

Year 2

Week 69

Saul Disobeys God

Scriptures: I Samuel 13

Key Verse: I Samuel 13:13 You have done foolishly. You have not kept the commandment of the Lord your God, which He commanded you. For now the Lord would have established your kingdom over Israel forever.

Key Points:

1. Shortly after Saul was anointed king, Israelites were challenged by the Ammonites. Saul proclaims that anyone who does not follow Samuel or Saul would be destroyed. Saul mustered his armies and defeated them. This made the people happy with Saul and he was confirmed as king among the people. They had a great celebration. This time, Saul made good choices and was a good king.

2. At another time, Saul chose 3000 men. 2000 were with him, 1000 with his son Jonathan at Gibeah. Jonathan attacked the Philistine outpost. Saul had the trumpet blown throughout the land, bragging about the attack. This made the Philistines mad. They assembled 30,000 men to fight Israel. Saul's troops came together at Gilgal with him. Samuel had told him to go there and wait 7 days for him to come (ch. 10:8). They knew they were severely outnumbered and hid in caves and thickets.

3. They waited seven days. When Samuel hadn't come, Saul's men began to scatter. So Saul had burnt offerings made. Just as he finished the offerings, Samuel arrived. Samuel told him he had acted foolishly by not waiting for him as he had been told.

4. Samuel told Saul his kingdom would not endure because he had not kept God's commands. God was looking for a man after his own heart to lead the people.

5. Saul's men counted about 600. They had no spears or swords to fight with for the Philistines had done away with the blacksmiths, only Saul and Jonathan had had them. The Philistines took advantage of Israel's fear and lack of weapons. They plundered the Israelite territory. God was not with Israel for Saul had not obeyed.

KING SAUL OFFERS A SACRIFICE

1 Samuel 13:1-22



Samuel tells Saul that he should not have offered a sacrifice to God

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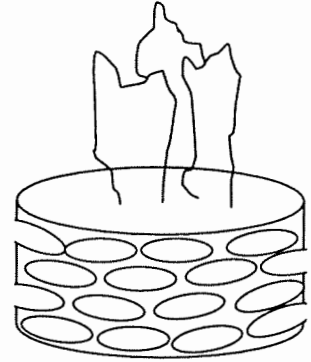
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CRAFT/ACTIVITY: ALTARS

Students will make altars to remind them that King Saul offered a sacrifice to seek God's favor in light of the troubles he faced with the Philistines.

MATERIALS

1. 67 Lb. White Cardstock
2. Altar Pattern
3. Crayons, Markers, or Colored Pencils
4. Scissors
5. Tape
6. Glue
7. Red, Orange, and Yellow Tissue Paper



DIRECTIONS

1. Make a copy of the "Altar" pattern onto 67 lb. cardstock for each student.
2. Have students color the stones with crayons, markers, or colored pencils.
3. Instruct students to cut out the altar on *all the straight solid black lines* (including the small ones between stones).
4. Have students fold on the dotted lines.
5. Help students glue or tape the tab that says "GLUE" to assemble the altar. The top "stones" need to be glued together as well.
6. Allow students to cut strips of red, orange, and yellow tissue paper to make flames.
7. Tape or glue the flames to the top of the altar.

FOR DISCUSSION

As students are coloring their altars, remind them that King Saul was acting alone when he offered a sacrifice to the Lord. Samuel was the one who was to offer sacrifices to the Lord before the Israelites went to battle (1 Samuel 10:8). Because of Saul's disobedience and disregard for the Lord's prophet Samuel, King Saul would not pass on the throne to his sons. Saul was not supposed to reign independently of the law and the prophets. Help students realize that, as the memory verse states, the Lord would rather hear the prayer of the righteous than to receive sacrifices from them.

