

Bible Stories for Young Children

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

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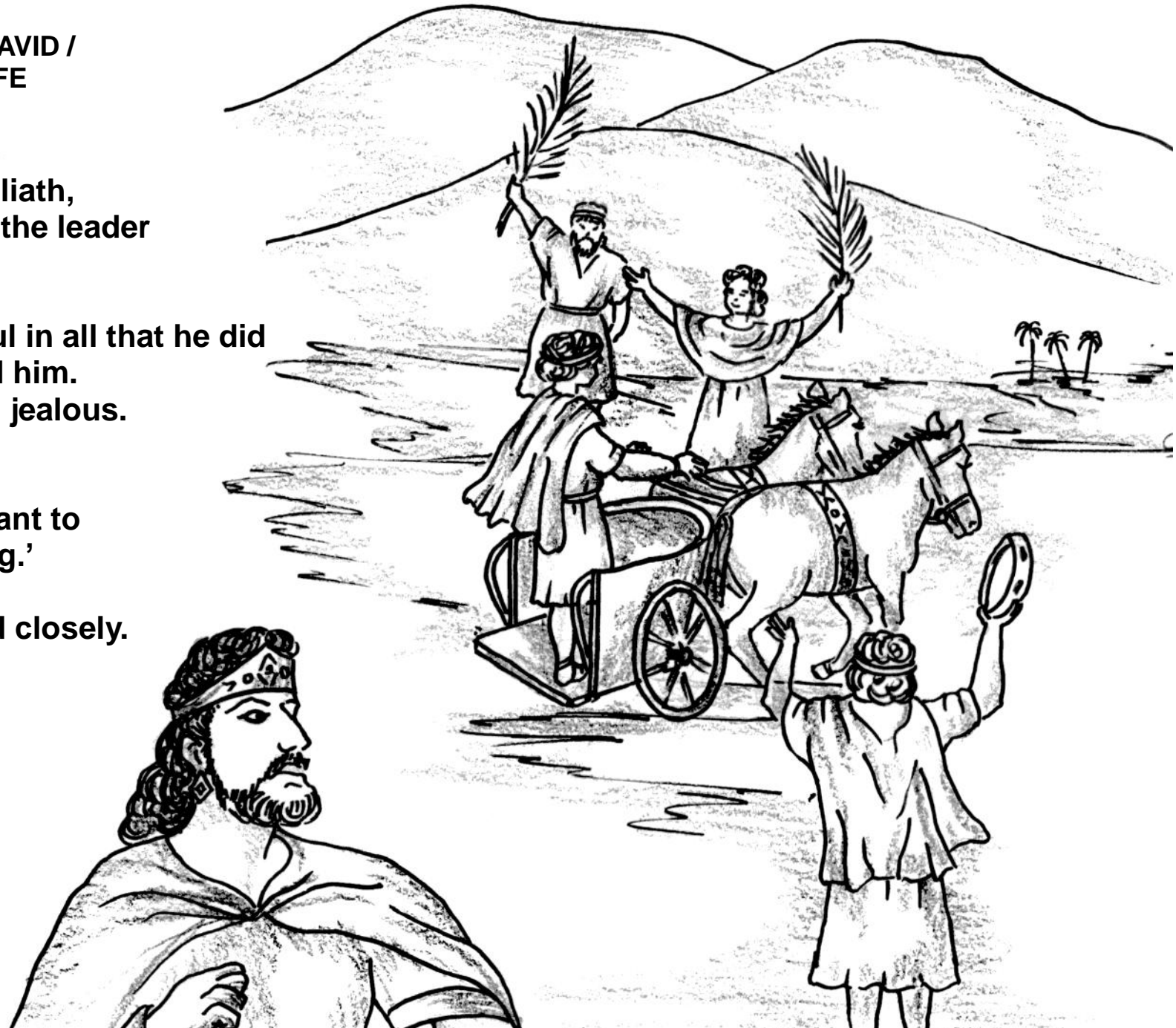
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**After David killed Goliath,
King Saul made him the leader
of an army.**

