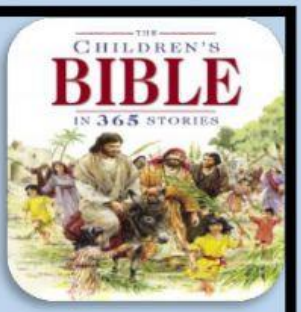


Religious Studies:
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Read the story below before answering the questions.

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Friends for Life
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In spite of Saul's growing hatred, David had one firm friend at court. It was none other than the king's own son, Jonathan.

Jonathan was a brave, good soldier himself, and he warmed at once to the young man who had the courage to fight the champion Goliath in God's name. He felt sure that they would be friends. It never crossed Jonathan's mind to feel jealous of this newcomer, who might spoil his own chances at court.

'Let's make a promise to be friends whatever may happen,' Jonathan said to David. He gave David some of his most precious possessions—his sword and bow and belt—as a sign that their friendship would last through good times and bad.

Saul's jealousy of David began to grow into a kind of madness. He could think of nothing but how to get rid of him.

'I'm going to kill David,' he told Jonathan and the court officials one day. Jonathan hurried away to find David.

'Keep out of the king's way,' he warned him. 'You are in great danger. Stay in hiding until I have talked to my father. I will try to make him change his mind.'

The next day Jonathan found King Saul alone. 'Don't harm David!' he begged him. 'Just think of all that he has done in your service. Remember how he killed Goliath? God gave us victory through David. Many times he has risked his life for you.'

Saul was quiet for a moment, then he said, 'You are right. David does not deserve to die. I promise in God's name that I will not kill him.'

Jonathan felt thankful and relieved. He told David that it was safe for him to come back to court once more.



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2. Who said these words?

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'You are right. David does not deserve to die. I promise in God's name that I will not kill him'.

3. Select the three items given to David

4. What was the reason David was given those items?

5. Saul was extremely jealous of David