

Memory Verse:

Two- and three-year-old verse: 1 Samuel 16:7b: The LORD looks at the heart.

Four- and five-year-old verse: 1 Samuel 16:7b: Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.

Aim Questions for 2's & 3's:

1. Who protected David when jealous King Saul tried to kill him? *(God.)*
2. Who prayed to God when he returned home and found his family and belongings had been stolen by the Amalekites? *(David.)*
3. After King Saul died, who had a heart to obey God and would be the next king of Israel? *(David.)*

Aim Questions for 4's, 5's & K:

1. Why were David and his men sad when they went home to Ziklag? *(The Amalekite enemies had burned the town and taken the women, children, and animals away.)*
2. Did David pray to God for help? *(Yes. God told David that He would help get their families back.)*
3. What happened when the Philistines fought with King Saul at Mount Gilboa? *(King Saul and his sons were killed with arrows.)*
4. Who was stronger, the God of Israel, or the Philistine idol? *(God is stronger than an idol, but God let the Philistines win because He was punishing Saul for disobeying.)*
5. Do you want a heart that obeys and honors God? *(Yes. Say the memory verse and former 1 Samuel memory verses.)*

Key for symbols:

- This box symbol represents ideas that can be used for two-year-olds through kindergarten. Please remember to slow down the pace for two-year-olds and keep the pace moving for five-year-olds.
- ② This symbol represents ideas that are best used for two- and three-year-olds.
- ④ This symbol represents ideas that are best used for four-year-olds through kindergarten.

Hook:

- House Afire Activity Page: (1SM06ECGF2)** Cut or tear flame shapes from colored construction or tissue paper. Have the children glue the flames to their pictures and finish coloring them with crayons or marking pens. "David has something sad happen to his town while he is away from home. We'll hear about what happened in today's Bible Adventure."
- Doctor and Nurse Center:** Provide medical supplies to be used in a first aid center. Suggested items include: sling, ace bandage, bandaids, stethoscope, knee hammer, tongue depressors, rubber gloves, toy doctor's kit. "The Israelites were in a hard battle with the Philistines in today's Bible Adventure. Many of them died on the battlefield because they did not have doctors or nurses to help them."

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- Emergency Vehicle Center:** Provide a number of emergency vehicles (ambulances, fire trucks, airplanes, tanks, etc.) for the children to play with. Talk about how we use these vehicles today. Ask if anyone has seen these vehicles or ridden in one of them? Did they have these trucks to help them in the battles King Saul or David fought?
 - Rhythm Sticks and Bible Adventure Words:** Explain to the children how to use rhythm sticks as follows: The children must hold both ends of the sticks in their hands until you tell them they can hit them, or they must hold them at their sides, quietly. If you hear a stick hit the other when they are not supposed to, you can take the sticks from them. Repeat the following words vocally with the children before hitting the rhythm of the words with the sticks: King Saul, Priest Samuel, David, Philistine, Ziklag, six hundred, Amalekite enemies, pray to God, family and animals, camping, Philistines, Mount Gilboa, arrow, armor, idol. Tap the sticks as the children say the memory verse.
 - Lifting Exercises:** Provide different items and weights (bag of kitty litter, bag of sugar, books, a chair, a brick, a stone, a piece of wood, cotton, macaroni, etc.) for the children to try to lift. In the Bible Adventure today, David is very strong but not because he could lift heavy things. Real strength to do the right thing comes from obeying God and by asking Him for His strength.
 - Play Dough:** Flatten the dough and press hand prints in the dough or draw around the child's hand with a pencil point. If you have hand print cookie cutters, make two of them and press them together for praying hands. Talk about prayer. David prays and God helps him. Listen to David's prayer in the Bible Adventure today.
 - Weapon Viewing:** Bring a bow and arrow, sword, shield, spear, etc., to give an idea of the kind of weapons with which the Israelites and their enemies fought. Show them before the Bible Adventure and then put them aside.
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Book:

Presentation Ideas -

- Color and mount the **1SM06ECGF1**, **1SM06ECGF2**, **1SM06ECGF3**, and **1SM06ECGF4** pictures on construction paper. Show them as you tell the Bible Adventure. Save them for future lesson review.
- "God is Listening" Finger Play:** In today's Bible Adventure, David prays to God. Let's pray to God before the Bible Adventure story today.

God is listening, God is listening,	<i>(Cup hand to ear.)</i>
To each word I say.	<i>(Point to mouth.)</i>
He will hear me, He will hear me.	<i>(Point to heaven.)</i>
Every time I pray.	<i>(Form praying hands.)</i>
- Throne Activity:** Have a child designated as King Saul sit on the throne chair during the Bible Adventure, but when the end of the story comes, he is told to get down off the throne and a new person will go up and sit there. The new child represents David. He can sit there during the Aim Questions.

Bible Adventure for 2's & 3's-

(Show the review 1SM05ECGF1 picture.) King Saul had become jealous of the young man, David. The king even tried to kill David with a spear! But God protected David and he was able to run from the palace and hide in the caves in the country.

(Show the 1SM06ECGF1 picture.) After hiding in caves for a long time, David decided to go live in a town that belonged to the Philistines. He knew that King Saul would not try to find him there. David moved his family and six hundred fighting men with their families into the town of Ziklag.

(Show the 1SM06ECGF2 picture.) One day, while David and his six hundred mighty men were away from Ziklag, the Amalekite enemies came to the town. They grabbed all of the women, children, and animals, and took them away. They then burned the houses in Ziklag.

When David and his men returned home, they cried out loud. They didn't know that it was the Amalekites who had burned their homes and taken their families away. David prayed to God and asked Him if he should follow the enemies and fight against them. The LORD answered David saying, "Yes, follow them and you will succeed in getting your families back." David had been sad, but he found strength in the LORD.

David and his men became very tired chasing the enemy. Some of his tired men stopped to rest but many followed David until they found the camp of the Amalekites.

(Show the 1SM06ECGF3 picture.) The enemies were eating and drinking and having a great time. They were proud that they had stolen all of the people and things from the town of Ziklag.

David and his mighty men rushed down upon the Amalekites and fought them all night and all the next day. The LORD helped them win the battle. David got back everything the Amalekites had taken--all the women, children, and animals. Nothing was missing.

(Show the 1SM06ECGF4 picture.) At the same time God was helping David win against the Amalekites, King Saul was fighting against the Philistines. The Philistines had attacked the Israelites and many of the Israelite men were killed with arrows. Other Israelites ran away from the Philistines. It was a sad day for Israel. King Saul was hit with an arrow. He could not go to a hospital and there was no doctor or nurse to help him. Saul and many of his loyal men died that day on the mountain.

David would be the new king of Israel. Israel would now have a king whose heart wanted to obey God every time.

