

Chapter 1 : ALWAYS CARE FOR OTHERS:: Bedtime, inspirational story for Kids

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House of King Saul[edit] According to the Tanakh , Saul was the son of Kish , of the family of the Matrites, and a member of the tribe of Benjamin , one of the twelve Tribes of Israel. It appears that he came from Gibeah. Saul also had a concubine named Rizpah , daughter of Aiah , who bore him two sons, Armoni and Mephibosheth. Saul died at the Battle of Mount Gilboa 1 Samuel Ish-bosheth became king of Israel , at the age of forty. Ish-bosheth reigned for two years, but after the death of Abner, was killed by two of his own captains 2 Samuel 4: In time, he came under the protection of David 2 Samuel 9: Mephibosheth had a young son, Micah 2 Samuel 9: Leaving his home at Gibeah , they eventually arrive at the district of Zuph , at which point Saul suggests abandoning their search. The seer later identified by the text as Samuel offers hospitality to Saul and later anoints him in private 1 Samuel 9. Samuel organises the people by tribe and by clan. Using the Urim and Thummim , [7] he selects the tribe of Benjamin , from within the tribe selecting the clan of Matri , and from them selecting Saul. After having been chosen as monarch, Saul returns to his home in Gibeah, along with a number of followers 1 Samuel The Ammonites , led by Nahash , lay siege to Jabesh-Gilead. Under the terms of surrender, the occupants of the city are to be forced into slavery and have their right eyes removed. Instead they send word of this to the other tribes of Israel , and the tribes west of the Jordan assemble an army under Saul. Saul leads the army to victory over the Ammonites, and the people congregate at Gilgal where they acclaim Saul as king and he is crowned 1 Samuel The last of these is that Saul will be met by an ecstatic group of prophets leaving a high place and playing the lyre , tambourine , and flutes. Saul encounters the ecstatic prophets and joins them. Saul sends more men, but they too join the prophets. Eventually Saul himself goes, and also joins the prophets. Military victories[edit] After relieving the siege of Jabesh-Gilead, Saul conducts military campaigns against the Moabites , Ammonites , Edomites , Aram Rehob and the kings of Zobah , the Philistines , and the Amalekites 1 Samuel But the event showed it was a false policy; for the people were so faint and weak for want of food, that they were less able to follow and slay the Philistines than if they had stopped to take a moderate refreshment". Saul planned a military action against the Philistines. Samuel said that he would arrive in seven days to perform the requisite rites. When a week passed with no word of Samuel, and with the Israelites growing restless, Saul prepares for battle by offering sacrifices. Samuel arrives just as Saul is finishing sacrificing and reprimands Saul for not obeying his instructions. Later Samuel instructs Saul to make war on the Amalekites and to "utterly destroy" them, [14] in fulfilment of a mandate set out Deuteronomy When the Lord your God has given you rest from all your enemies on every hand, in the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, you shall blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven; do not forget. Having forewarned the Kenites who were living among the Amalekites to leave, Saul goes to war and defeats the Amalekites. Saul kills all the men, women, children and poor quality livestock, but leaves alive the king and best livestock. When Samuel learns that Saul has not obeyed his instructions in full, he informs Saul that God has rejected him as king due to his disobedience. As Samuel turns to go, Saul seizes hold of his garments and tears off a piece; Samuel prophecies that the kingdom will likewise be torn from Saul. Samuel then kills the Amalekite king himself. Samuel and Saul each return home and never meet again after these events 1 Samuel Samuel heads to Bethlehem , ostensibly to offer sacrifice and invited Jesse and his sons. When brought to Samuel, David is anointed by him in front of his other brothers. In 1 Samuel David speaks mockingly of the Philistines to some soldiers; his speech is overheard and reported to Saul, who summons David and appoints David as his champion. David easily defeats Goliath with a single shot from a sling. At the end of the passage, Saul asks his general, Abner, who David is. Saul offered his elder daughter Merab as a wife to the now popular David, after his victory over Goliath, but David demurred. David distinguishes himself in the Philistine wars. Saul has slain his thousands and David his tens of thousands [17] implying that David is the greater warrior. Jonathan recognizes David as the rightful king, and "made a covenant with David, because he loved him as his own