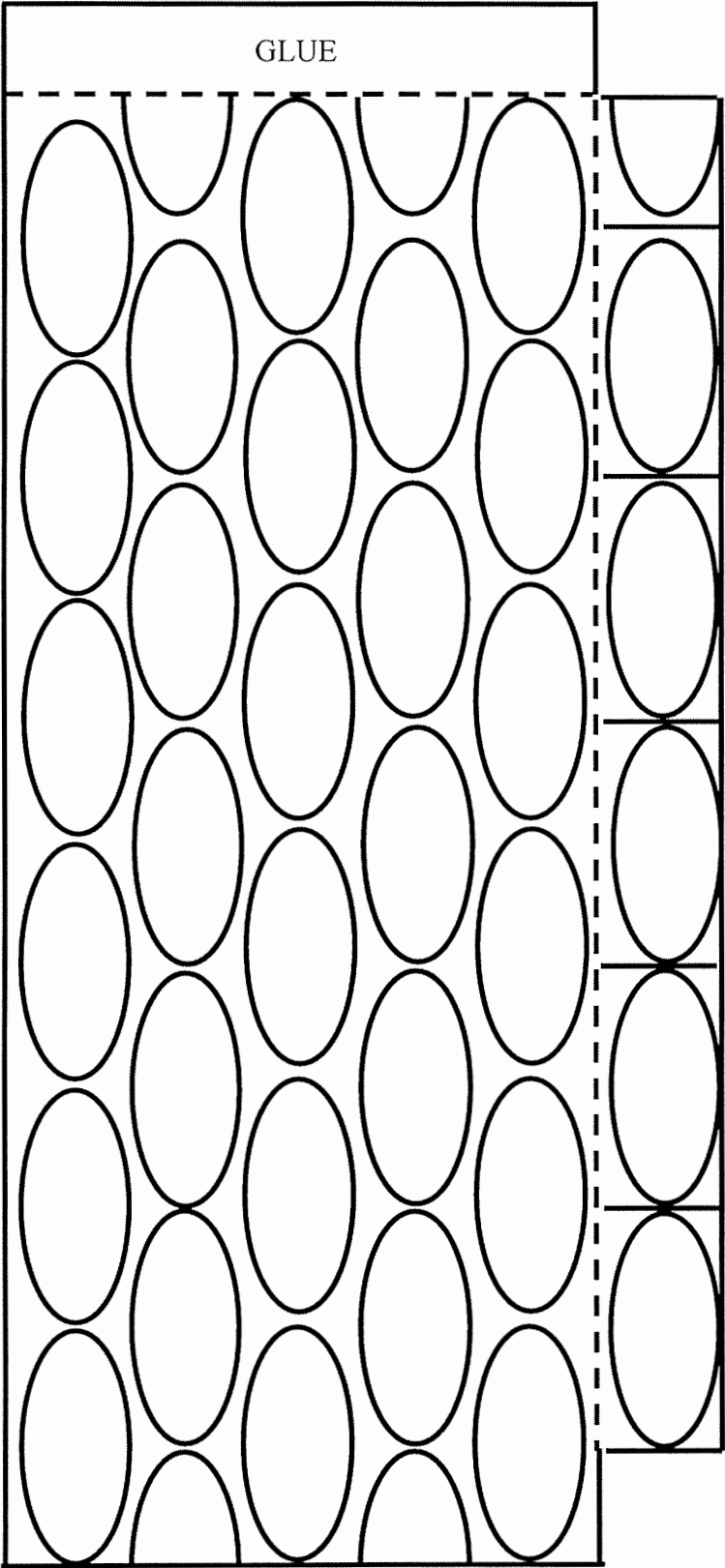
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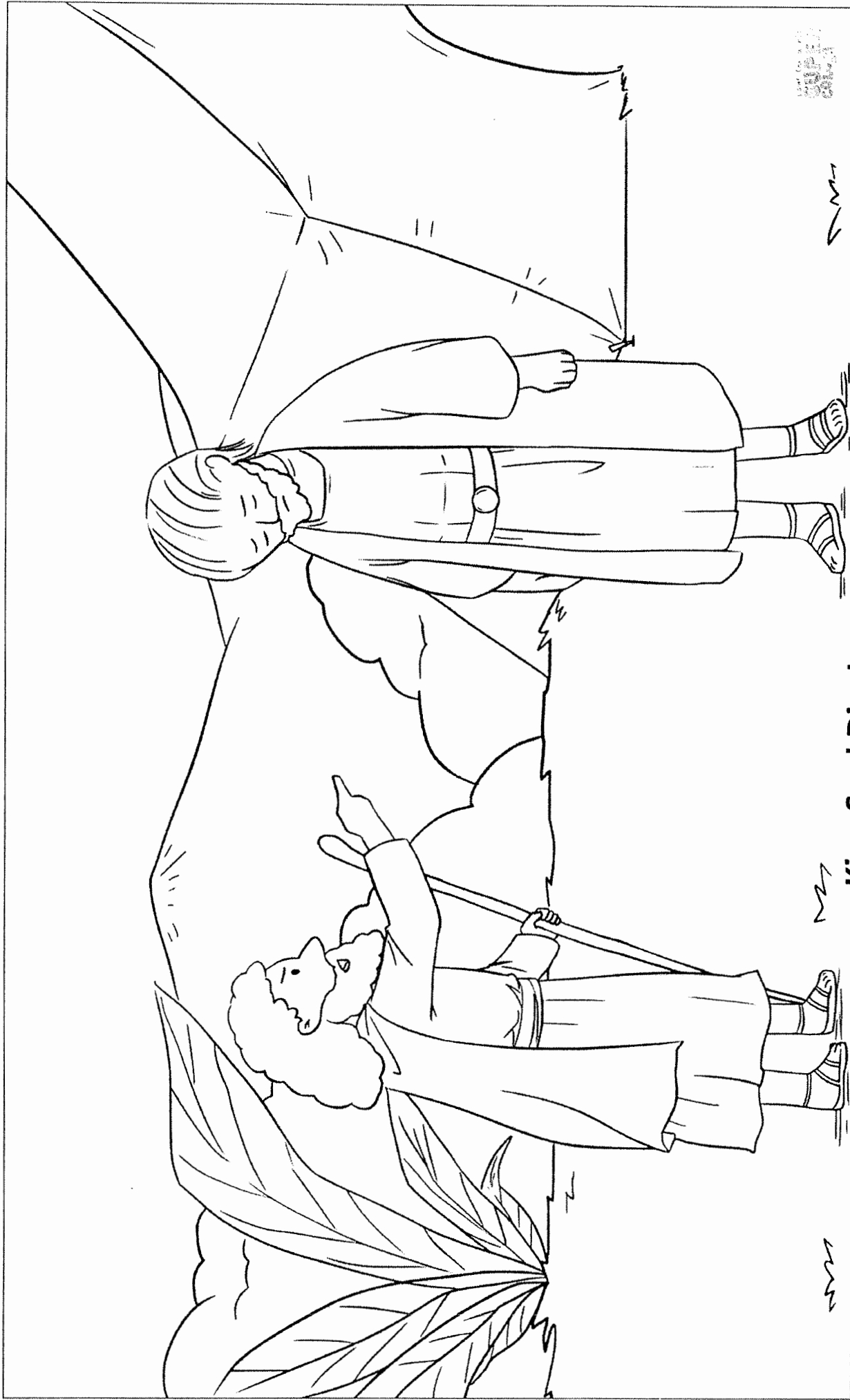
MEMORY VERSE

"The Lord detests the sacrifice of the wicked, but the prayer of the upright pleases him." Proverbs 15:8

