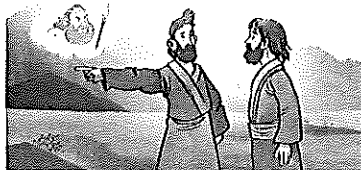




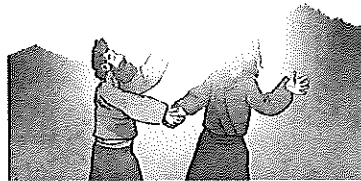
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SLIDE 1



Jonathan and David were best friends. It didn't matter to Jonathan that one day David would be king over Israel and take the place of his own father, King Saul. Jonathan would always do what was best for his friend, because he loved David, and he knew that God was with him. King Saul, on the other hand, was so jealous of David that he wanted to kill him. David feared for his life. He asked Jonathan, "Why is your father trying to kill me, and what have I done to make him so angry?"

SLIDE 2



Jonathan was surprised by David's question. "How do you know my father wants to kill you? He promised me he was not mad at you anymore. He promised me he would never hurt you." But David was convinced that Saul had turned against him, so the two of them came up with a plan that would prove whether or not David was in real trouble with King Saul. When they were done discussing the details, David remained in hiding and Jonathan returned to his father.

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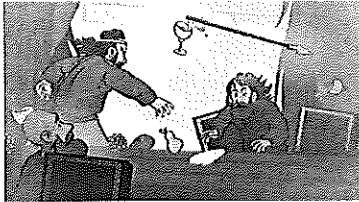


And so the plan moved forward. David purposely did not show up for an important dinner that he was expected to attend with the King and his family. If the king asked why David was not at the dinner Jonathan was to tell the king that he was attending the feast with his own family. The hope was that the King would respond kindly, or that he wouldn't care at all. As the dinner went on the king could not help but notice that David was not sitting in his place at the table. He asked Jonathan, "Where is David, and why is he not here?"



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Jonathan wasn't even finished explaining when the king flew into a murderous rage! He was so blinded with anger that he picked up his spear and hurled it at his own son. Jonathan knew without a doubt that David was in real danger.

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David, still hiding, waited for the signal that would tell him whether or not it was safe for him to come out. Jonathan would shoot three arrows that would land nearer the target if it was safe for David to return, but he would shoot them well past the target if it was not. Jonathan let the arrows soar far into the distance! There was no confusion. Saul wanted to murder David!

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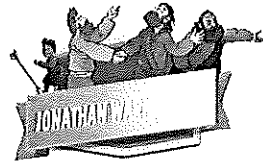


As soon as he was sure he would not be seen by anyone else, David came out from where he was hiding and he fell on his face to the ground before Jonathan, filled with love and gratitude for what his friend had done for him.

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The two friends held each other and cried over the sorrow of what had been revealed—about how the king had not only rejected David, but wanted him killed, and about how the two friends and their two families would be separated forever. David's tears were the most grievous of the two.



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SLIDE 8



So Jonathan truly loved David as his own soul and proved it in his words and in his actions. He knew that God was with David and that he would be king over Israel. Not only had Jonathan protected David with his own life, but he continued to stand by David to the very end. The last recorded words of Jonathan to his beloved friend were, "Do not fear my father, for you are destined to be king, and I will be second to you. Even my father knows this."