Prayer: Dear God, help me to be like David who prayed and asked for Your help. I want a heart to obey You every time. In Jesus' name I pray, amen.

Bible Adventure for 4's, 5's & K-

(Show the review 1SM03ECGF2 picture.) King Saul did not have a heart that wanted to obey God every time. He didn't obey priest Samuel when Samuel told him to wait for him before offering a sacrifice to God. Saul disobeyed and offered the sacrifice without waiting for Samuel.

(Show the review 1SM03ECGF4 picture.) King Saul did not obey God and destroy every Amalekite--every person and animal. King Saul let his men keep the best sheep and cows for themselves. Samuel said to Saul, "You have rejected God's Word; now God is rejecting you as king of Israel."

After that time, God's Spirit left King Saul and went with David. King Saul kept on trying to be the king as though God was with him, but God was not, as Samuel had warned.

(Show the review 1SM05ECGF1 picture.) King Saul had a heart full of jealousy toward David, and tried to kill him many times, but God protected David every time.

(Show the 1SM06ECGF1 picture.) David decided to go live in a town that belonged to the Philistines. He knew that King Saul would not try to find him there. The Philistine King Achish heard that King Saul was trying to kill David, so he gave David a town called Ziklag where David and his six hundred mighty men could live with their wives and children. David was glad not to be hiding in caves, wondering when King Saul would come to find him.

(Show the 1SM06ECGF2 picture.) One day, while David and his six hundred mighty men were away from their town of Ziklag, the Amalekite enemies came to the town. The Amalekites grabbed all of the women, children, and animals, and took them as their own. The Amalekites took everything they could find with them and headed back towards their own homes.

When David and his men came back to Ziklag and saw their homes burned to the ground, they were sad and angry. They looked around, but there were no women, no children, and no animals anywhere to be seen. David and his men cried and cried because they didn't know where their families were. They didn't know what to do.

David's men were angry at him and wanted to stone him because they were sad about their families being gone. David was sad, too, but he found strength in the LORD. David prayed to God and asked Him whether he should go find the Amalekites and fight them to get their families back.

The LORD answered David, "Go and find your families. I will help you get them back." David and his six hundred men hurried as fast as they could toward the Amalekite towns. As they were going along, they found an Amalekite slave who had been left behind on the road when he got sick. David gave the slave food and water, and then said to him, "Where did the Amalekites go? Will you lead us to them?"

(Show the 1SM06ECGF3 picture.) The Amalekite slave said, "If you don't hurt me, I will lead you to where the Amalekites are camping." David promised, and the slave took David and his men to the place where the Amalekites were eating and drinking and having a great time. They were feeling really good about winning the battle against Ziklag and taking all of David's possessions--his animals and families--with them.

David and his mighty men rushed down upon the Amalekites and fought with them all night and all the next day. The LORD helped them win the battle, and David and his men were reunited with their families. How happy they all were as they walked back to Ziklag with their wives, children, and animals. Everything they had lost to the Amalekites was given back to them again.

(Show the 1SM06ECGF4 picture.) At the same time God was helping David win, He was not helping King Saul against the Philistine enemies. The Philistines attacked the Israelites at Mount Gilboa, and many of the Israelite men were killed with arrows. Other Israelites ran away from the Philistines. It was a sad day for Israel. An archer shot an arrow that hit King Saul. He could not go to a hospital, and there was no doctor or nurse to help him. Saul died that day on the mountain, and all three of his sons lay dead around him.

When the Philistines came the next day to take away any armor that was on the dead bodies, they found King Saul laying with his sons. They took the armor off their bodies and sent it with a messenger to the temple where the Philistines worshiped the Ashtoreth idols. They sent word around to all the Philistines, saying, "We won the battle! Our idol is stronger than the Israelite God."

Was that true, that the Ashtoreth idol was stronger than the true God? No, God is stronger than anyone or anything, but God let the Philistines win the battle because He was punishing King Saul for disobeying. God promises to punish sin, and He kept His promise in Israel. Now it was time for Israel to have a king whose heart wanted to obey God every time.

Prayer: Dear God, I don't want to be like King Saul who kept on disobeying You. I want a heart to obey You every time, like David. In Jesus' name I pray, amen.



Look:

- Aim Questions:** Have an Amalekite slave (co-teacher) lead each chosen child to the question to be read. These questions are completely hidden throughout the classroom (in books, behind desks, in drawers, etc.) so that help from the slave will be necessary. David used the slave of an Amalekite to find his enemy.
- Snack:** Enjoy animal crackers today while discussing what David felt like when he found all of his family and animals gone. What did David do when he felt sad? He prayed to God and obeyed.
- "David Finds Strength" Activity Page: (1SM06ECGF2 and last week's 1SM05ECGF7)** Let the children color their own GF2 pictures of Ziklag in flames. You may have had the children put flames on the picture during the Hook time. Talk about how the Amalekites stole David's family, animals, and belongings. Let the children glue or tape a GF7 picture of David praying and getting his strength from God. Sing the second verse of "Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord."
- "God Rescues David's Family" Activity Page: (1SM06ECGF3 and 1SM06ECGF5)** Have the children color their GF3 pages as you talk with them about how sad the women and children were when the Amalekites took them away from David and his men. The children can draw animals on the page, or they can glue GF5 animals beside the sad women. The children can glue the GF5 sad women on top of the matching women on the page.
- Ziklag Family and Playhouse: (1SM06ECGF6)** Materials needed: Small box, shoe box size, construction paper, paper dolls and animals cut from the GF6 pattern, glue stick, scissors. Copy the GF6 paper dolls on cardstock and cut them out. The dolls and animals need a stand on the back of them, so glue a stand cut from poster board to attach to the back of each doll and animal. (Make sure they can stand.) Cover the shoebox with construction paper and make a door where David can return his family when they arrive back at Ziklag. Draw windows on the house. After reviewing the story of how David lost his family and belongings to the Amalekites, the children can delight in learning all was given back by David's faith in God.
- Circle Review Game:** (tune: "Ring Around the Rosie")
Disobeying God, disobeying God, (Spread hands out as if to say, "What did I do wrong?")
King Saul, King Saul,
He fell down. (Fall to the ground.)

David talked to God. David talked to God. (Kneel in prayer.)
He obeyed. He obeyed.
He'll be king! (March around with your index finger pointing up in the air.)
- David/Saul Chant:**
David, David, he's God's man.
Saul can't do it. David can.

God, God, He's our King.
He can do everything!