**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.

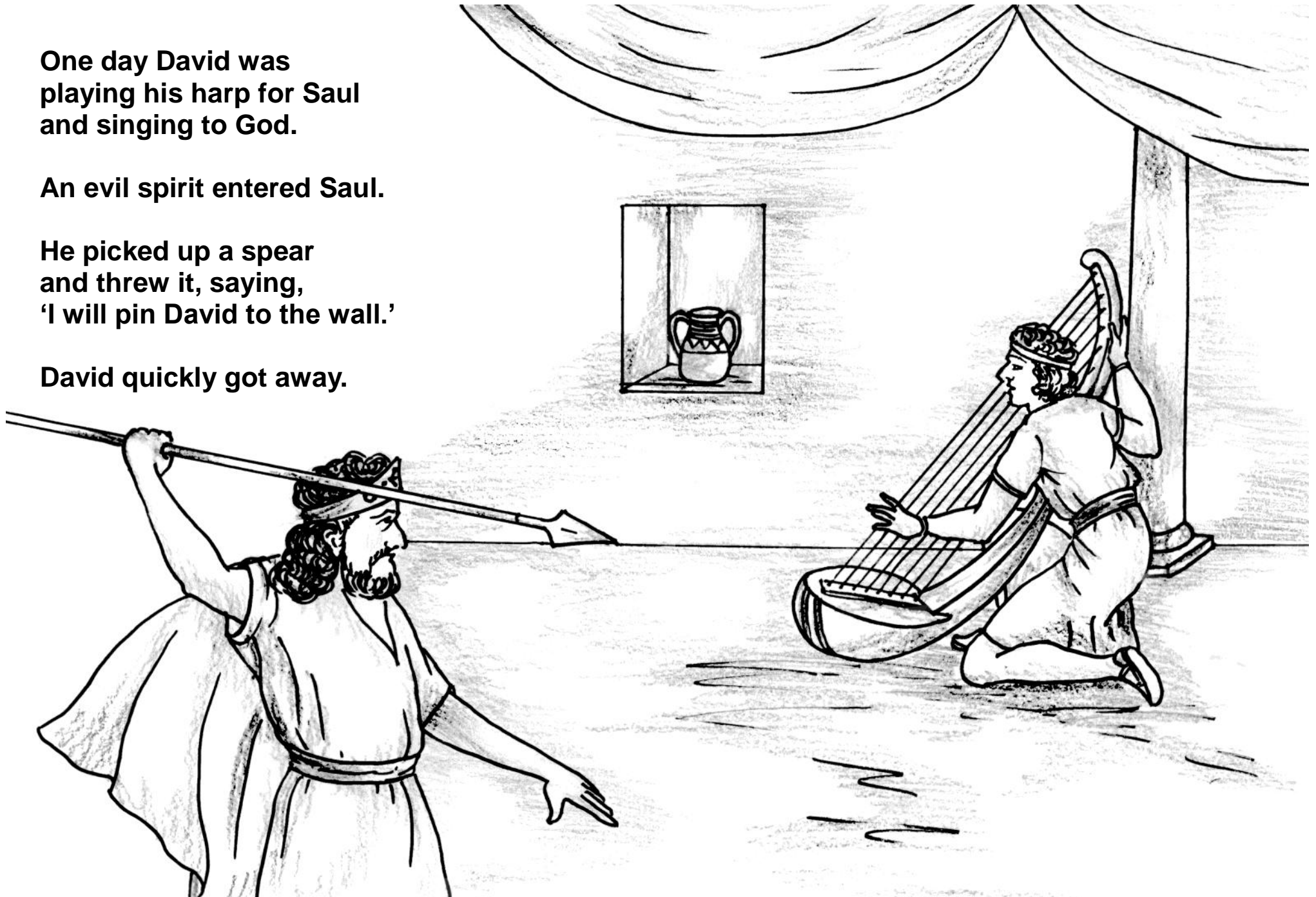


One day David was playing his harp for Saul and singing to God.

