

## ***Bible Stories for Young Children***

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# ***DAVID HIDES FROM SAUL***

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**1 SAMUEL 22:1-5; 23:1 – 24:22**  
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**David said goodbye to Jonathan  
and went to find a place  
to hide from Saul.**



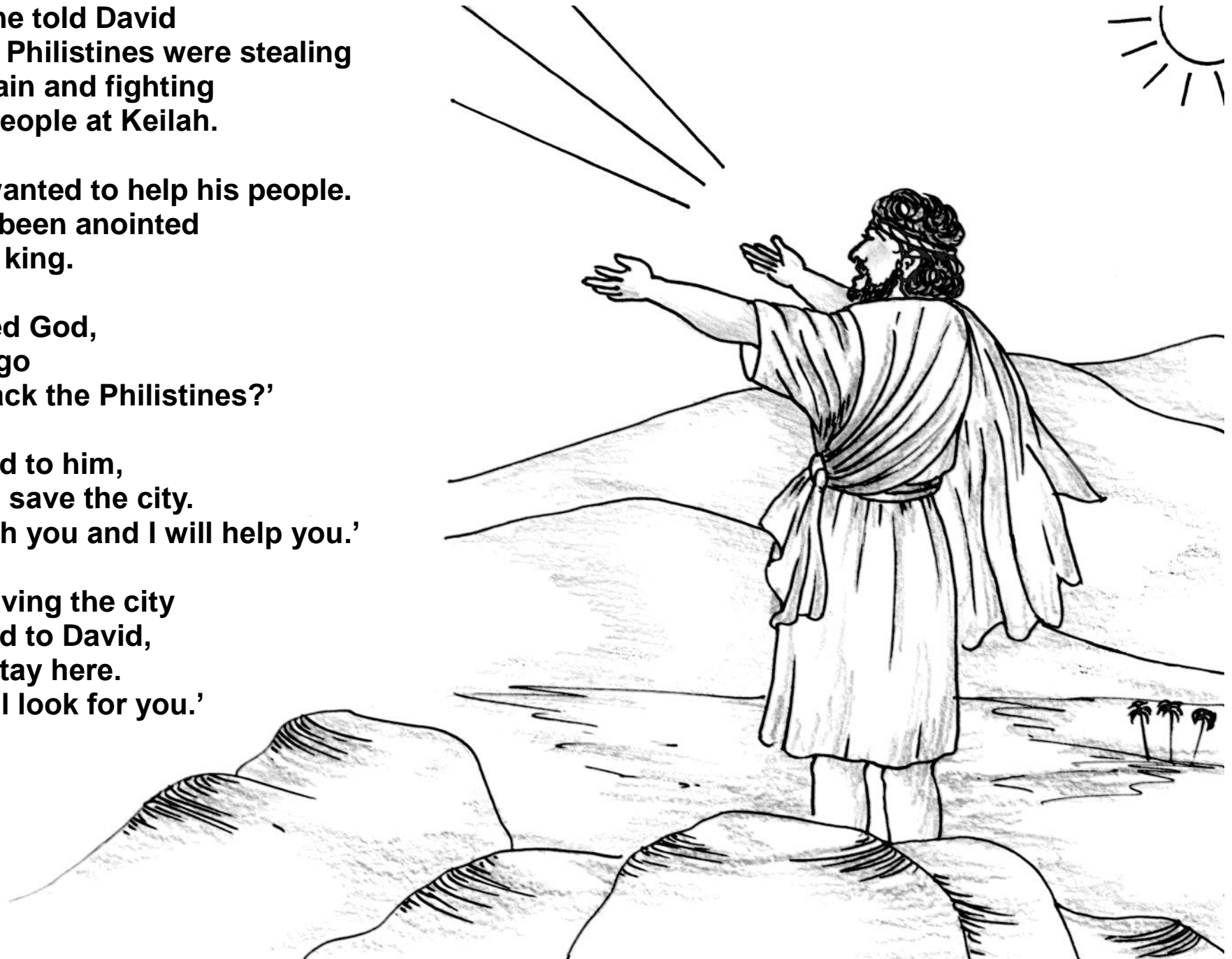
**Someone told David  
that the Philistines were stealing  
their grain and fighting  
God's people at Keilah.**

