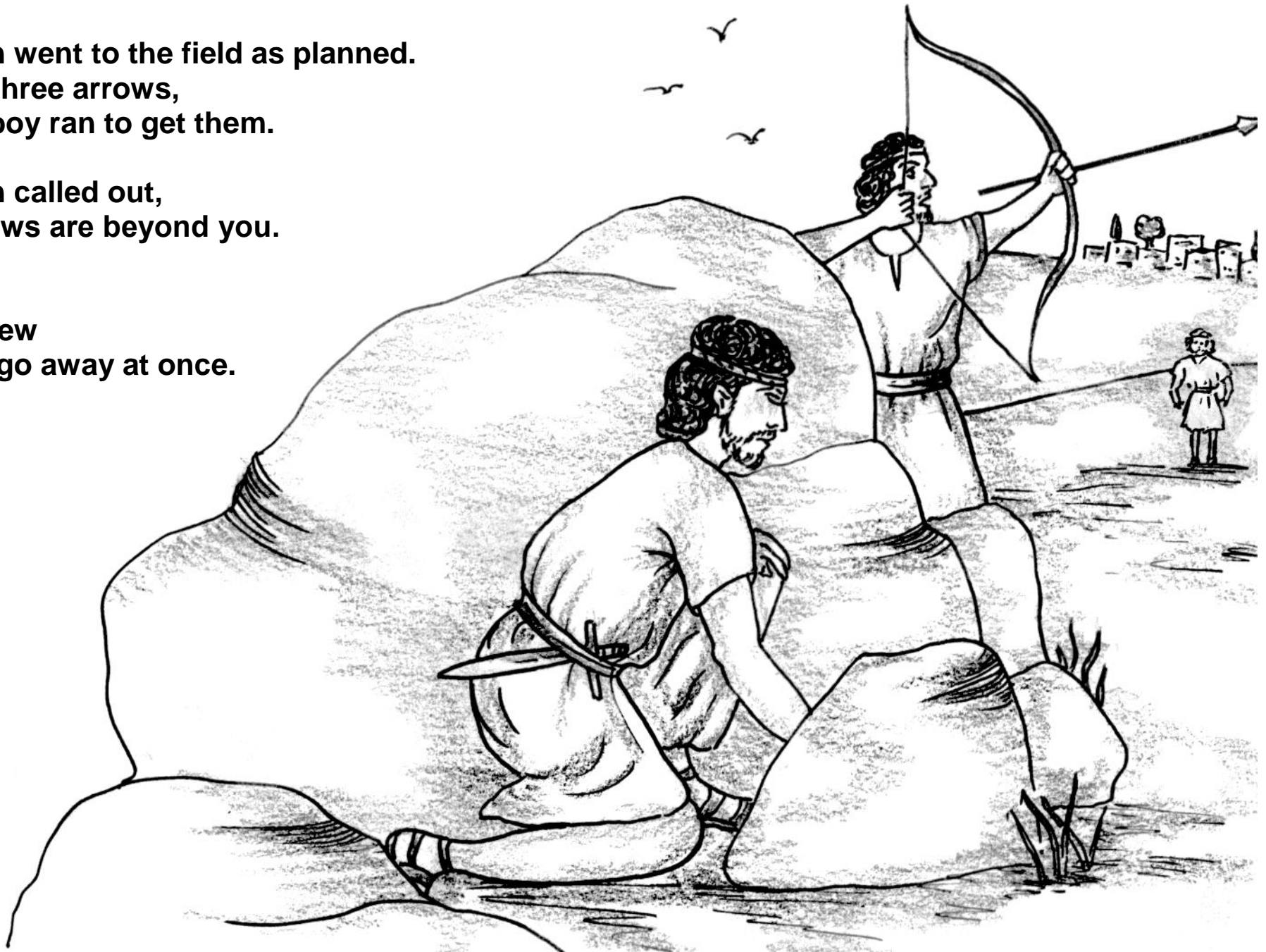
**Jonathan knew now that
Saul wanted to kill David.**



**Jonathan went to the field as planned.
He shot three arrows,
and the boy ran to get them.**

**Jonathan called out,
'The arrows are beyond you.
Hurry!'**

**David knew
he must go away at once.**



Jonathan sent the boy home.
David and Jonathan said goodbye.
They were very sad,
and they cried.

David found a place to hide
from Saul.

They knew that God
would look after them.