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.**



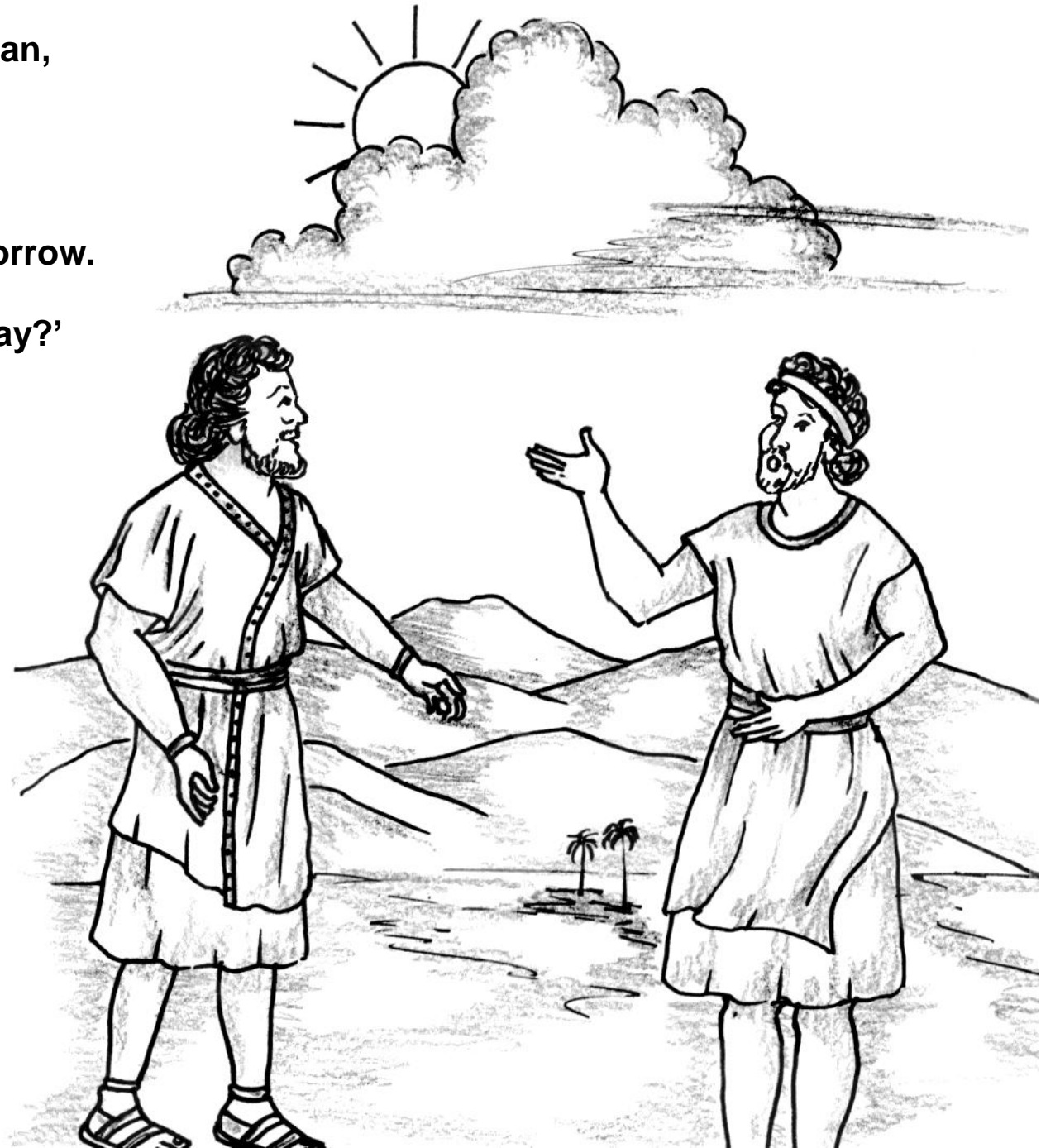
**Then David went to his friend Jonathan,
who was Saul's son.**