**David wanted to help his people.  
He had been anointed  
as their king.**

**He asked God,  
'Shall I go  
and attack the Philistines?'**

**God said to him,  
'Go and save the city.  
I am with you and I will help you.'**

**After saving the city  
God said to David,  
'Don't stay here.  
Saul will look for you.'**

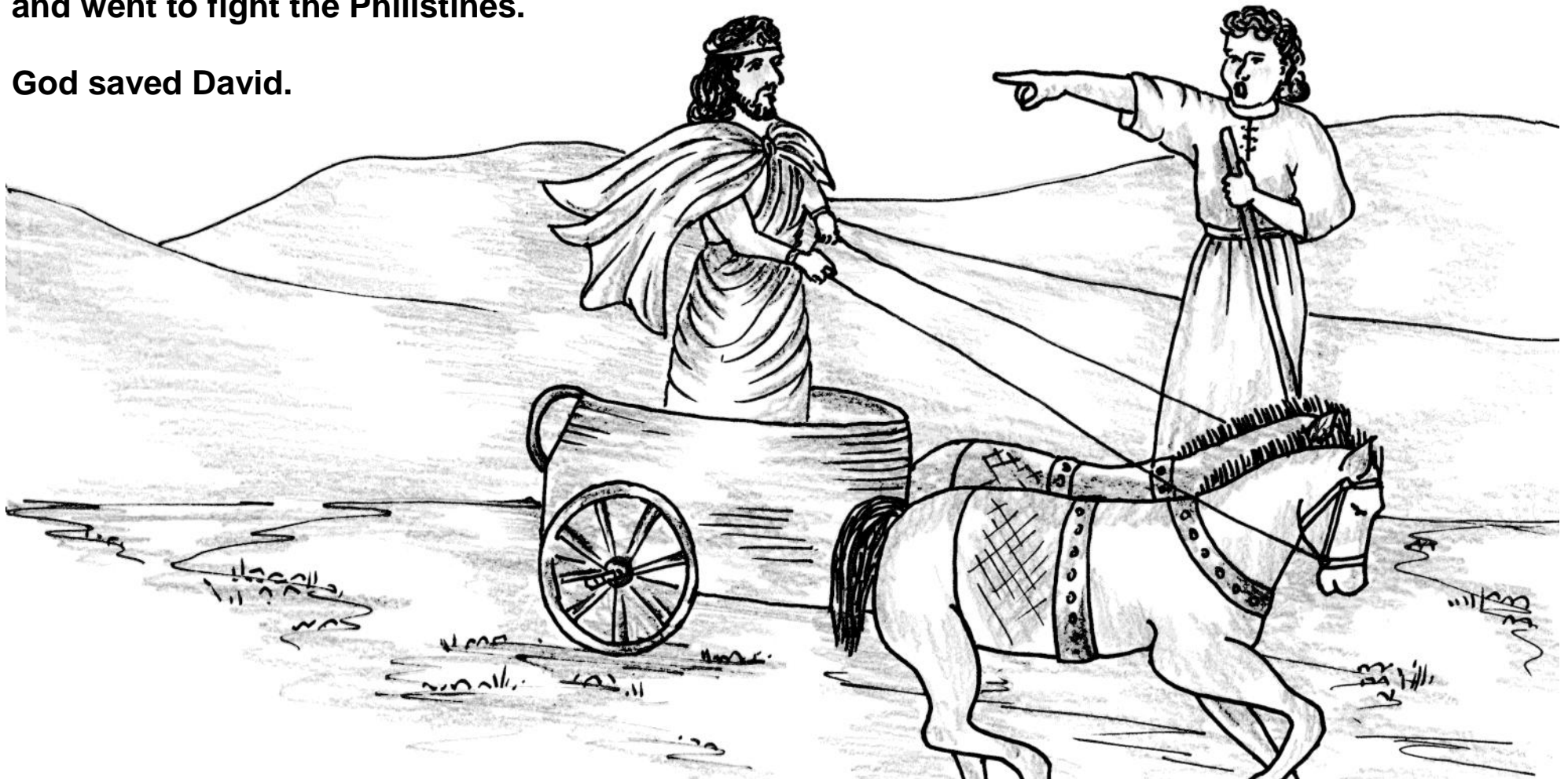


**Sure enough,  
King Saul was on his way to get rid of David.**

**But a messenger stopped him and said,  
'The Philistines are going to attack us.'**

**Saul stopped chasing David  
and went to fight the Philistines.**

