

2ND-5TH GRADE BIBLE

STORY PAGE

1 Samuel 15, 16, 18 & 20; 2 Samuel 9

GIVE each child a piece of **tissue paper** and instruct them to crinkle it up.

Then, **SAY**:

Whenever you hear me say "David", place the tissue paper on your head like a crown. Whenever you hear me say "Jonathan", place the tissue paper on your face like a beard.

READ the story, pausing each time you say "David" or "Jonathan" until kids put their tissue paper on the correct place.

The first king of Israel was a man named Saul. Things went well at first, but then Saul stopped following and obeying God. Because of this, God chose a man named DAVID to replace Saul as the king.

Instead of realizing it was his own fault for turning away from God, Saul blamed DAVID. Saul was very jealous of DAVID and didn't want him to become king. If anyone else was going to become king, Saul wanted it to be his son, JONATHAN.

But JONATHAN knew that God had chosen DAVID to be king, so JONATHAN wasn't jealous at all! In fact, JONATHAN loved DAVID as his best friend in the entire world!

JONATHAN celebrated the fact that DAVID was going to be king. He was so happy for him that he gave DAVID his robe, his armor, his sword, his bow, and his belt!

It made Saul very angry that JONATHAN was celebrating DAVID. Saul thought that JONATHAN should be jealous of DAVID like he was. Saul was so angry about the situation that he even tried to kill DAVID! But JONATHAN protected DAVID and helped him escape from Saul.

Sadly, JONATHAN ended up dying in battle. But God didn't forget about the way JONATHAN had celebrated DAVID and protected him from Saul.

After JONATHAN's death, God rewarded him by protecting his son, like JONATHAN had protected DAVID. DAVID brought JONATHAN's son to live with him and treated him like he was his own kid!