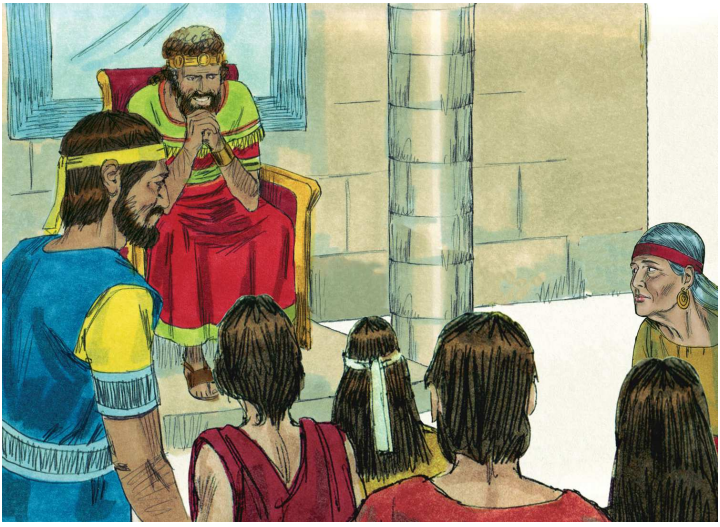
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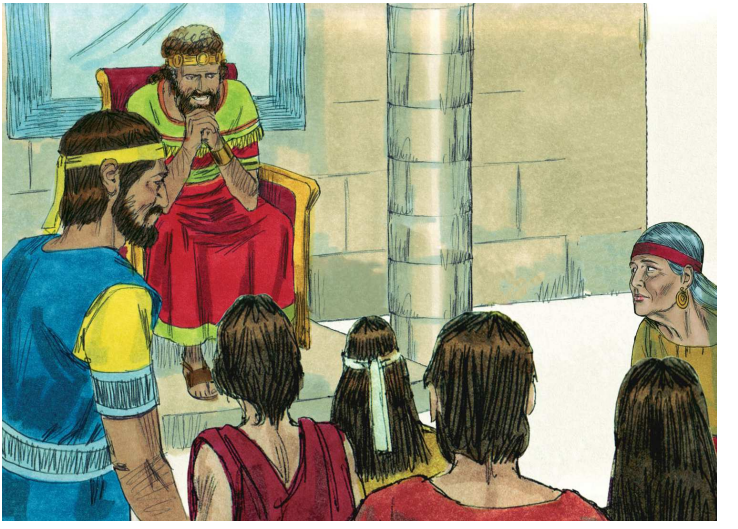
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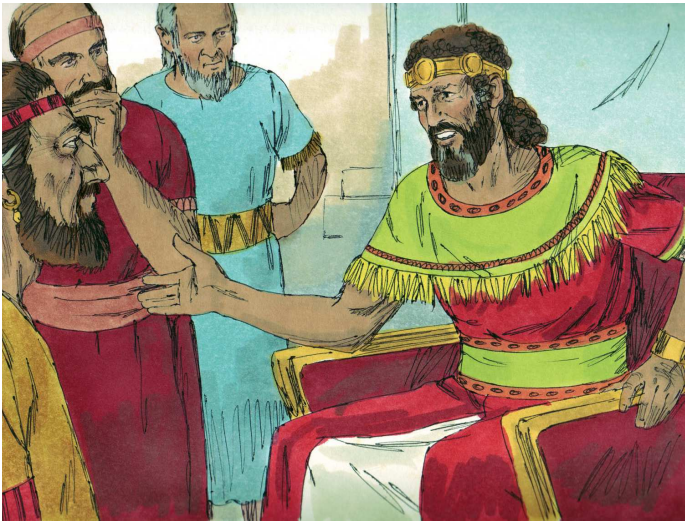
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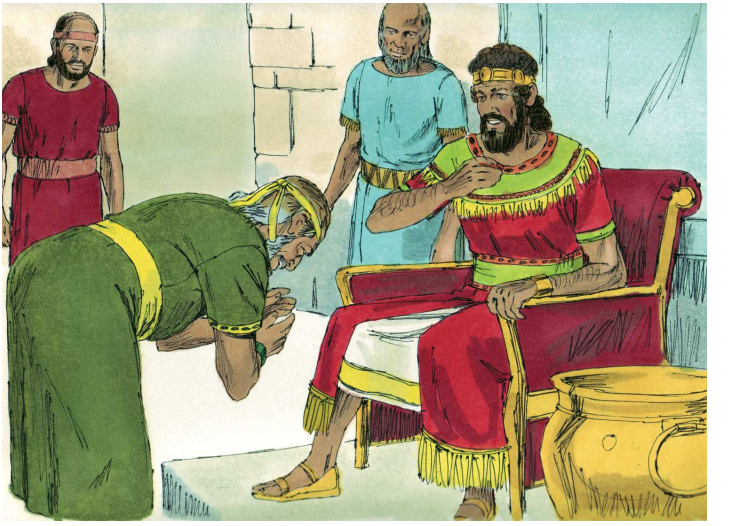
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King David ruled over all the Israelite people, and he always did for them what was fair and just.