**God saved David.**



**Then Saul went looking for David again.  
He stopped at a cave to relieve himself.**

**But in that big dark cave  
David and his men were hiding.**

**Saul did not see them.**

**David's men said,  
'Look! The Lord has given  
your enemy into our hands.  
Let us kill him.'**

**But David said,  
'No, he is the Lord's anointed king.'**

**However, David crept up to Saul  
and cut off a piece of his coat.**

**Saul did not hear or see him.**



**Then David waited until Saul had gone far away from the cave before calling out, 'My master and king!'**

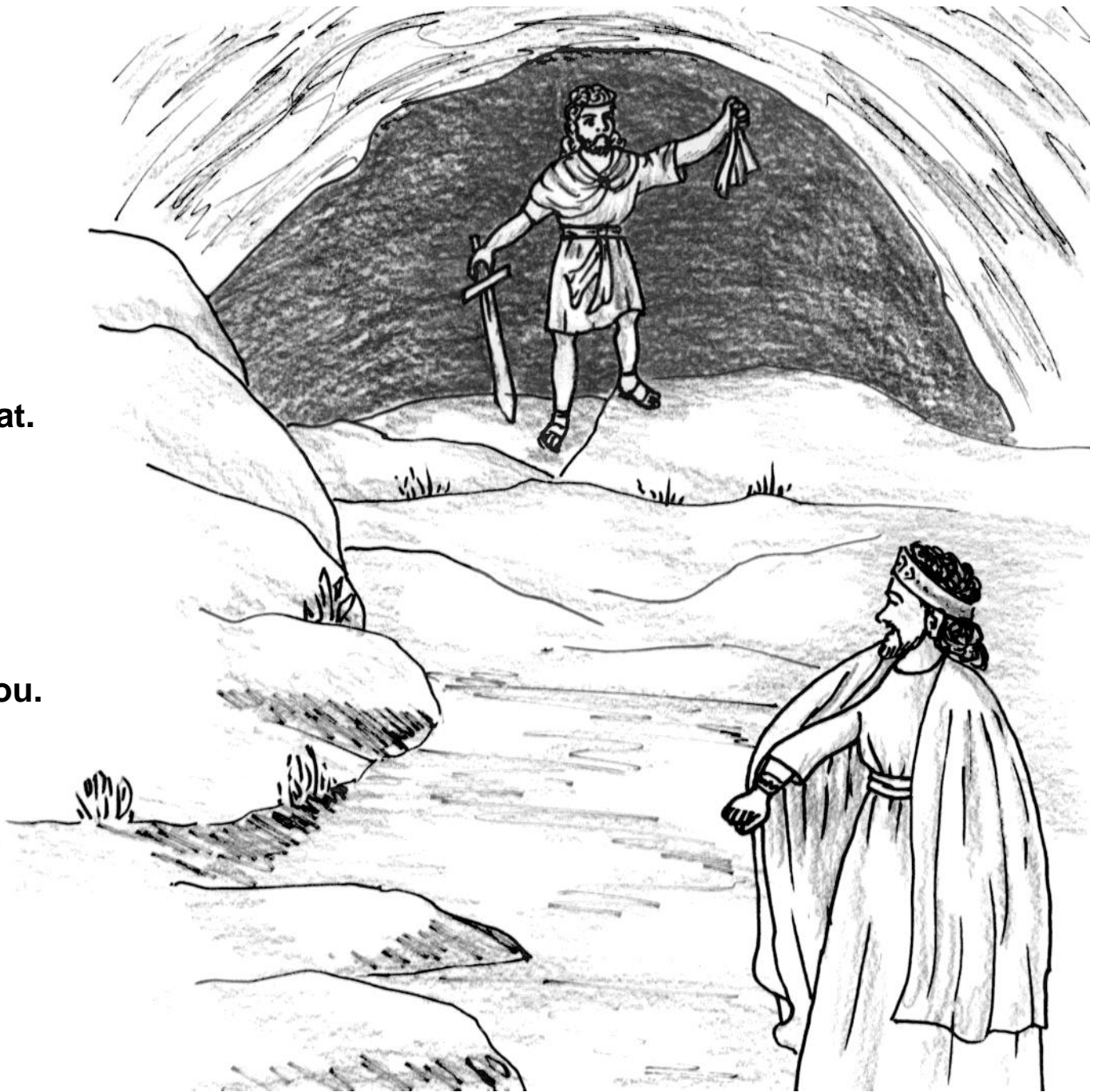
**Saul was surprised when he turned around and saw David.**





