

JONATHAN BEFRIENDS DAVID

I Samuel, chapter 20



Not many weeks ago, we had a story about the brave prince, Jonathan, Saul's son. You remember how he and his armor-bearer crept up to the outer camp of the Philistine army, and all alone won a great victory. He was with his father when David was brought to Saul, after killing the giant. Everyone was praising David and showing him honor; and David was just as quiet and modest about it as Jonathan had been. Jonathan loved

David at once, and instead of caring because here was some one else receiving more honor in his father's camp than he, he took off his prince's coat and gave it to David, together with his sword and his girdle.

Very soon King Saul began to be angry because the people seemed to praise David more than they praised him. He took David to live in his palace, yet one day, when David was sitting quietly before the king playing on his harp, the king threw a spear at him. David escaped and soon he forgave Saul and came back, but the king did the same thing a second time, and though David had never wronged him in any way, he tried to get his servants to kill David. He even tried to get Jonathan to do this wicked thing.