Scavenger Hunt: (1SM06ECGF6) David and his men were very sad to find out the enemy had come and taken their families and animals away from Ziklag. David prayed and asked God what to do. God told him He would help them find the families and animals. Have the children pretend to be David and his men, and find the pictures of animals and people that are hidden around the room. Tell the children, "There are number pictures hidden. When you hear a whistle, you may go hunt until you hear the whistle the second time. Then return to the circle." Sing "Oh, Where, Oh, Where?" as the children look. Assist the children in placing their find on the floor in front of them and taking turns counting. If they don't find all of them, let them return looking for a short time. Review how David asked God to help him find his family, and how he was obedient to God's orders. Because David obeyed, God helped him get his people back. He didn't have to have strong muscles. He was strong because he obeyed God.

"Grab All That You Can" Game: Gather as many small stuffed animals as possible. Divide the class into two teams and have them sit in groups apart from each other. Spread the animals out in a large open area. On a signal from the teacher, send out two members from each team to gather as many animals as they can and take them back to their team. Each team member can only take the animals that he can carry in one try. Count how many animals each team has after each round. Spread the animals back out and repeat the process with two new team members from each team. "The Amalekites were greedy and stole everything from the town of Ziklag that belonged to David and his men."

④ **Snack Idea for Older Children:** Set out an assortment of snack items in buffet style for the children to pass by and collect what they would like to eat (limit the number of items) for snack. Tell them that the food was what was taken from Ziklag. Should they be eating David's food or any food that was stolen from someone else? After they discuss what could be done about their snack food, reassure them that this is for them to eat.

④ **Saul Sit Down Game:** Choose a child to be the leader, and have him lead the children in different motions and exercises, like rubbing their stomachs, patting their heads, doing jumping jacks, hopping with their hands behind their backs, etc. The leader says, "David does (an action)." If the leader says, "Saul does ...," the children have to all sit down quickly. The last one seen to sit down has to sit out on a chair along the wall. When several children are out, begin the game again. The object is to not be like Saul who disobeyed God.

Songs:

Humble Thyself in the Sight of the LORD

Teacher:

Humble thyself in the sight of the LORD.

Humble thyself in the sight of the LORD.

And He, will lift, you up, higher and higher.

And He, will lift, you up.

Echo:

Humble thyself in the sight of the LORD.

Humble thyself in the sight of the LORD.

And He, will lift, you up, higher and higher.

And He, will lift, you up.

David found strength in the LORD, his God.

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And God, will lift, you up, higher and higher.

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And God, will lift, you up, higher and higher.

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Oh, Where, Oh, Where (tune: "Oh, Where, Oh, Where Has My Little Dog Gone")

Oh, where, oh, where has my family gone?

Oh, where, oh, where can they be?

There's my wife and my kids and my animals, too.

Oh, where, oh, where can they be?

- 1 Samuel 16:7b, Memory Verse Song** (tune: "Fairest LORD Jesus" hymn)
Two- and three-year-olds: 1 Samuel 16:7b "The LORD looks at the heart."
 The LORD looks at the heart. (Fairest LORD Jesus.)
 The LORD looks at the heart. (Ruler of all nature.)
 First Samuel sixteen, verse seven b. (O Thou of God and Son of man.)
 The LORD looks at the heart. (Thee will I cherish.)
 The LORD looks at the heart. (Thee will I honor.)
 First Samuel sixteen, seven b. (Thou my soul's glory, joy and crown.)

Four- and Five-year-olds: (tune: "Fairest LORD Jesus" hymn) 1 Samuel 16:7b: "Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."
 Man looks at the outside. (Fairest LORD Jesus.)
 But the LORD looks at the heart. (Ruler of all nature.)
 First Samuel sixteen, verse seven b. (O Thou of God and Son of man.)
 Man looks at the outside part. (Thee will I cherish.)
 But the LORD looks at the heart. (Thee will I honor.)
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Took:

- A Heart For God Craft: (1SM06ECGF7 and 1SM06ECGF8 stickers)** Using the GF7 pattern, cut out one heart from red felt or vinyl material for each child. Make memory verse stickers by copying the GF8 page onto 1" x 2 5/8" laser labels. The children can stick the three 1 Samuel verses onto the front of their hearts. Decorate with glitter, sequins, or stickers. Liquid glue will take awhile to dry, so use sparingly. Pin the heart onto the front of the child with a safety pin to wear home.

- Happy/Sad Puppet Review: (1SM06ECGF9)** Give each child a happy face and a sad face, and let the children color the faces. Glue or tape them back to back with a craft sticking out at the bottom of the faces. As you review the highlights of the Bible Adventure, let the children show you which face it represents. Have the children hold their puppets down at their sides while you tell the next part of the Bible Adventure.

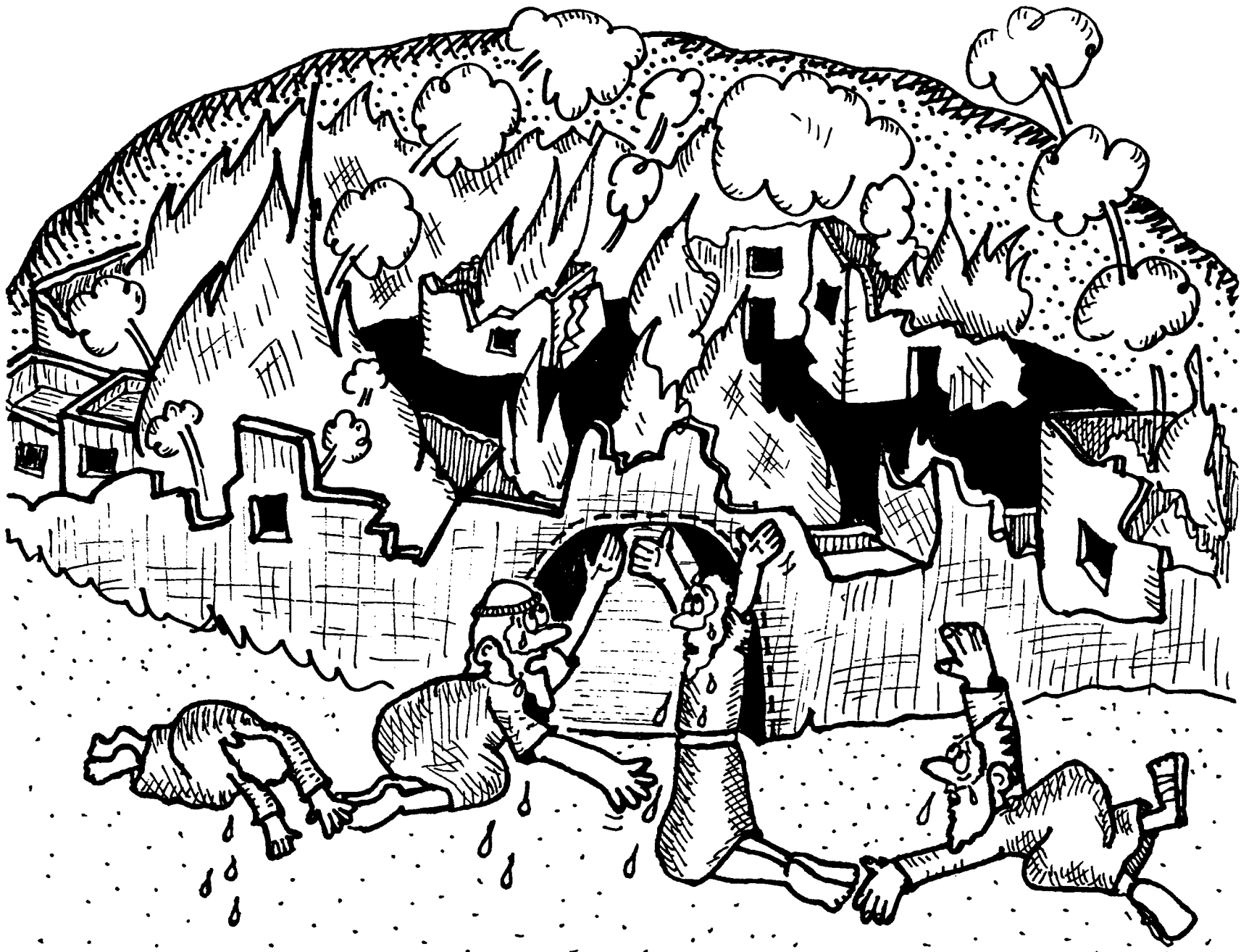
King Saul did not obey God.
 King Saul disobeyed priest Samuel.
 King Saul did not do what God told him to do, and he kept some of the best animals for himself.
 King Saul was jealous of David.
 The Philistine king gave David the town of Ziklag to live in rather than a cave.
 Enemy Amalekites came to Ziklag and took David and his men's families and animals.
 David and his men were very sad that their animals and families were gone.
 David prayed to God and asked Him what to do.
 God told David He would help them find their families.
 An enemy slave helped David find their families.
 David and his men won the fight with the Amalekite enemy with God's help.
 David and men got their families and animals back.
 Philistine enemies attacked King Saul and the Israelites with arrows.
 God had said this would happen. God knows everything.
 King Saul and his sons died on the same day.
 The Philistines thought their idol was stronger than God.
 God is stronger than anyone or anything.
 I want a heart to obey God all the time.

