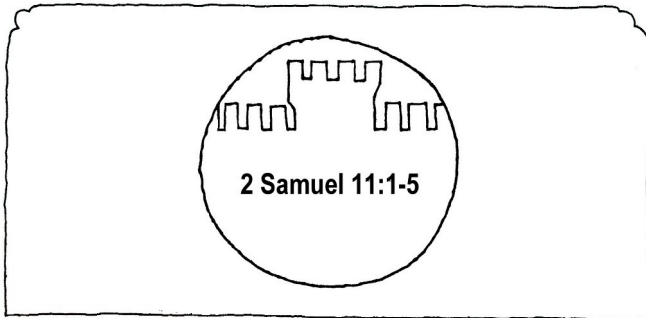


DAVID and Bathsheba

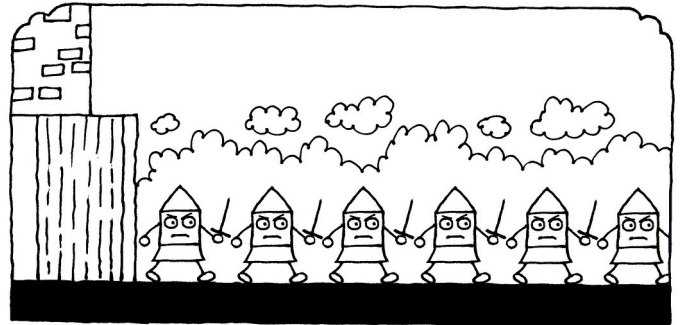
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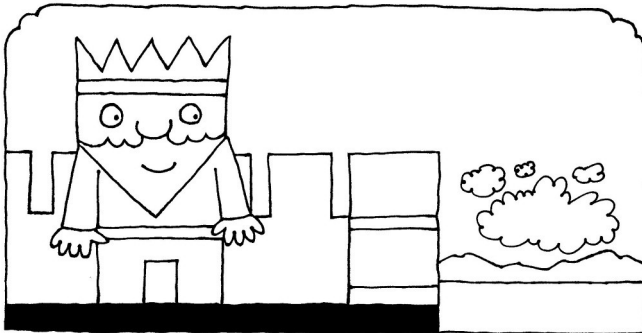
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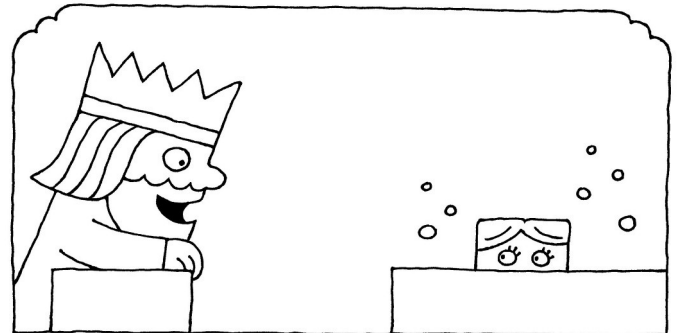
One of God's Ten Commandments says not to steal another man's wife. David tried to hide what he had done, but God sees and knows everything.



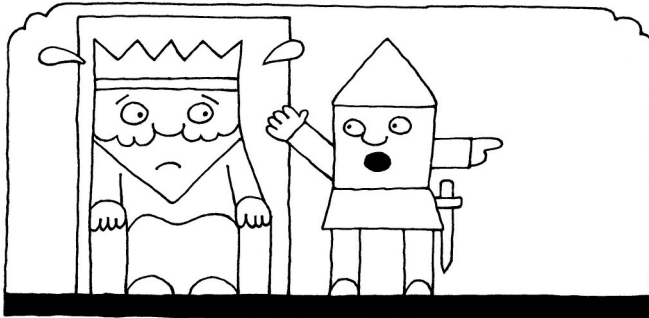
Every year, when the weather got warm again after winter, King David sent his soldiers off to fight their enemies.



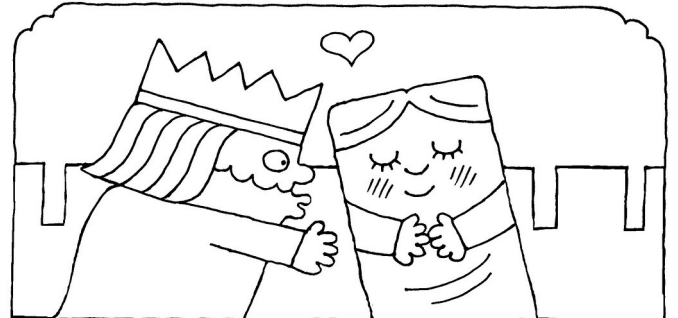
But, this time, he stayed at home. King David lazed about all day and in the evening got up off his bed and took a walk on his roof terrace.



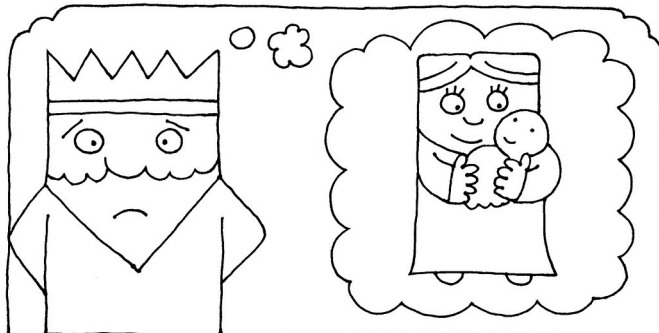
As he looked over the city he saw a very beautiful young girl washing herself, on another terrace, nearby.



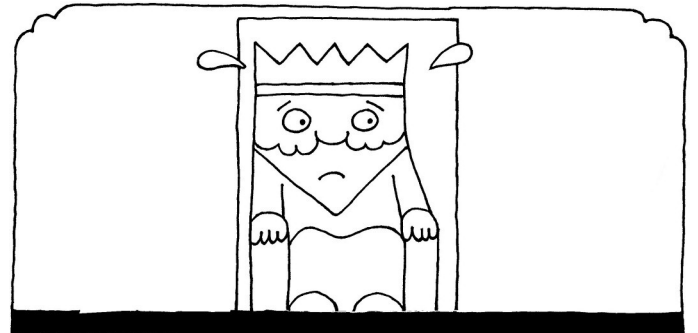
King David couldn't stop thinking about her and sent his servant to find out who she was. "She is Bathsheba, wife of Uriah the Hittite, a soldier away fighting in the army," he said.



King David sent for beautiful Bathsheba and spent time alone with her. They fell in love, while her own husband was away fighting for the king.



A few weeks after Bathsheba had returned back home, King David got a message to say that she was expecting his baby.



Now everyone would know that he had taken another man's wife. King David made a plan to cover up what he had done. But God knew.