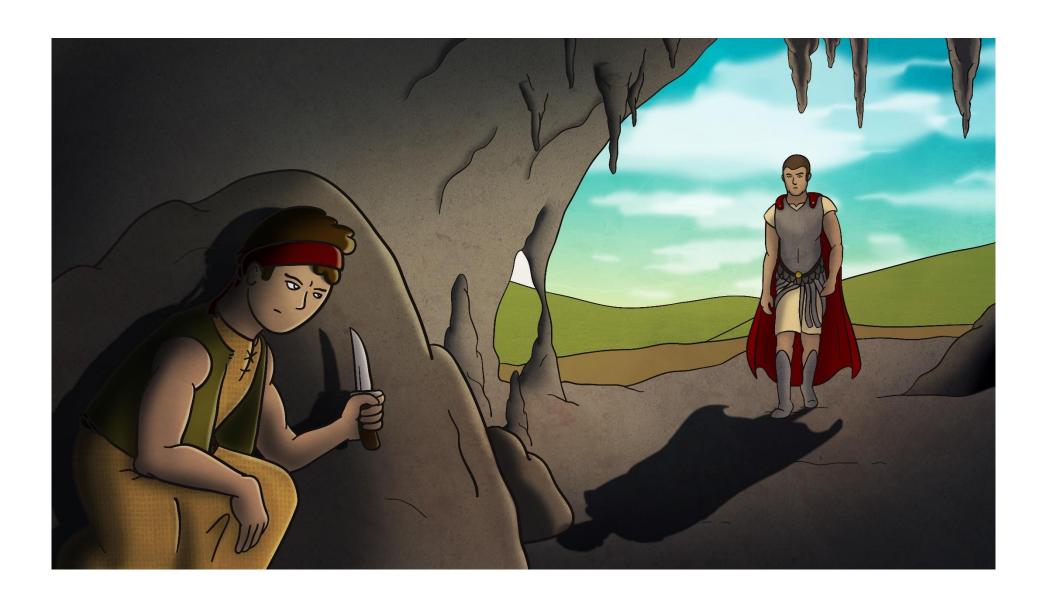


David Treats Saul Kindly

1 Samuel 24:1-22

There was once a king named Saul. Saul and his army were chasing a man named David so they could catch him and kill him. David hadn't done anything wrong though. He followed God and promised to live the way God said to live.

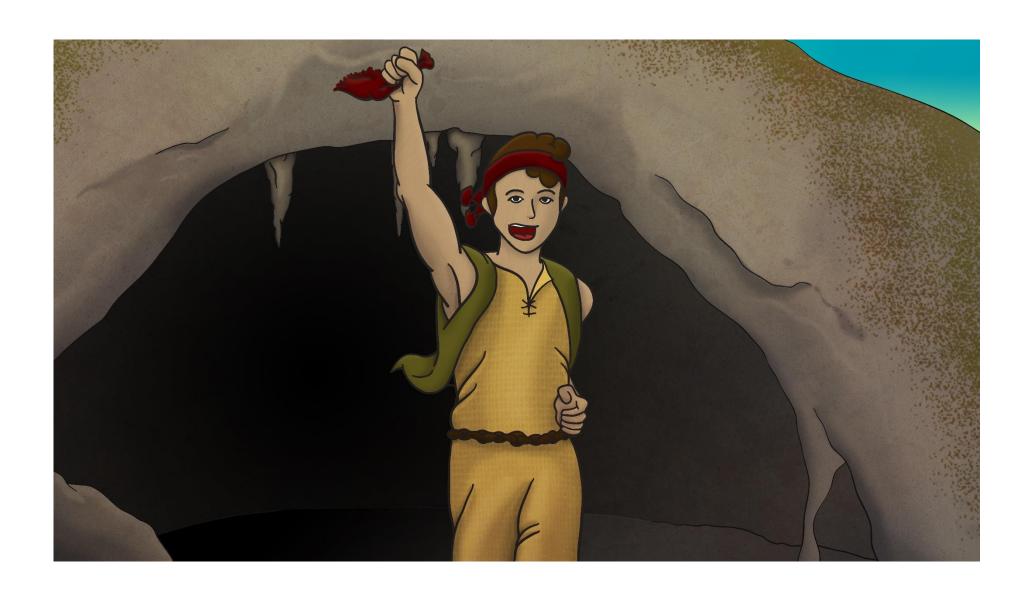


While Saul and his army were chasing David, Saul stepped into a cave to go to the bathroom. The cave was dark, so Saul couldn't see that David was hiding in the cave too!



David's men said, "David! This is your chance to hurt Saul so he'll stop chasing you forever!"

David crawled close to Saul and cut off a piece of Saul's robe. But David didn't do anything else. He said, "I must not do anything against Saul, because he is the king that God wants. I promised God I wouldn't hurt Saul."



After Saul left the cave, David called out to him, "Saul! I want you to see that I had the chance to hurt you while you were in the cave. But, I know that God doesn't want me to do anything to you. Even though you were mean to me, I kept my word to God and didn't hurt you!"



Saul began to cry. He called back to David, "You have shown that you will keep your word. I know that God is going to reward you for keeping your word to Him."

After that, Saul went back home and stopped chasing David for now. Later, God made David king and rewarded him for keeping his word!