- David/Saul Memory Game: (1SM06ECGF10)** Let children color several cards with pictures of David, praying hands, Saul, and a sad face. Turn these cards face down. The object of the game is to turn up a David and a praying hands. These cards can be picked up when they are matched. If you turn up a Saul or a sad face, you lose your turn. Several could play this game. Provide an envelope to decorate and take the game home to play with the family. Remember that David wanted to do what was right and prayed to God while Saul disobeyed God and was very unhappy.

- Preschool Page for Parents: (1SM06ECPPP)** Send a page home with each child, encouraging parents to reinforce the Bible truths at home. Spend a few minutes before the children go home creatively reviewing the song and memory verse.



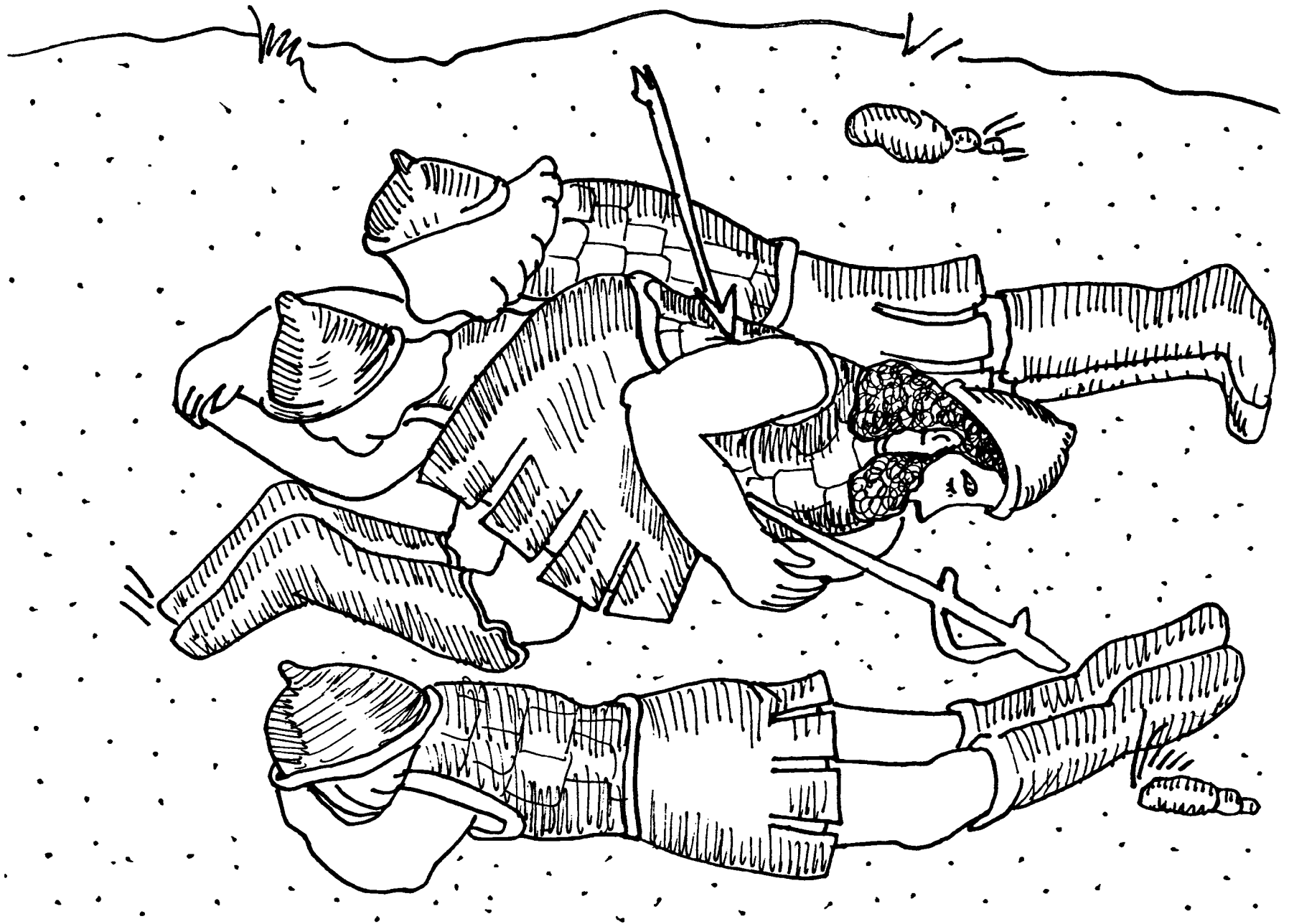
Philistine King Achish gave David a town where he could live.