One day David asked, “Is anyone from Saul's family still alive? If there is, I want to show God’s kindness to him in honor of Jonathan.”



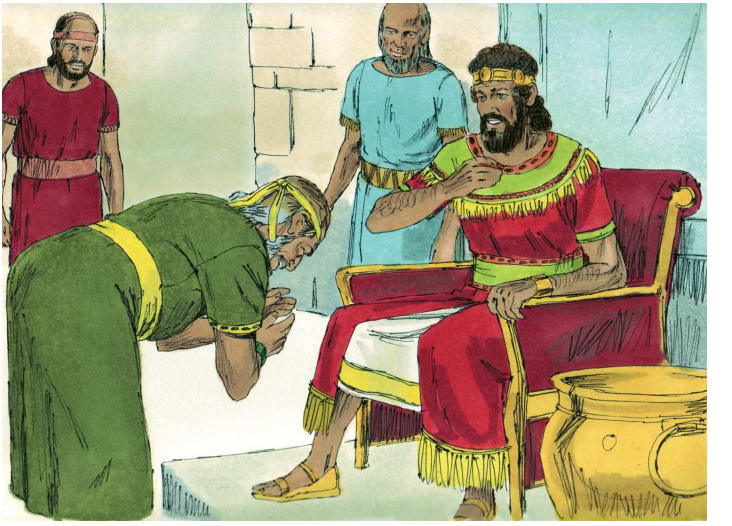
A man who had been a servant of Saul's family said to the King, "Jonathan's son Mephibosheth is still alive. But he is lame. His feet were damaged when he was five years old."



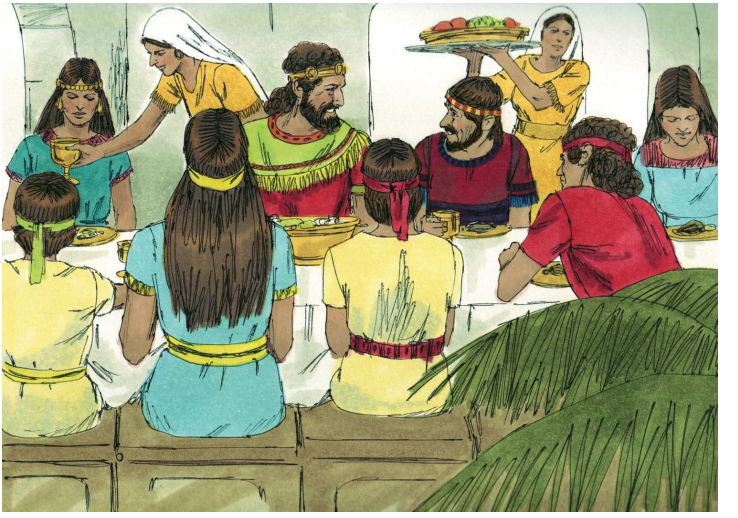
David then sent for Mephibosheth. “Don't be afraid,” David said to him. “I will show you kindness because of my promise to your father Jonathan who was my friend.”



