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King Saul invited David to come and live in the palace and play the harp for him. Every time Saul asked David to do something, David did it well. King Saul and the people loved David.

But King Saul began to get jealous of David. He worried that David would become king. One day he got so angry, he threw a spear at David! David wasn't hurt, but he decided to leave the palace.

Even though King Saul was jealous of David, his son, Jonathan, was David's best friend. Jonathan always helped David. Jonathan told David when it was safe to come to the palace or when he should stay away.

One time Jonathan sent a message to David by shooting an arrow in a field. Jonathan had told David, "If it's safe for you to come back to the palace, I'll tell the boy who chases my arrows, 'Bring the arrows back.' But if it is not safe, I'll say, 'Look, the arrows are beyond you.' Then you'll know you should go away."

When Jonathan came out of the palace, he shot the arrows. Then he said to the boy, "The arrows are beyond you. Hurry. Go quickly!" Jonathan sent the boy away, so he could say goodbye to David. David and Jonathan promised to always care for each other and their children.