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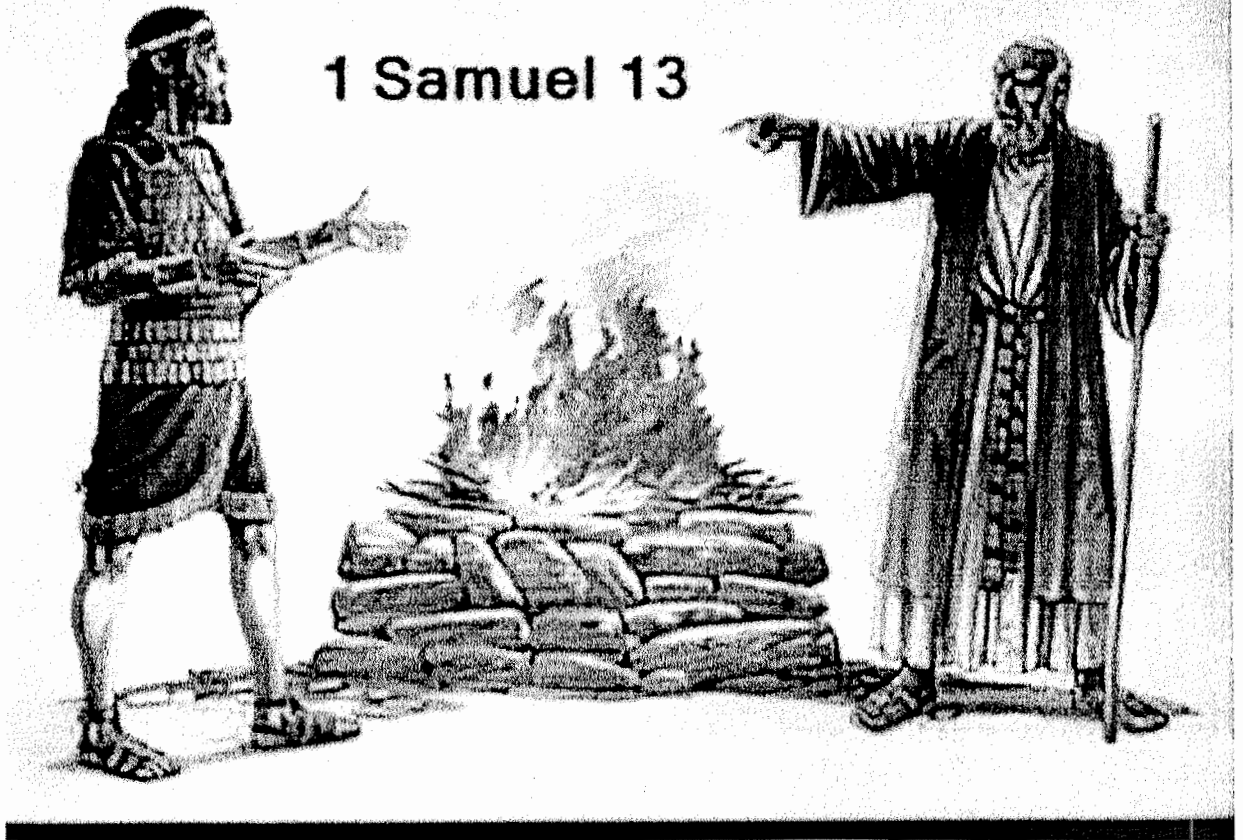


King Saul Disobeys

Write out what Samuel says to King Saul after his return:

1 Samuel 13: 13

1 Samuel 13



Write out in your own words why Saul's sacrifice was disobedient.

JONATHAN'S FIGHT & SAUL'S OATH

(1 SAMUEL 14:1-46)



"And that first slaughter, which Jonathan and his armourbearer made, was about twenty men, within as it were an half acre of land, *which a yoke of oxen might plow.*" **1 SAMUEL 14:14**

"But Jonathan heard not when his father charged the people with the oath: wherefore he put forth the end of the rod that was in his hand, and dipped it in an honeycomb, and put his hand to his mouth; and his eyes were enlightened." **1 SAMUEL 14:27**