David's men cried when they saw their town burned and their families gone.

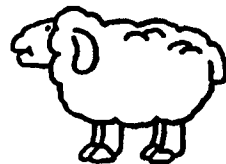
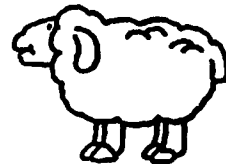
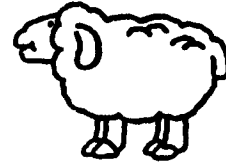
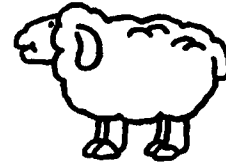


God helped David's men get their wives, children, and animals back.

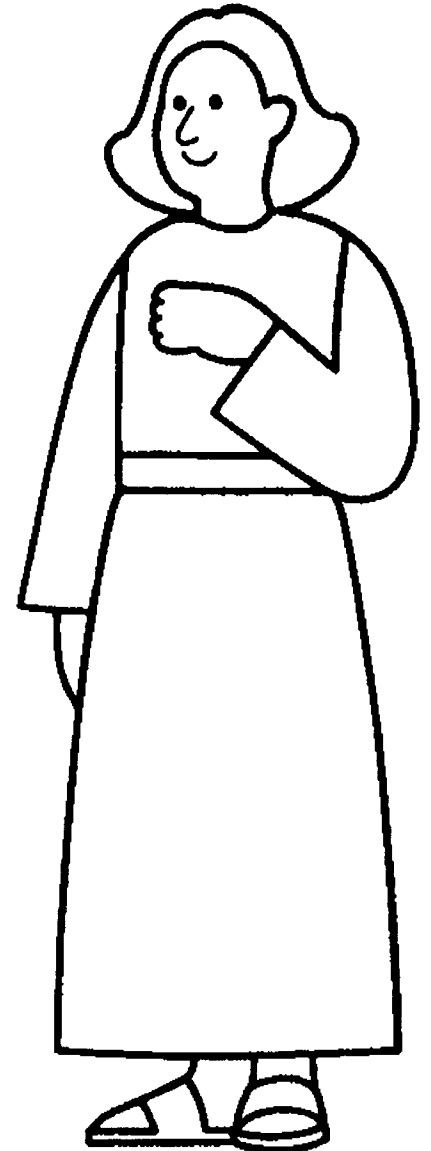
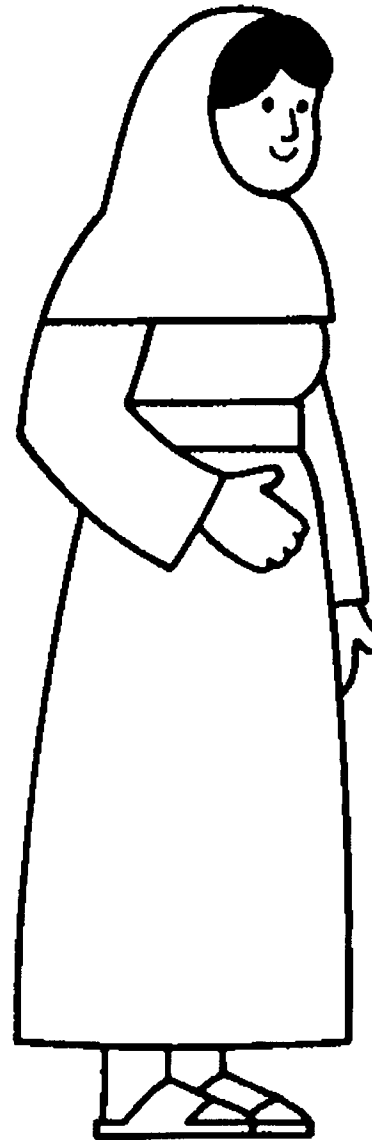
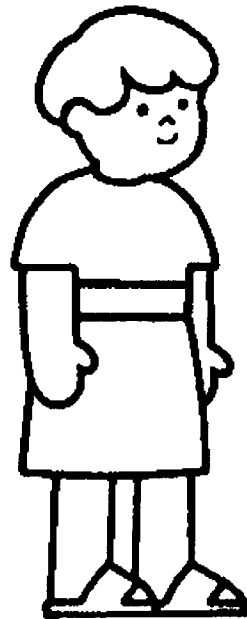
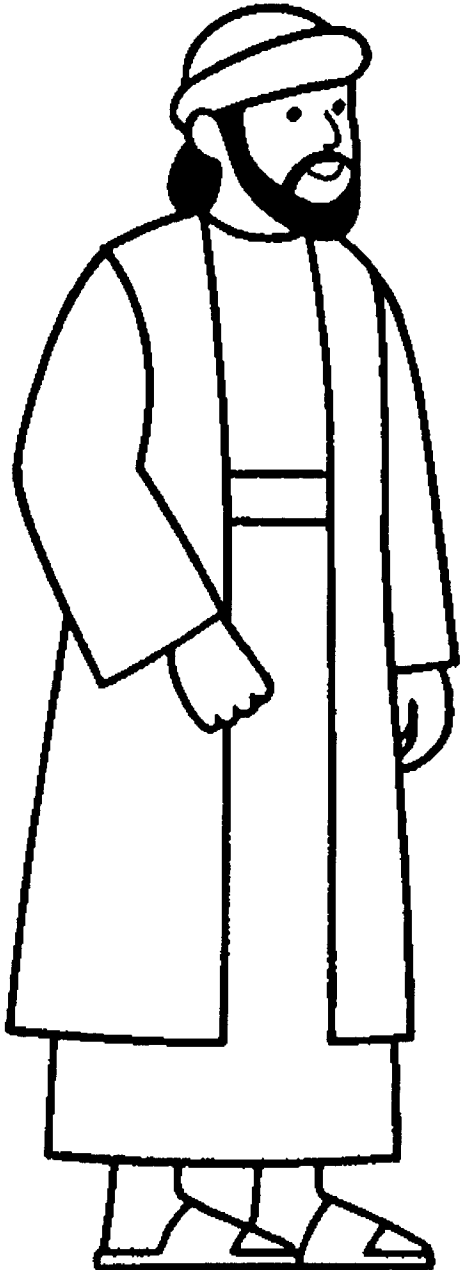
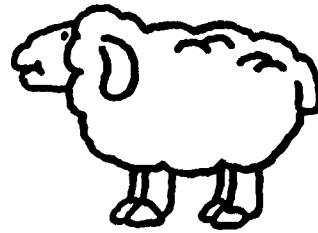
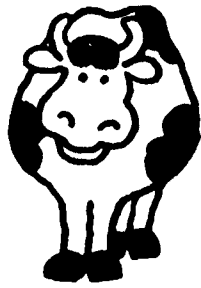


