

At last there was to be a great feast, and Jonathan promised to find out at that time whether or not David could come back to the king's court. But Saul raged and scolded, and said that David should be killed.

Out in a field David was hiding behind a great rock. Jonathan went as if he were going to practice shooting at a mark with his bow and arrow, but this was his signal to David. When he shot his arrow far beyond the boy who was to run and bring it back, David knew that he must go away.

Jonathan sent the boy back to the palace, and he and David sadly, lovingly said good-by, promising that as long as they lived they would be true friends. They asked God's blessing on each other. Then David went away to wander many, many months without a home, and Jonathan went back to the palace which was no longer a happy place for him.

The little boy in our picture is giving up his own comfort to help his friend. And that shows real friendship.



A VERSE TO HELP US TO BE TRUE FRIENDS

**“A friend loveth at all times;
And a brother is born for adversity.”**

—Proverbs 17: 17.