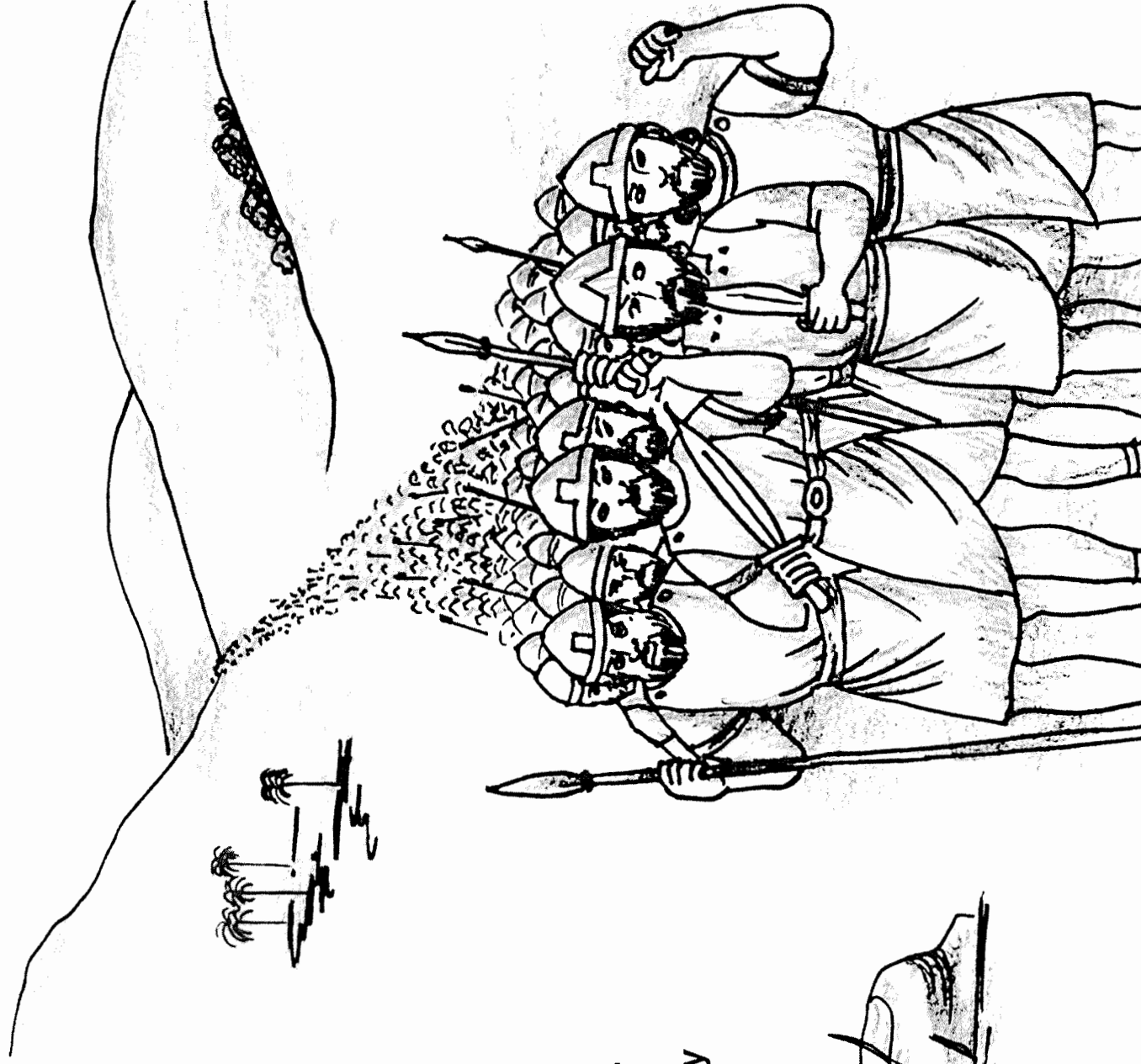
1 SAMUEL 13:1 — 14:23
SAUL DISOBEYS THE LORD /
JONATHAN'S DARING DEED

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King Saul, his son Jonathan
and their armies
went out to fight the Philistines.

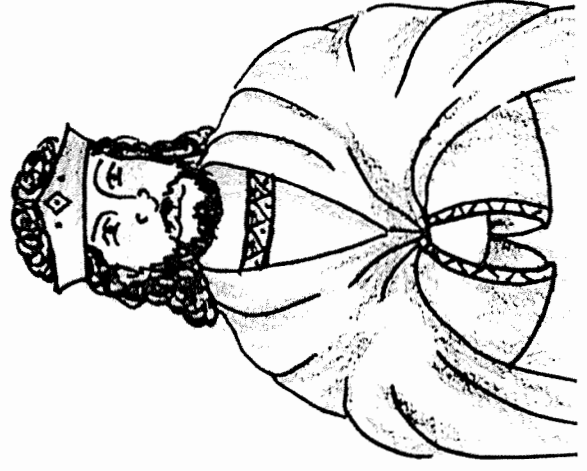
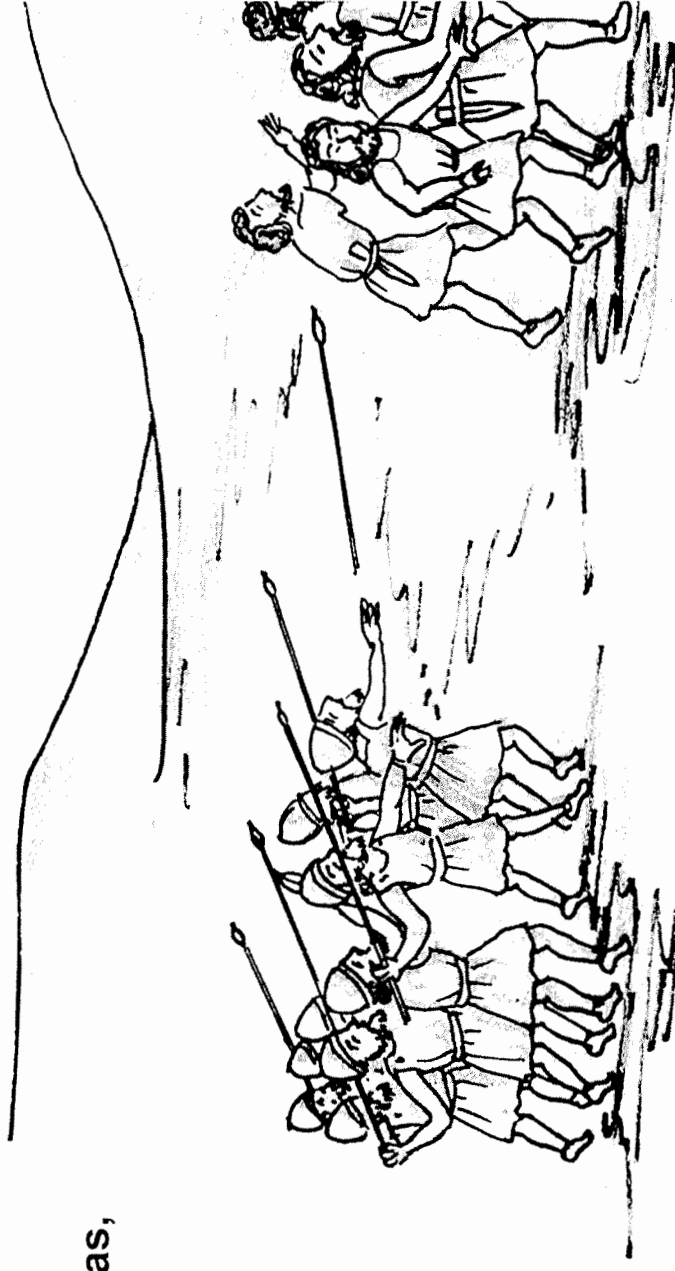
Jonathan and his soldiers
attacked and defeated
the Philistines at Geba.

This made the Philistines angry.
They called for more soldiers
and soon there was a huge army
ready to fight back.



When King Saul's men saw
how big the Philistine's army was,
they were afraid.
Some of them ran away.

Saul was waiting at Gilgal
for Samuel to come.
Samuel was to offer
a sacrifice to the Lord
and ask for God's help.



Seven days went by.
Samuel had not come
and Saul could not wait any longer.
He disobeyed God
and offered the sacrifice,
which only the priest was to do.