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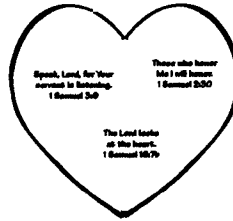
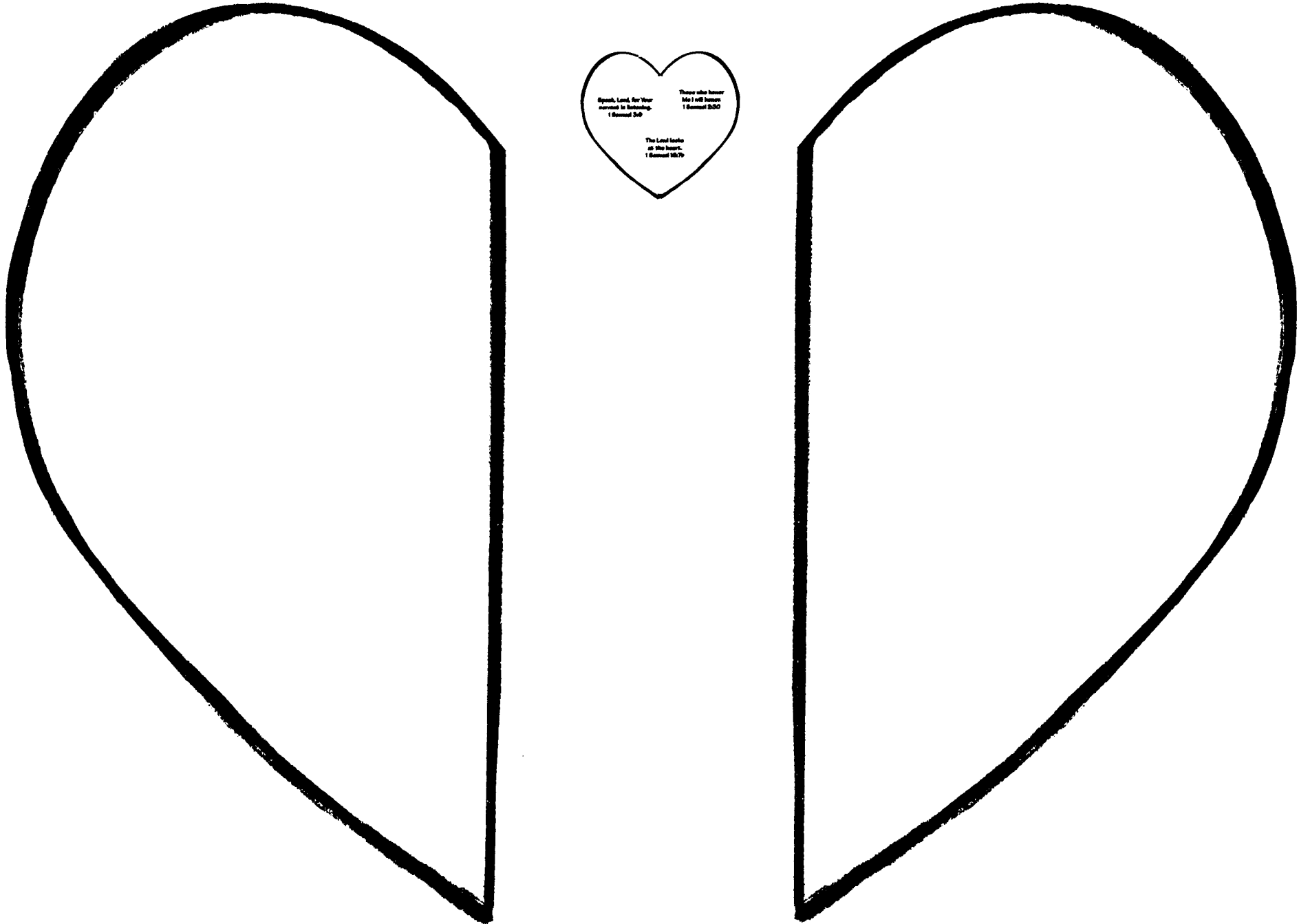
God Rescues David's Family