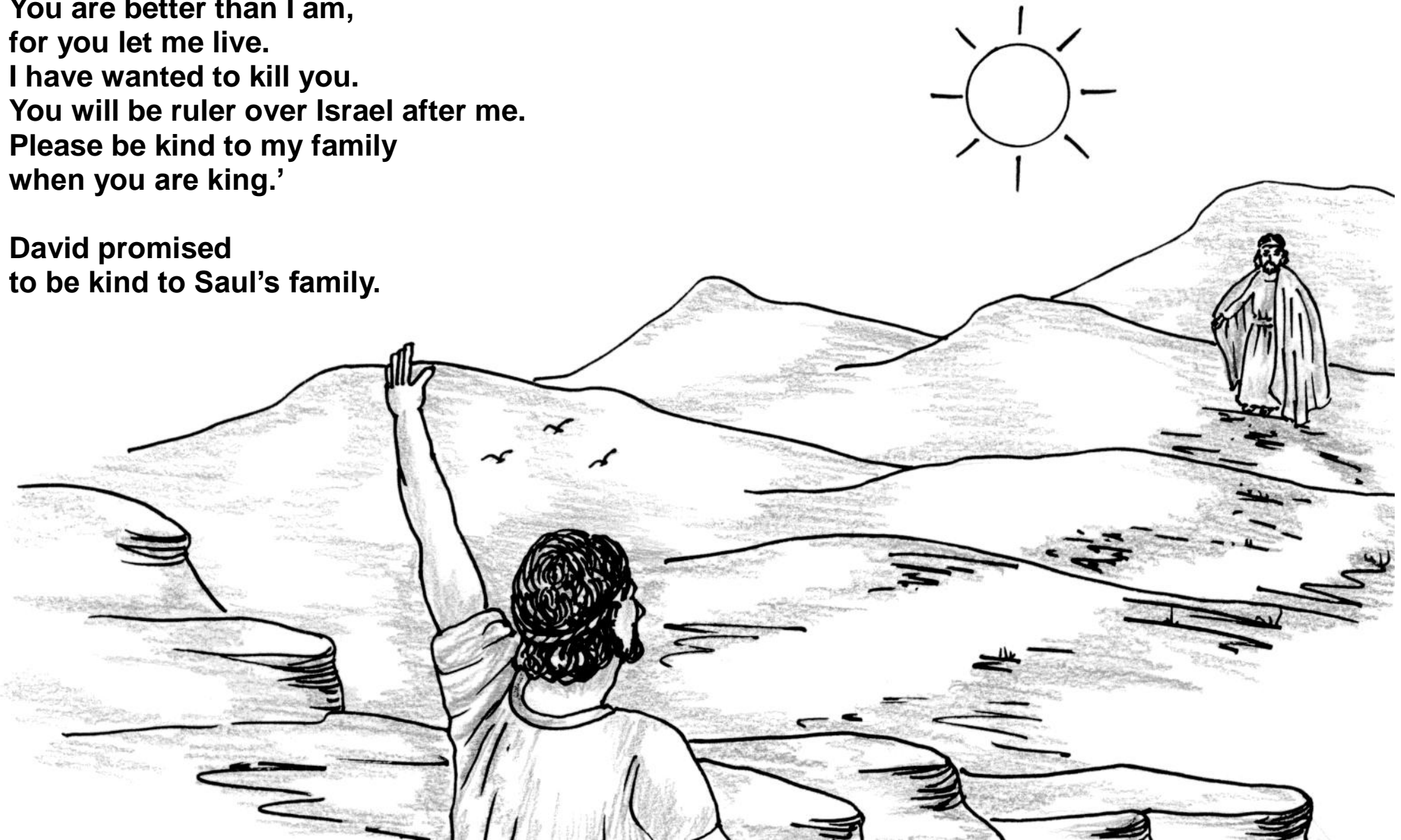
**David bowed to him and said,  
'Why do you think I want  
to kill you?  
I don't.  
You are the Lord's anointed.**

**'Look at what is in my hand.  
I cut off the corner of your coat.  
Today the Lord put you  
in my power.  
I did not hurt you  
but you are trying to kill me.  
The Lord punish you  
for what you have done.  
May the Lord save me from you.  
I will not harm you.'**



Saul listened to David and cried,  
'David, my son.  
You are better than I am,  
for you let me live.  
I have wanted to kill you.  
You will be ruler over Israel after me.  
Please be kind to my family  
when you are king.'

David promised  
to be kind to Saul's family.





**Saul stopped chasing David  
and went home.**

**David did not trust Saul.  
He and his men found  
a safe place to stay.  
He trusted God.**

