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THE STORY OF KING DAVID

DAVID, the young son of Jesse, took care of his father's sheep on the hills of Judah. He loved God, and sang sweet hymns of praise to Him on his harp. This is what David sang:

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

"He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;

"He leadeth me beside the still waters"

One day, the prophet Samuel came to the house of David's father, and sent for the shepherd boy and anointed him--that is, put oil on his head--to show that God had chosen him to be King of Israel; for God loved David because he was good.



ISRAEL was at war with the Philistines, and David was sent by his father to see his brothers, who were soldiers in King Saul's army. When he reached the camp, he heard the great giant Goliath daring the Israelites to come out and fight with him. David offered to do so, but King Saul told him that he was too young. David answered, "God once helped me to kill a lion and a bear in defense of my poor sheep, I am sure He will help me to kill this Philistine." Then King Saul said, "Go, and may God help you."

If God loves us we need fear nothing.

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AND David took five small stones out of the brook, and put them in a sling or shepherd's bag which he had, and went out to meet the giant. When the giant saw that it was only a boy who had come to fight with him, he laughed, and said very wicked words to David; but the lad answered, "I come in the name of the great God whom thou hast defied; He will fight for me." And he took a stone, and put it in his sling, and threw it at the giant. It struck him in the forehead, and he fell to the earth with a loud noise. Then David ran, and drew the Philistine's sword and cut off his head with it.



WHEN the Philistines saw that their giant was killed, they fled; and thus the Israelites won the victory. And the king's son, Jonathan, loved David from that time, and wished him to be just like his brother; so he gave the lad his own rich dress, and his sword and bow. It was the custom in those days to make such presents as these to the person selected to be one's greatest friend.

Jonathan and David loved each other always, for they were both good, and both loved God.

Let us take care to chose for our friends those who love God, and who will help us to grow in goodness.

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NOW King Saul was very ill. He was sad and unhappy because he was no longer good, and nothing made him well but music. Then his servants asked David to play the harp to him as the youth had done before he killed the giant; and David, who was very kind, played to him. But Saul had grown jealous of David now, and wished to kill him; therefore, one day as David was playing before him, the king threw his javelin at him, and would have killed him, had not David slipped on one side, and run out of the room.

Jonathan had told David before that his father wished to kill him, so David was not taken by surprise.



THEN David fled from King Saul, and hid in a cave in the mountains. And his mother and father and his brothers came to him, and stayed with him there. And a great many men who did not love King Saul, or who could not pay money which they owed, came to David; till at last he had quite a number of soldiers with him---four hundred men! But David did not wish to fight against the king; he only wanted to prevent Saul from killing him; so he lived quietly with his soldiers in the cave. It is a sad thing to be jealous.

We should pray to be kept from jealousy; and to be made patient and forgiving as David was.

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GOD took care of David and would not let the wicked king hurt him. At last, in a great battle Saul and his good son Jonathan were killed. David was very sorry. He sang a sweet song about them both; and did not remember how cruel Saul had been to him. Then the people came to David and asked him to be their king; and he was crowned in Hebron as Samuel the prophet had said he should be long ago.

Everything in this world is ordered by God. He "setteth up and pulleth down; He maketh rich and maketh poor." Now, He called the young shepherd boy to be king over His people.



AS soon as David was king he went to fetch the Ark of God, which had been for many years at a place called Kirjathjearim. This Ark was a gold box, having inside it the stone tablets of the Ten Commandments which God gave to Moses, Aaron's Rod which blossomed, and a Pot of Manna which the children of Israel had eaten in the wilderness. When it was in the Tabernacle the bright cloud of God's glory rested on it. David, who truly loved God, could not rest till the Ark should be again in the Tabernacle. And he brought it back with great rejoicings, dancing before it himself and singing psalms of praise to his harp.

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