Ziklag Family
and Play House



Heart for God Craft



Speak, Lord, for Your
mouth is opening.
1 Samuel 3:10

Those who honor
Me I will honor.
1 Samuel 2:30

The Lord looks
at the heart.
1 Samuel 16:7

**Speak, Lord, for Your
servant is listening.
1 Samuel 3:9b**

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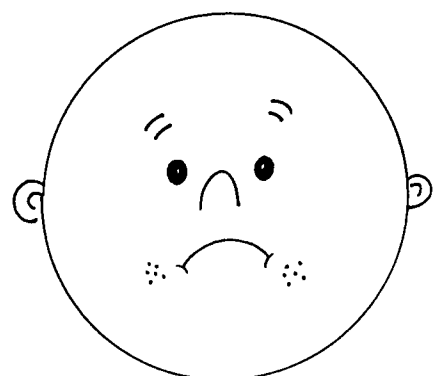
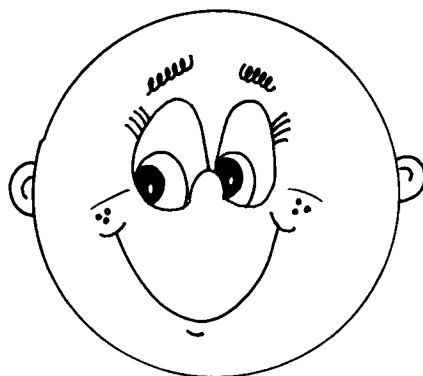
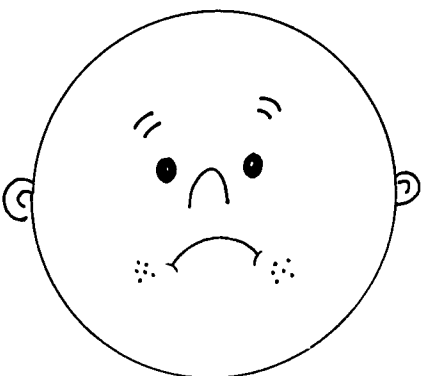
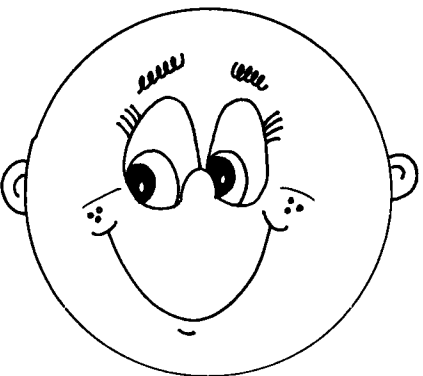
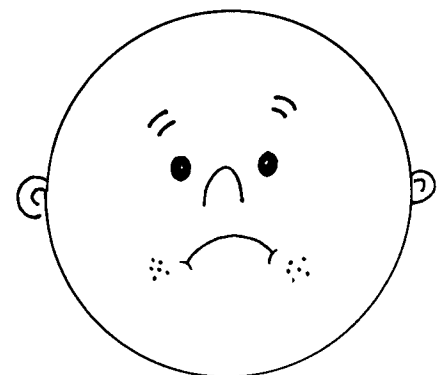
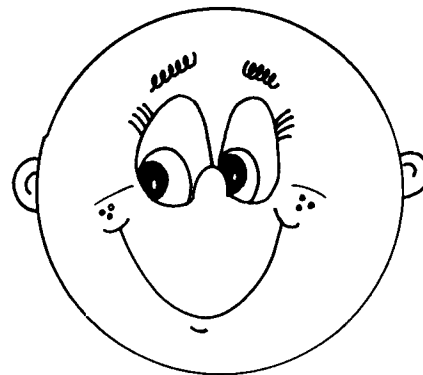
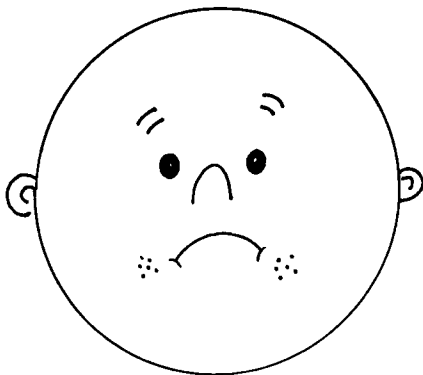
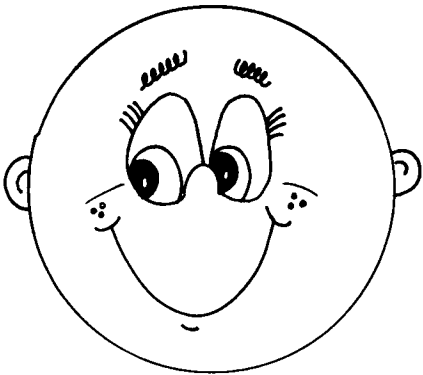
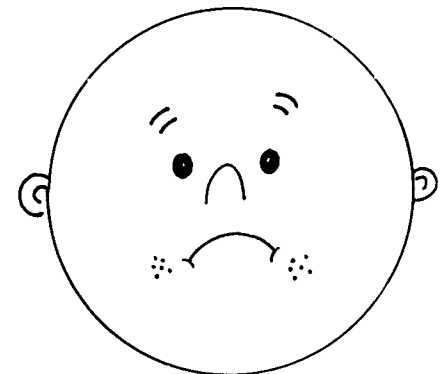
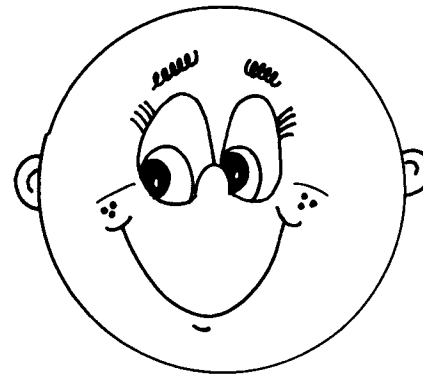
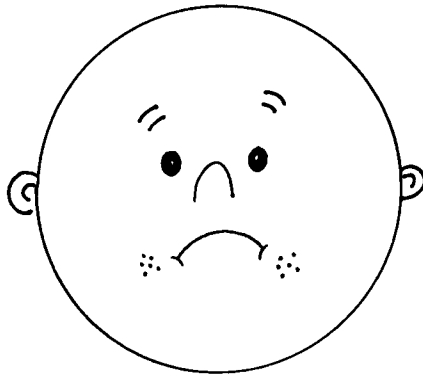
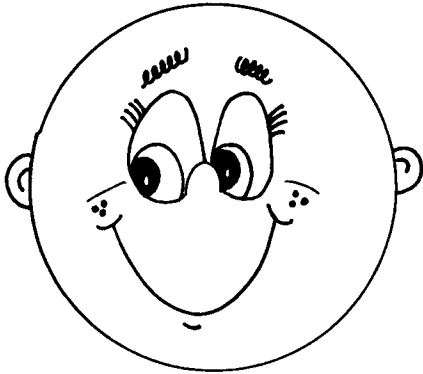
**The Lord looks
at the heart.
1 Samuel 16:7b**

**Speak, Lord, for Your
servant is listening.
1 Samuel 3:9b**

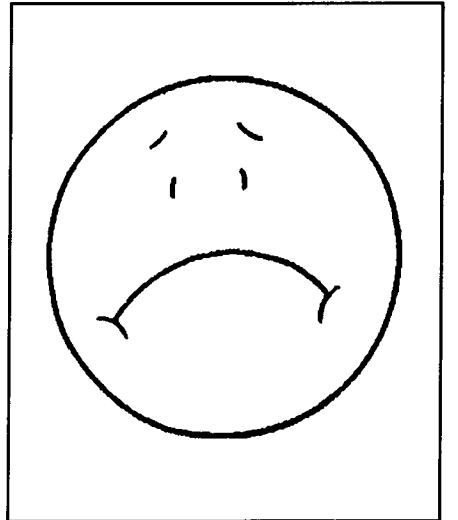
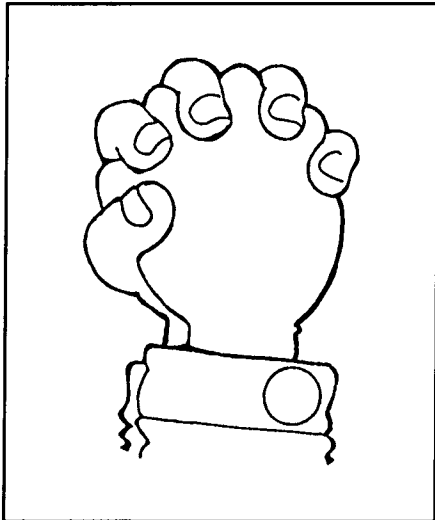
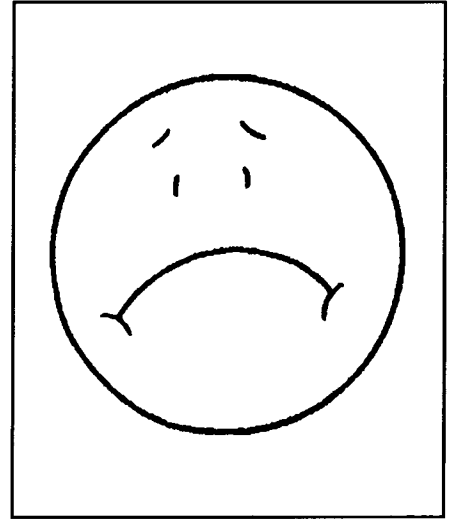
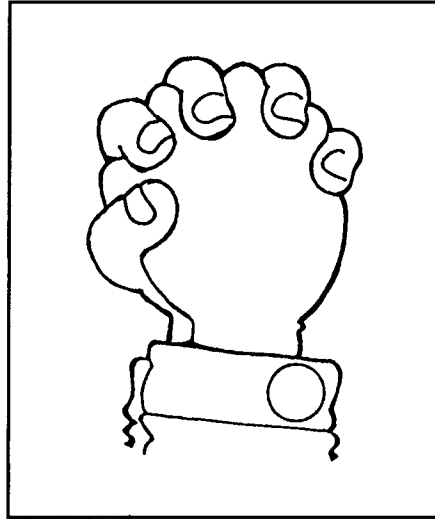
**Those who honor
Me I will honor.
1 Samuel 2:30**