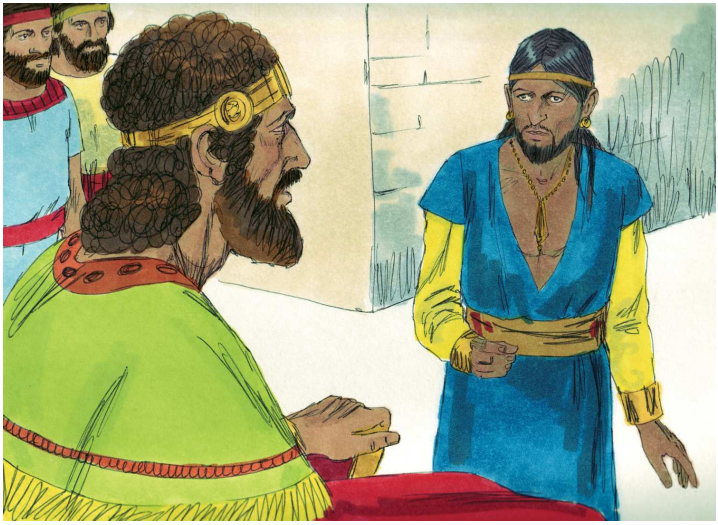
“I will restore to you all the land that belonged to your grandfather, Saul.”



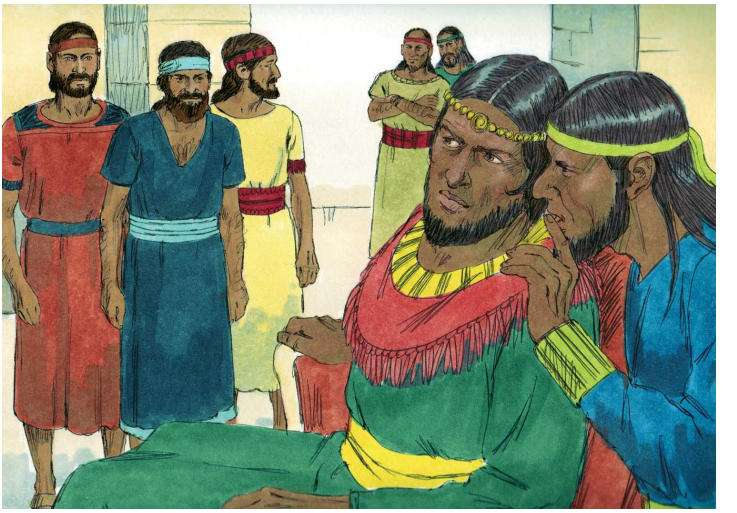
The King summoned Saul's servant and said to him, "I have given Mephibosheth all the land that belonged to his grandfather Saul. You and your sons and servants are to farm the land for him."



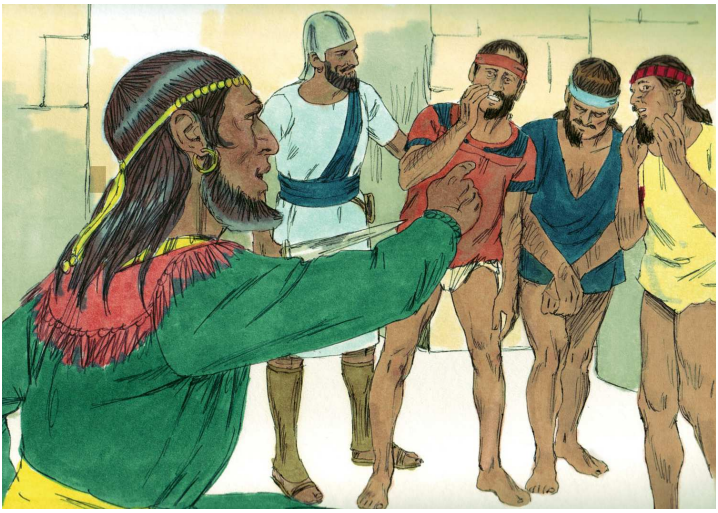
“And Mephibosheth will always eat with me at my house just like my own sons.”