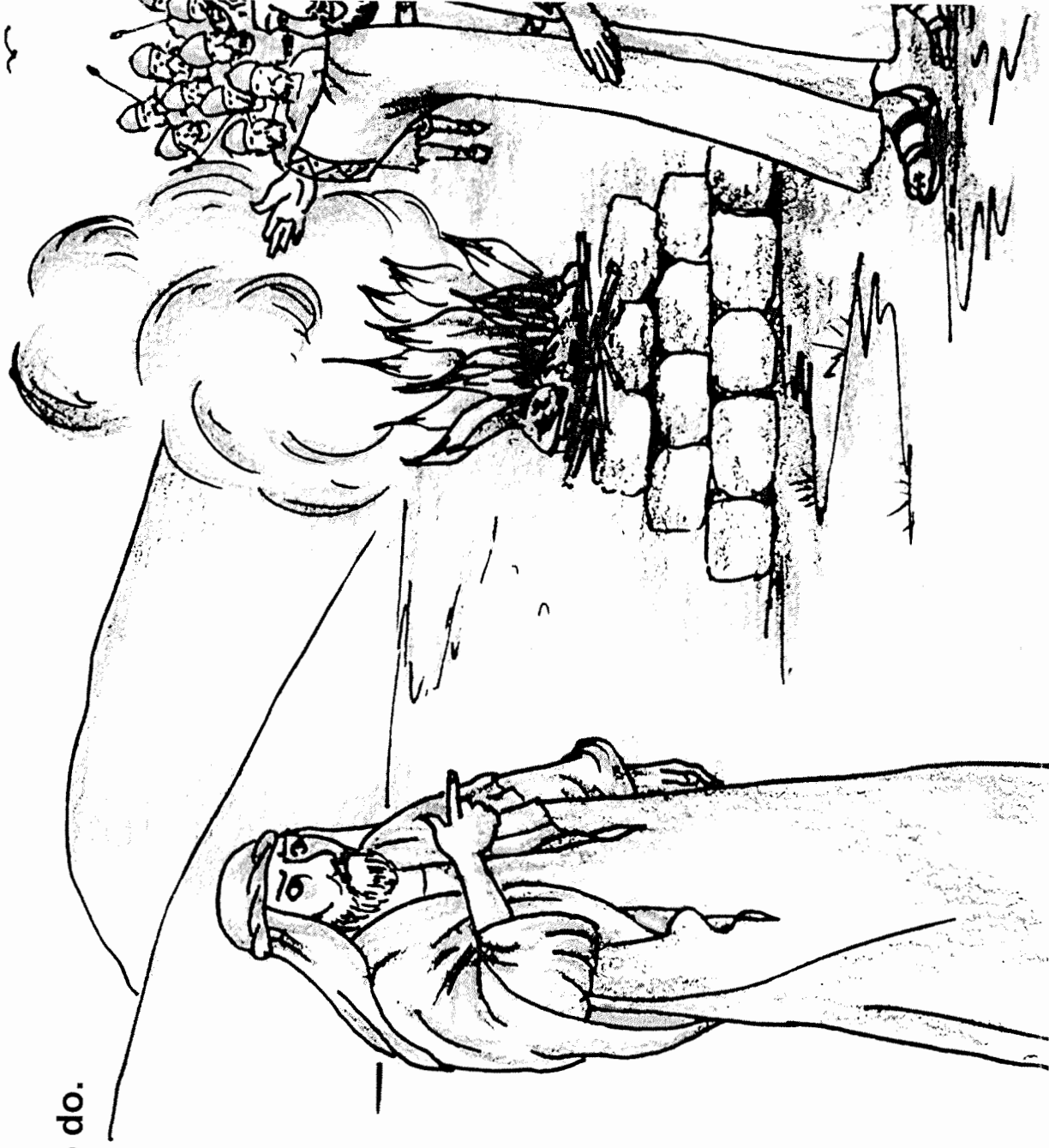
Just as he was finishing
Samuel came.

Samuel asked,
'What have you done?'

Saul replied,
'You did not come,
so I offered the sacrifice.'

'You have been very foolish
to disobey God,'
Samuel said.

'God will find someone else
whom He can trust
and will make him king
over His people forever.'



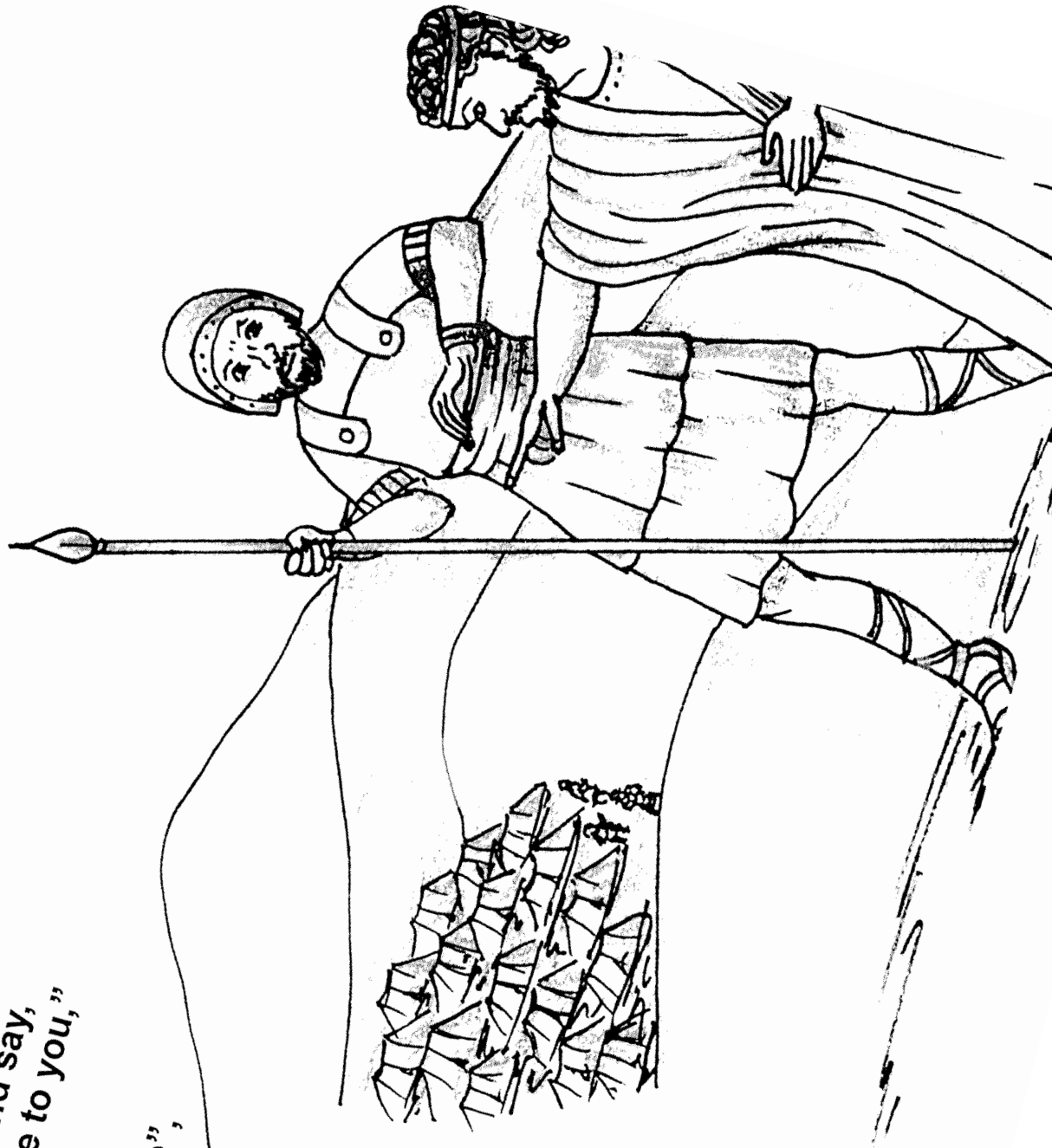
While this was happening
Jonathan said to his armour bearer,
'Let us go over to the Philistine camp.
Perhaps the Lord will help us.
He can work with many or few.'