**The Lord looks
at the heart.
1 Samuel 16:7b**

Happy-Sad Puppet Review



David & Saul Memory Game





This is what I learned today!

We learned that God helped David win his battle with the Amalekites, and God punished King Saul and Israel for their sin. David and his men decided to live in a town that belonged to the Philistines. The Amalekites attacked their city while David and his men were gone. The Amalekites took all of David and his men's families, animals, and belongings. David prayed to God, and God told to him to follow his enemies. God helped David win the battle against the Amalekites and he was able to get everything back that was stolen from him. While David fought with the Amalekites, King Saul and his army fought against the Philistines. King Saul and three of his sons died in a fierce battle. It was a sad time for Israel, but the death of King Saul meant that David would be the new king of Israel. Unlike Saul, David had a heart to want to obey God every time.

Today's Memory Verse:

2's & 3's:

The Lord looks at the heart.

1 Samuel 16:7b

4's & 5's:

**Man looks at the outward appearance,
but the Lord looks at the heart.**

1 Samuel 16:7b

"Where Is My Family?" Game



Find pictures of women and children of all ages in magazines. Tear them out and pretend that these are family members of David and his mighty men. Hide the pictures and let your child (David) go looking for his family. Sing "Where, Oh Where?" as he looks for his family. Rejoice when he finds his family, just like David and his men must have felt when they took their families back home to Ziklag.

Oh, Where, Oh, Where

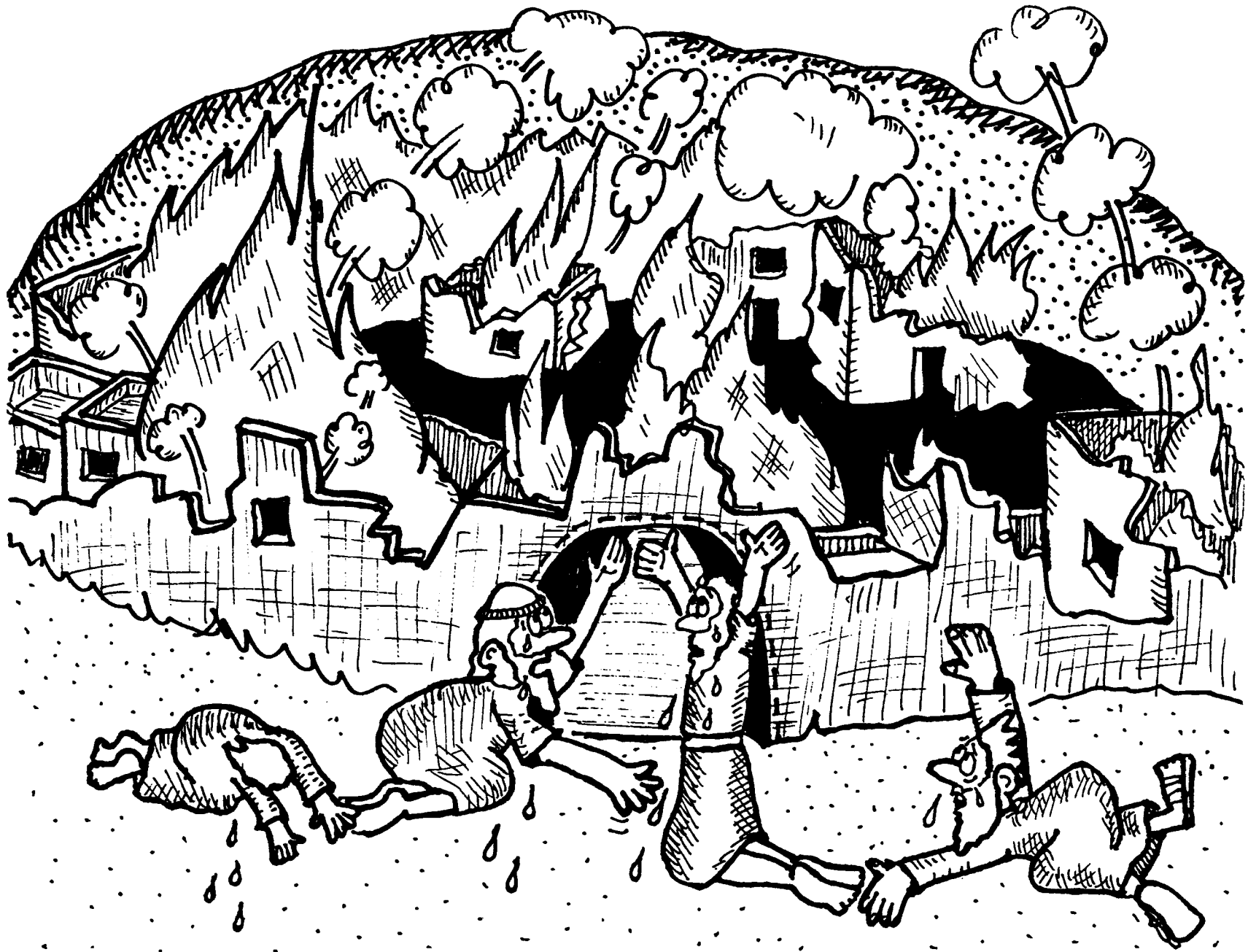
(tune: "Oh, Where, Oh, Where Has My Little Dog Gone")

Oh, where, oh, where has my family gone?

Oh, where, oh, where can they be?

There's my wife and my kids and my animals, too.

Oh, where, oh, where can they be?



David's men cried when they saw their town burned and their families gone.