

David and Jonathan Are Kind 1 Samuel 16:15-23; 18:1-4; 19:1-7

King Saul Needs Help

King Saul felt grumpy and sad. King Saul felt so grumpy and sad that everyone tried to think of a way to make him feel happy.

One of the king's helpers had an idea. "King Saul," the helper said, "if someone could play happy music on the harp, you might feel happy." King Saul thought that was a good idea!

David Is Kind

"I know someone who plays the harp very well," the helper said. "His name is David. God is with him."

A helper went to talk to David's father. David was taking care of his family's sheep. But his father said he could go help the king.

So David went to live in the king's house. David loved God and was glad to help King Saul by playing his harp. David's harp playing helped King Saul feel happy again.

A Promise of Friendship

David liked living in the king's house. One of the people David liked best in the king's house was King Saul's son. His name was Jonathan. They became best friends.

David and Jonathan made a special promise to each other. "We will ALWAYS be good friends!" they said. "We will ALWAYS help each other."

Jonathan's Gifts

One day Jonathan did something to show how much he liked David.

"David, I am giving you my coat," Jonathan said. Then Jonathan brought his best bow and arrow to David. "You may have my bow and arrow, too." Jonathan said.

David knew that Jonathan was his good friend. And Jonathan knew David was his good friend.

Conclusion

David showed love to King Saul by playing his harp for him. David and Jonathan were good friends. They showed love to each other. They promised to always help each other. God wants us to show His love by being kind and helping each other, too.

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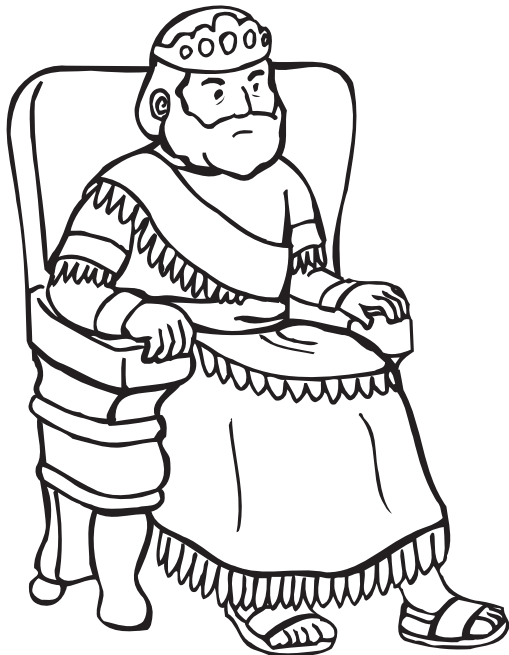
“A Friend loves at all times.”

Proverbs 17:17



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- How did David and Jonathan show kindness?
- How can you be kind to a friend?