**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.'"**



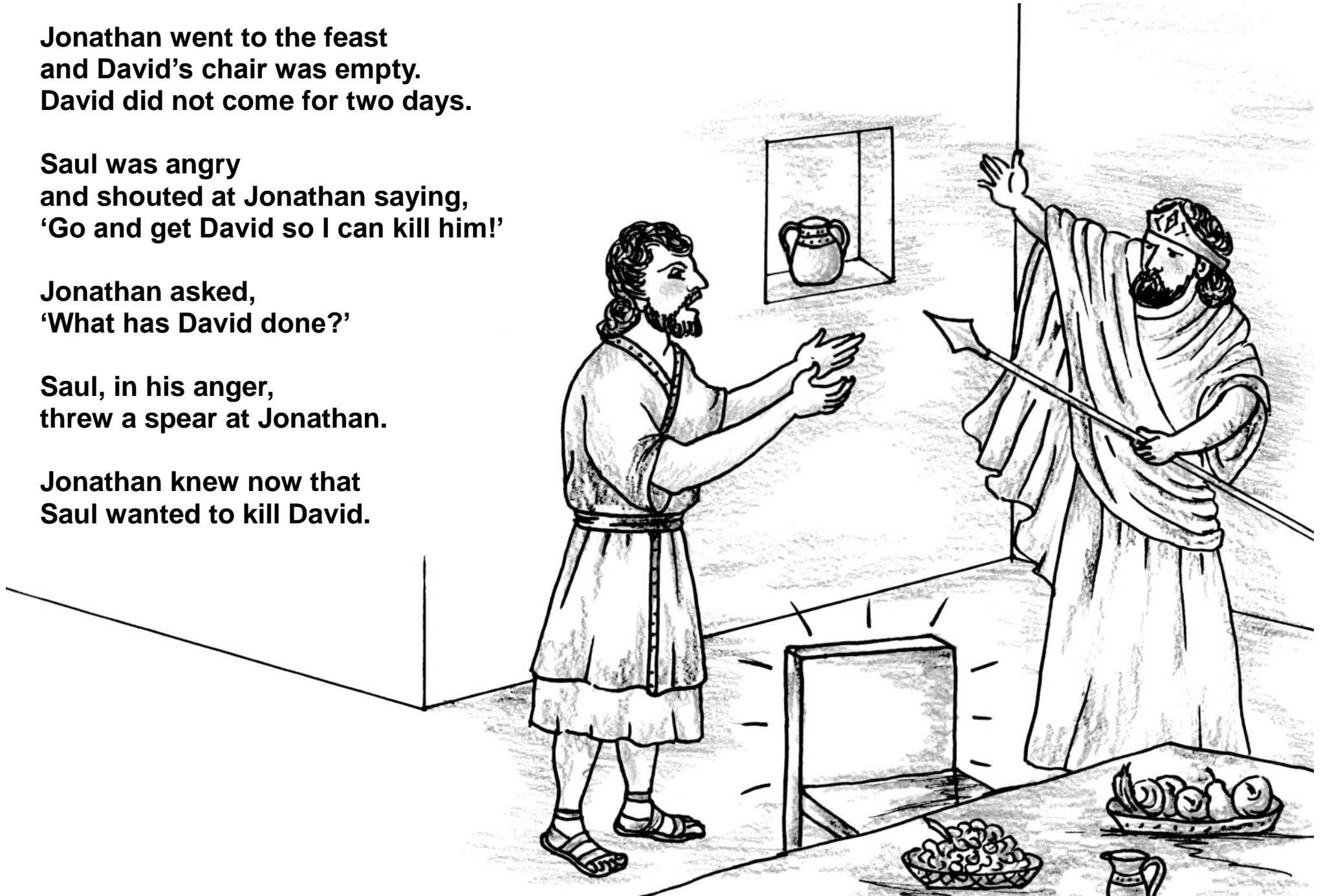
**Jonathan went to the feast
and David's chair was empty.
David did not come for two days.**

