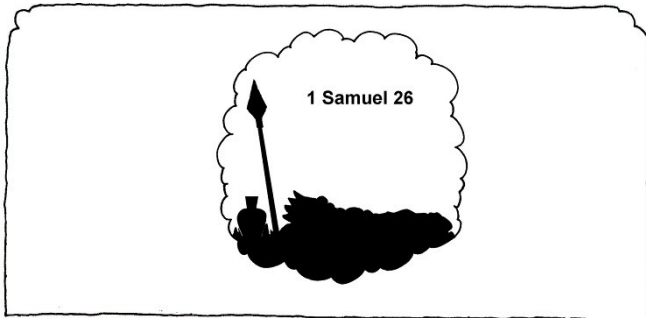


DAVID doesn't hurt King Saul

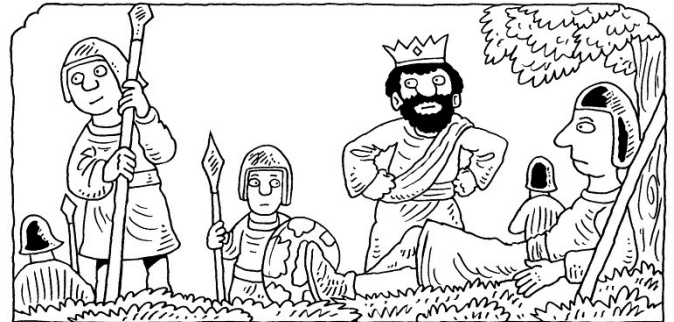
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When God told Samuel to make Saul King over Israel, David knew it was not right to hurt God's chosen King.



King Saul was jealous of David and wanted to get rid of him. All day he searched, but he couldn't find him, because God kept David safe.



That night, when everyone was asleep, David and his friend Abishai, came creeping, very quietly, closer and closer to King Saul.



King Saul was fast asleep and so were the soldiers who guarded him. They didn't even wake up, because they were in such a deep sleep.



When Abishai wanted to kill King Saul, David said, "No! Don't hurt him! Saul was chosen by God to be King and we must respect him."



"We will take the King's spear and water jar so he will know that we have been here. We just want to make peace."



The next morning David shouted to King Saul, "Look! We have your spear and water jar! We could have hurt you last night, but we know God chose you to be King."



King Saul was sorry he had been jealous of David and stopped chasing him. Because David was kind to his enemy, there was peace.