



1 Samuel 18:1-19

18 As soon as he had finished speaking to Saul,
the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David,
and Jonathan loved him as his own soul.

2 And Saul took him that day and would not let him return to his father's house.

3 Then Jonathan made a covenant with David, because he loved him as his own soul.

4 And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was on him and gave it to David,
and his armour, and even his sword and his bow and his belt.

5 And David went out and was successful wherever Saul sent him,
so that Saul set him over the men of war.

And this was good in the sight of all the people, and also in the sight of Saul's servants.

6 As they were coming home,
when David returned from striking down the Philistine,
the women came out of all the cities of Israel,
singing and dancing, to meet King Saul, with tambourines, with songs of joy, and with
musical instruments.^[a]

7 And the women sang to one another as they celebrated,
"Saul has struck down his thousands,
and David his ten thousands."

8 And Saul was very angry, and this saying displeased him.
He said, "They have ascribed to David ten thousands,
and to me they have ascribed thousands,
and what more can he have but the kingdom?"

9 And Saul kept an eye on David from that day on.

10 The next day a harmful spirit from God rushed upon Saul, and he raved within his house
while David was playing the lyre, as he did day by day. Saul had his spear in his hand. **11** And
Saul hurled the spear, for he thought, "I will pin David to the wall."
But David evaded him twice.

12 Saul was afraid of David because the LORD was with him but had departed from Saul.

13 So Saul removed him from his presence and made him a commander of a thousand.
And he went out and came in before the people.

14 And David had success in all his undertakings, for the LORD was with him.

15 And when Saul saw that he had great success, he stood in fearful awe of him.

16 But all Israel and Judah loved David, for he went out and came in before them.

Intro

David won the battle with Goliath because David was chosen by God to rescue God's people. Jesus was also chosen by God to rescue his people. The true story of David shows us how God works. It also shows us how Jonathan loves God's chosen one, and how Saul doesn't. Our passage for this week shows us that Jonathan loves David by treating him as king.

Retelling the story

Introductory activity for younger ones Work out what Jobs these people have by looking at the clothes they are wearing and the things that they are carrying.



Retelling the story

It might be helpful to think about how Jonathan responded to David after he killed Goliath (v1-4) and then think how Saul responded (v8-15)

Jonathan loved David because he rescued God's people from the Philistines, he loved him so much that he made a special promise to David. We get to see what Jonathan promised by what he did next. He took off his robe, armour, sword, bow and belt, these were the clothes of someone who was going to be king.

Jonathan was saying that he loved David and was going to treat him as his King.

Saul was jealous of David and he tried to get rid of David so that he could stay as king himself.

Some questions for older Pebbles and Rocks

What did people think of David? *Everyone loved him v12*

What did Saul think of David? *He was angry and afraid of him v8*

How did Jonathan treat David? *As his King v4*

How does this story show us how love Jesus?

We should love Jesus like Jonathan loved David we should treat him as a King.

For Boulders and Rip Rap

You might like to look at this video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wDDvDFFNbUU&t=8s>

Jesus is the perfect King, if we love him, we will try and serve him by doing the things he has asked us to and by putting him first.

Saul was jealous of David, he didn't want to give up being King, sometimes we can be like this we'd rather decide what's best for us instead of following what Jesus says.

Prayers

Thank Jesus for rescuing us to be part of his family.

Ask Jesus to help us treat him as our King.

Ask Jesus to help us see when we don't treat him as our special King.

Colouring Page



David and Jonathan were friends.

Crack the code



David and Jonathan Coded Words



Each number stands for a letter of the alphabet. Write the correct letter in the blank to find the coded words and phrase.

Code key

A 1	J 10	S 19
B 2	K 11	T 20
C 3	L 12	U 21
D 4	M 13	V 22
E 5	N 14	W 23
F 6	O 15	X 24
G 7	P 16	Y 25
H 8	Q 17	Z 26
I 9	R 18	

19 1 21 12

6 18 9 5 14 4

16 1 12 1 3 5

3 15 22 5 14 1 14 20

18 15 2 5

A friend _____
12 15 22 5 19 1 20

1 12 12 20 9 13 5 19

David and Jonathan Word Search

Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle. The words can be left to right, up and down, or diagonally.



COVENANT
DAVID
FRIEND
JONATHAN

KING
LOVE
PALACE
PHILISTINES

PRINCE
ROBE
SAUL
SERVANT