'If the Philistines see us and say,
"Stay there until we come to you,"
we will stay.

'If they say, "Come up here",
we will go to them.
This will be the sign
that God will fight for us.'

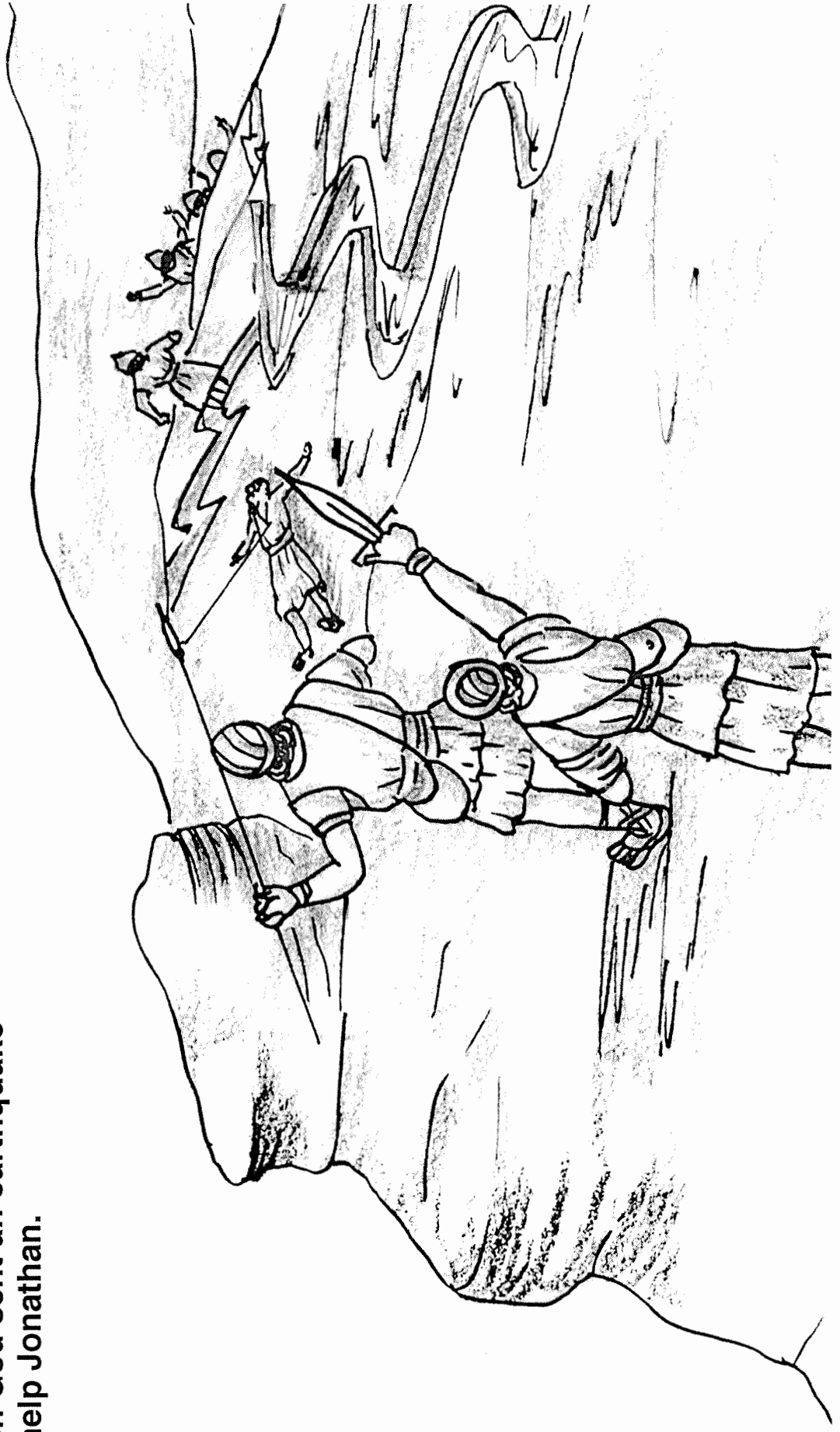
The Philistines saw Jonathan
and called out,
'Come up here.'

'Come on!' said Jonathan.
'That means God will fight for us.'



They climbed the cliff
and killed about twenty Philistines.

Then God sent an earthquake
to help Jonathan.