soul. On two occasions, Saul threw a spear at David as he played the harp for Saul. David becomes increasingly successful and Saul becomes increasingly resentful. Now Saul actively plots against David. Saul offered his other daughter, Michal in marriage to David. David initially rejects this offer also, claiming he is too poor. Saul offers to accept a bride price of Philistine foreskins, intending that David die in the attempt. Instead, David obtains foreskins and is consequently married to Michal. Jonathan arranges a short-lived reconciliation between Saul and David and for a while David served Saul "as in times past" 1 Samuel Saul sends assassins in the night, but Michal helps him escape, tricking them by placing a household idol in his bed. David flees to Jonathan, who arranges a meeting with his father. But Saul sees through the ruse and reprimands Jonathan for protecting David, warning him that his love of David will cost him the kingdom, furiously throwing a spear at him. The two friends say their goodbyes, and David flees into the countryside. Saul later marries Michal to another man. Saul is later informed by his head shepherd, Doeg the Edomite, that high priest Ahimelech assisted David, giving him the sword of Goliath, which had been kept at the temple at Nob. Doeg kills Ahimelech and eighty-five other priests and Saul orders the death of the entire population of Nob. David had left Nob by this point and had amassed some disaffected men including some outlaws. With these men David rescues the town of Keilah from a Philistine attack. Saul realises he could trap David and his men by laying the city to siege. David realizes that the citizens of Keilah will betray him to Saul. He flees to Ziph pursued by Saul. Saul hunts David in the vicinity of Ziph on two occasions: Saul follows David, but is forced to break off pursuit when the Philistines invade. After dealing with that threat Saul tracks David to the caves at Engedi. David then leaves the cave, revealing himself to Saul, and gives a speech that persuades Saul to reconcile. On the second occasion, Saul returns to Ziph with his men. The next day, David reveals himself to Saul, showing the jug and spear as proof that he could have slain him. David then persuades Saul to reconcile with him; the two swear never to harm each other. After this they never see each other again. Battle of Gilboa and the death of King Saul[edit] The Battle of Gilboa, by Jean Fouquet, the protagonists depicted anachronistically with 15th Century armour The Philistines make war again, assembling at Shunem, and Saul leads his army to face them at Mount Gilboa. Before the battle he goes to consult a medium or witch at Endor. The medium, unaware of his identity, reminds him that the king has made witchcraft a capital offence, but he assures her that Saul will not harm her. She conjures the spirit of the prophet Samuel, who before his death had prophesied that he would lose the kingdom. Samuel tells him that God has fully rejected him, will no longer hear his prayers, has given the kingdom to David and that the next day he will lose both the battle and his life. In 1 Samuel, and in a parallel account in 1 Chronicles 10, as the defeated Israelites flee, Saul asks his armour bearer to kill him, but he refuses, and so Saul falls upon his own sword. David has the Amalekite put to death for accusing himself of killing the anointed king. But at night the inhabitants of Jabesh-Gilead retrieve the bodies for cremation and burial 1 Samuel Later on, David takes the bones of Saul and of his son Jonathan and buries them in Zela, in the tomb of his father 2 Samuel Saul died for his unfaithfulness which he had committed against the Lord, because he did not keep the word of the Lord, and also because he consulted a medium for guidance. The birth-narrative of the prophet Samuel is found at 1 Samuel 1" The Strength of Israel will not lie nor relent. For He is not a man, that He should relent. Understood in which sense, it can have no place in God. But it is often ascribed to him in the Scriptures when he alters his method of dealing with persons, and treats them as if he did indeed repent of the kindness he had shown them. On this view, 1 Samuel records what actually happened, while 2 Samuel records what the Amalekite claims happened. One is based on the reverse logic that punishment is a proof of guilt, and therefore seeks to rob Saul of any halo which might surround him; typically this view is similar to the republican source. The passage referring to Saul as a choice young man, and goodly 1 Samuel 9: According to this view, Saul is only a weak branch Gen. The second view of Saul makes him appear in the most favourable light as man, as hero, and as king. This view is similar to that of the monarchical source. In this view it was on account of his modesty that he did not reveal the fact that he had been anointed king 1 Samuel Nor was there any one more pious than he M. He was marvelously handsome; and the maidens who told him concerning Samuel cf 1 Samuel 9: In war he was able to march miles without rest. When he received the command to smite Amalek 1 Samuel

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