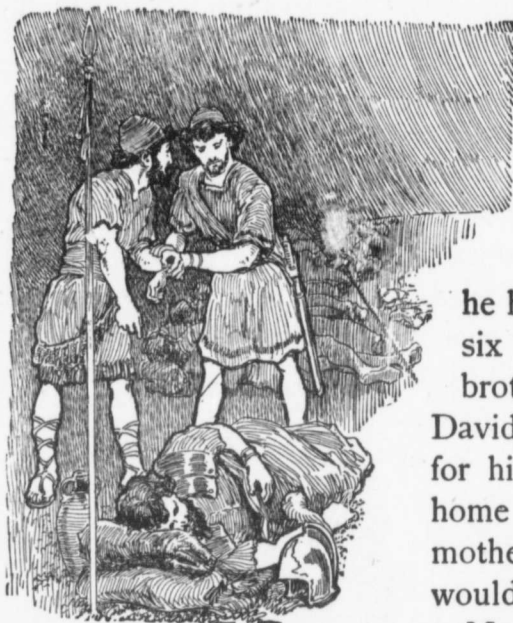


# DAVID SPARES SAUL'S LIFE

I Samuel, chapter 26



When David sadly went away from his friend Jonathan, he was all alone, but very soon other true friends heard what had happened and they joined David until he had a little army of about six hundred men. His own brothers joined him, but before David tried to get to a safe place for himself, he went to his old home and took his father and mother to a place where they would be safe from Saul.

Month after month David and his men lived in caves and in forests with Saul and his soldiers trying to find them and kill them.

One day David's spies brought the report that Saul and three thousand men were in camp near the place where David was. When night came, David and his friend Abishai went over into Saul's camp. Every man was fast asleep, even the sentries who should have been awake, and not one of them saw David as he walked among them. By and by he and Abishai came to King Saul. Saul was sleeping with, his spear stuck in the ground at his head, and his water bottle beside him. Abishai knew how wicked Saul had been toward David, and now it seemed as if God had sent him there to