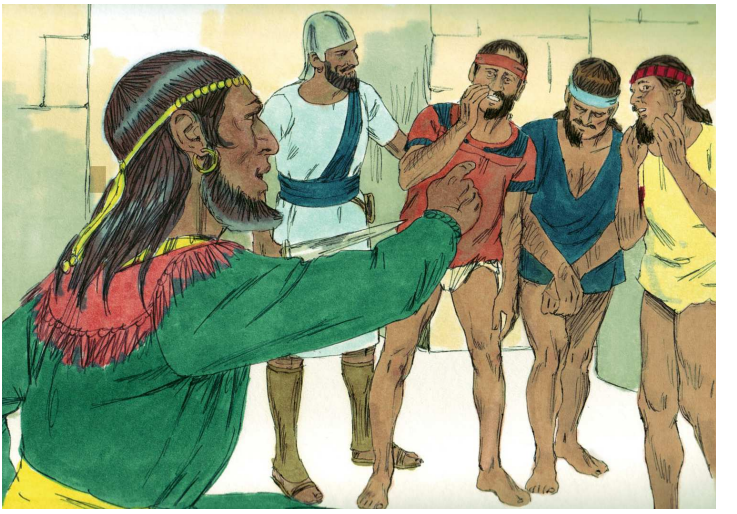
Sometime after this, the king of Ammon died, and his son Hanun became King. David said to his servants, “I will show kindness to Hanun just as his father did to me.”



So he sent messengers to express his sympathy to Hanun, the King's son. But the leaders of Ammon said to Hanun, "David did not send these messengers to express sympathy. They have come to spy on us!"



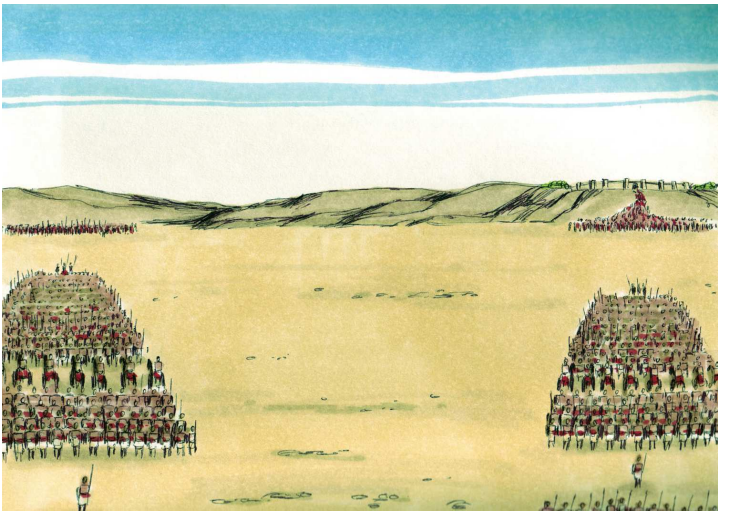
So Hanun seized David's messengers and shaved off half of each man's beard. He also cut off their clothes at the waist and sent them back to David in shame.



The men felt such deep shame that David told them not to return home until their beards grew out.



Then the Ammonites realized that their actions had made David very angry. So they hired 33,000 soldiers from Syria and other places to come and help defend themselves against David's soldiers.



David sent his commander, Joab, and all his warriors to the fight. David's soldiers fought in two groups—one group against the Syrians, and the other group against the Ammonites.



And Joab said, “Be courageous! Fight bravely, and may the Lord’s will be done!” When they attacked the Syrian army, the Syrian soldiers fled from the Israelite army. When the Ammonite army saw this, they also ran away!



After this defeat, the Syrian leaders sent for all their troops to come and help them defeat the Israelites. When King David heard this, he gathered the entire Israelite army together and led them into the battle. King David and the Israelite army killed 700 Syrian chariot soldiers and 40,000 horsemen.



They also killed the commander of the Syrian army and the Syrians were afraid to help the Ammonites fight Israel anymore. After that defeat, the other kings who had joined the Syrians in battle made peace with the Israelites.

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