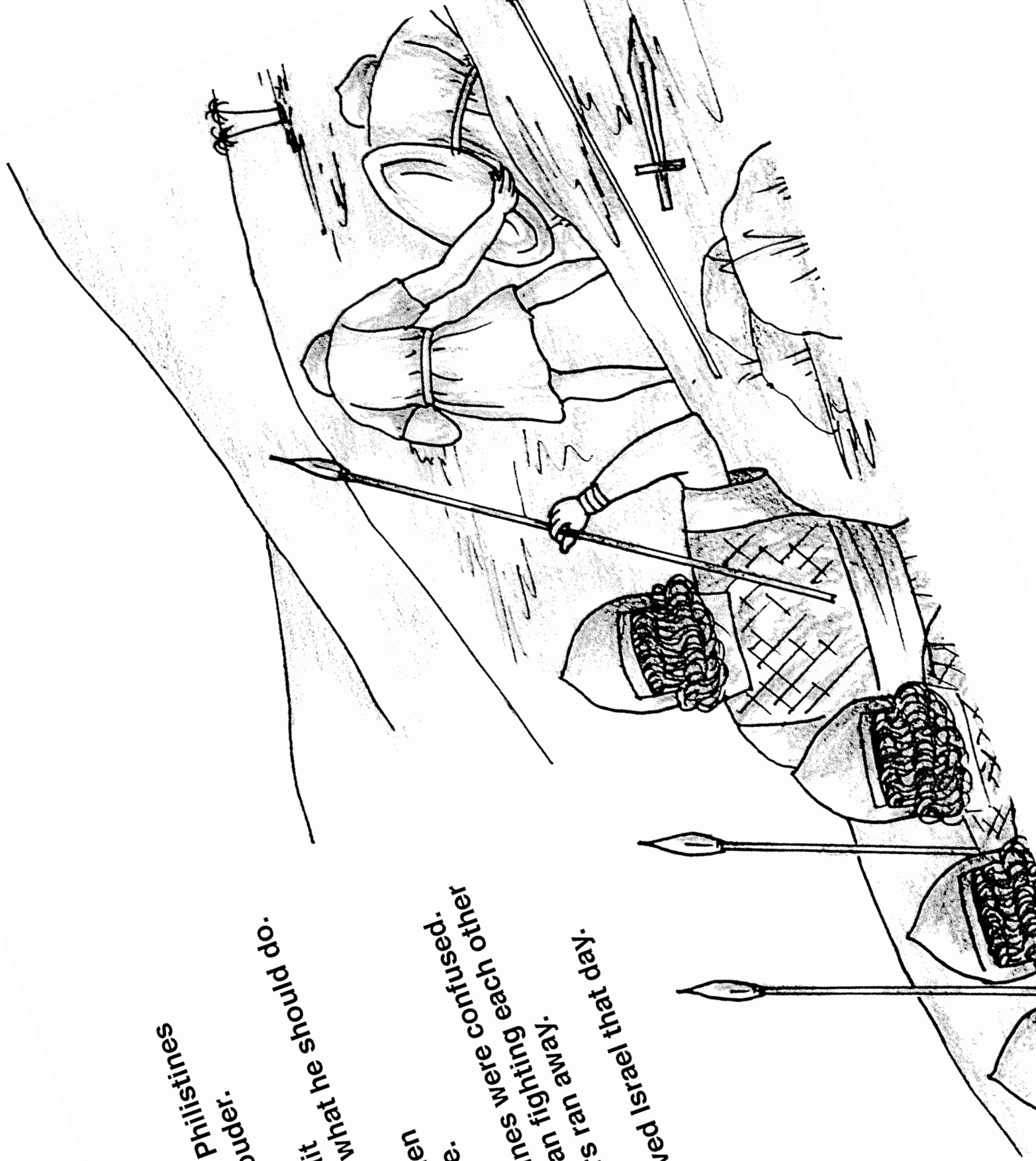


Someone from Saul's camp looked out
and saw fighting among the Philistines.
Saul also looked
and wondered
who was fighting the Philistines.

It was Jonathan
and his armour-bearer.
God was helping them.



God saved Israel that day.
Some began fighting each other
and others ran away.
The Philistines were confused.
He took his men
into the battle.
He took his men
to ask the Lord what he should do.
Saul couldn't wait
grew louder and louder.
The noise from the Philistines
seemed



SAUL DISOBEYS SAUL

Fill in the blank (New King James Version)

1 Samuel 13: 13-14

And _____ said to Saul, "You have done_____.
You have not kept the _____ of the _____ your _____,
which He _____ you. For now the Lord would have
_____ your kingdom over _____ forever. ¹⁴ But
now your _____ shall not_____. The Lord has
_____ for Himself a man after His own_____, and
the Lord has _____ him *to be* commander over
His_____, because you have not kept what the
_____ commanded you."

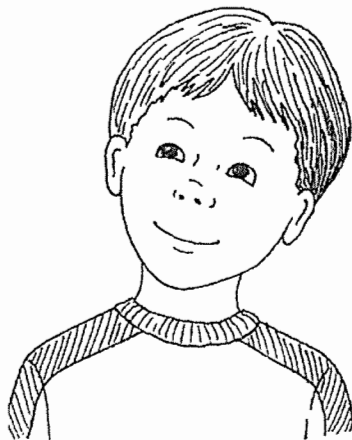
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*Today's bible story was
about _____*

I learned that I should

The memory verse means



Memory Verse:

"The LORD detests the sacrifice of the wicked, but the prayer of the upright pleases him."

