

the people to like him better than they liked David! One day he asked David if he might go down to Hebron to offer a sacrifice to God. But that was only a wicked excuse, for what he really did in Hebron was to proclaim himself king.

Soon he gathered an army and came marching to fight against his own dear father. Sadly David and his family and many faithful friends hurried away from Jerusalem, but Absalom's soldiers came on, and at last David had to let his soldiers go out to drive them back.

David begged them not to hurt Absalom. But Absalom's wonderful hair caught in the branches of a tree as he rode through the forest, and as he hung there he was killed.

Poor David's loving heart was almost broken.

Selfish and unkind boys or girls are never very happy, because playmates cannot love them. But the merry, loving, helpful boys and girls are the happy boys and girls. It is they who make the fathers and mothers proud and happy.



A VERSE TO MAKE US CAREFUL TO SOW KIND DEEDS

"Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

—Galatians 6: 7.

A VERSE TO MAKE US THINK

"A wise son maketh a glad father."

—Proverbs 15: 20.