**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.**

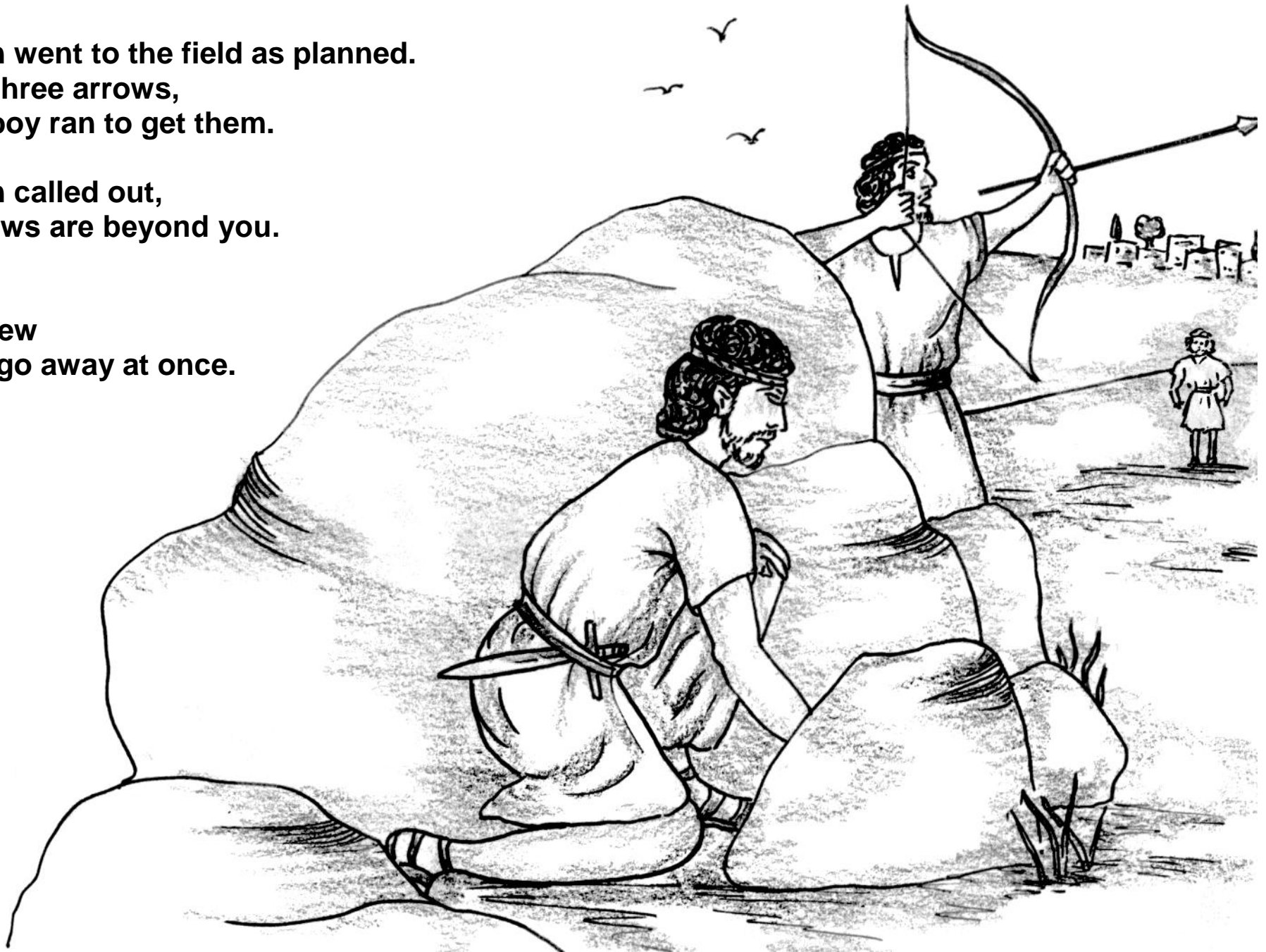
**Jonathan knew now that
Saul wanted to kill David.**



**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.