Proverbs 15:8

Name: _____

Saul Disobeys God

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Saul's Sinful Sacrifice

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PHILISTINES
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RAIDERS
SAUL
SPEARS

SAUL IS REJECTED BY GOD

(1 SAMUEL 15:10-35)

MEMORY VERSE:

"Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice." 1 SAMUEL 15:22

FILL IN THE BLANK:

1. "Now the word of the LORD came to Samuel, saying, 'I greatly _____ that I have set up Saul as king, for he has turned back from following Me, and has not performed My commandments.' And it grieved Samuel, and he cried out to the LORD all night." 1 SAMUEL 15:10-11

TRUE OR FALSE:

2. "Then Samuel went to Saul, and Saul said to him, 'Blessed are you of the LORD! I have performed the commandment of the LORD.' " 1 SAMUEL 15:13

TRUE OR FALSE

3. "But Samuel said, 'What then is this bleating of the sheep in my ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?' " 1 SAMUEL 15:14

TRUE OR FALSE

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORDS:

4. "And Saul said, 'They have brought them from the Amalekites; for the people (**DESTROYED**, **SPARED**) the best of the sheep and the oxen, to sacrifice to the LORD your God; and the rest we have utterly destroyed.' " 1 SAMUEL 15:15
5. "Why then did you not (**OBEY**, **DISOBEY**) the voice of the LORD? Why did you swoop down on the spoil, and do evil in the sight of the LORD?" 1 SAMUEL 15:19
6. "And Saul said to Samuel, 'But I (**HAVE**, **HAVE NOT**) obeyed the voice of the LORD, and gone on the mission on which the LORD sent me, and brought back Agag, king of Amalek; I have utterly destroyed the Amalekites.' " 1 SAMUEL 15:20
7. Then Samuel said, "Behold, to obey is (**BETTER**, **WORSE**) than sacrifice." 1 SAMUEL 15:22

TRUE OR FALSE:

8. And Samuel also said, "Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He also has rejected you from being king." 1 SAMUEL 15:23

TRUE OR FALSE

9. "So Samuel said to him, 'The LORD has torn the kingdom of Israel from you today, and has given it to a neighbor of yours, who is better than you.' " 1 SAMUEL 15:28

TRUE OR FALSE

FILL IN THE BLANK:

10. "And Samuel went no more to see Saul until the day of his death. Nevertheless Samuel _____ for Saul, and the LORD regretted that He had made Saul king over Israel." 1 SAMUEL 15:35

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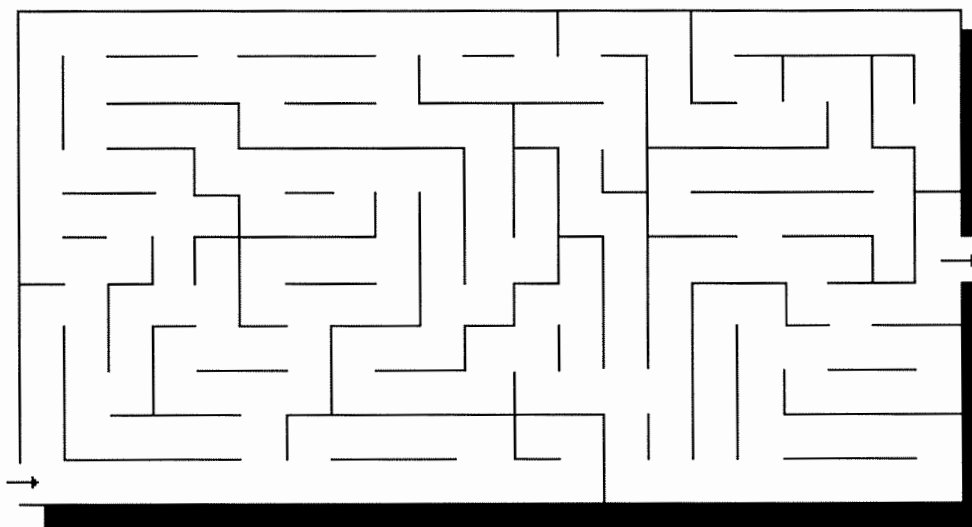
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JONATHAN'S FIGHT & SAUL'S OATH

(1 SAMUEL 14:1-46)

MEMORY VERSE:

"For nothing restrains the LORD from saving by many or by few." 1 SAMUEL 14:6

TRUE OR FALSE:

1. "Now it happened one day that Jonathan, the son of Saul, said to the young man who bore his armor, 'Come, let us go over to the Philistines' garrison that is on the other side.' But he did not tell his father." 1 SAMUEL 14:1
TRUE OR FALSE
2. "Then Jonathan said to the young man who bore his armor, 'Come let us go over to the garrison of these uncircumcised; it may be that the LORD will work for us. For nothing restrains the LORD from saving by many or by few.'" 1 SAMUEL 14:6
TRUE OR FALSE

FILL IN THE BLANK:

3. "That first slaughter which Jonathan and his armorbearer made was about _____ men within about half an acre of land." 1 SAMUEL 14:14

UNDERLINE THE CORRECT ANSWER:

4. "And the men of Israel were distressed that day, for Saul had placed the people under oath, saying 'Cursed is the man who eats any food until evening, before I have taken vengeance on my enemies.'" 1 SAMUEL 14:24
 - a. So all the people ate until they could eat no more
 - b. So none of the people tasted food

FILL IN THE BLANKS:

5. "But Jonathan _____ his father charge the people with the oath; therefore he stretched out the end of the rod that was in his hand and dipped it in a honeycomb, and put his hand to his mouth, and his countenance brightened." 1 SAMUEL 14:27
6. Now Jonathan said, "How much _____ if the people had eaten freely today of the spoil of their enemies which they found! For now would there not have been a much greater slaughter among the Philistines?" 1 SAMUEL 14:30
7. "Saul said to Jonathan, 'Tell me what you have done.' And Jonathan told him, and said, 'I only tasted a little honey with the end of the rod that was in my hand. So now I must _____!' " 1 SAMUEL 14:43

TRUE OR FALSE:

8. Saul answered, "No my son, you shall surely not die!" 1 SAMUEL 14:44
TRUE OR FALSE

FILL IN THE BLANK:

9. "The people said to Saul, 'Shall Jonathan die, who has accomplished this great salvation in Israel? Certainly not! As the LORD lives, not one hair of his head shall fall to the ground, for he has worked with God this day.' So the people _____ Jonathan, and he did not die." 1 SAMUEL 14:45

JONATHAN'S FIGHT & SAUL'S OATH

(1 SAMUEL 14:1-46)

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