

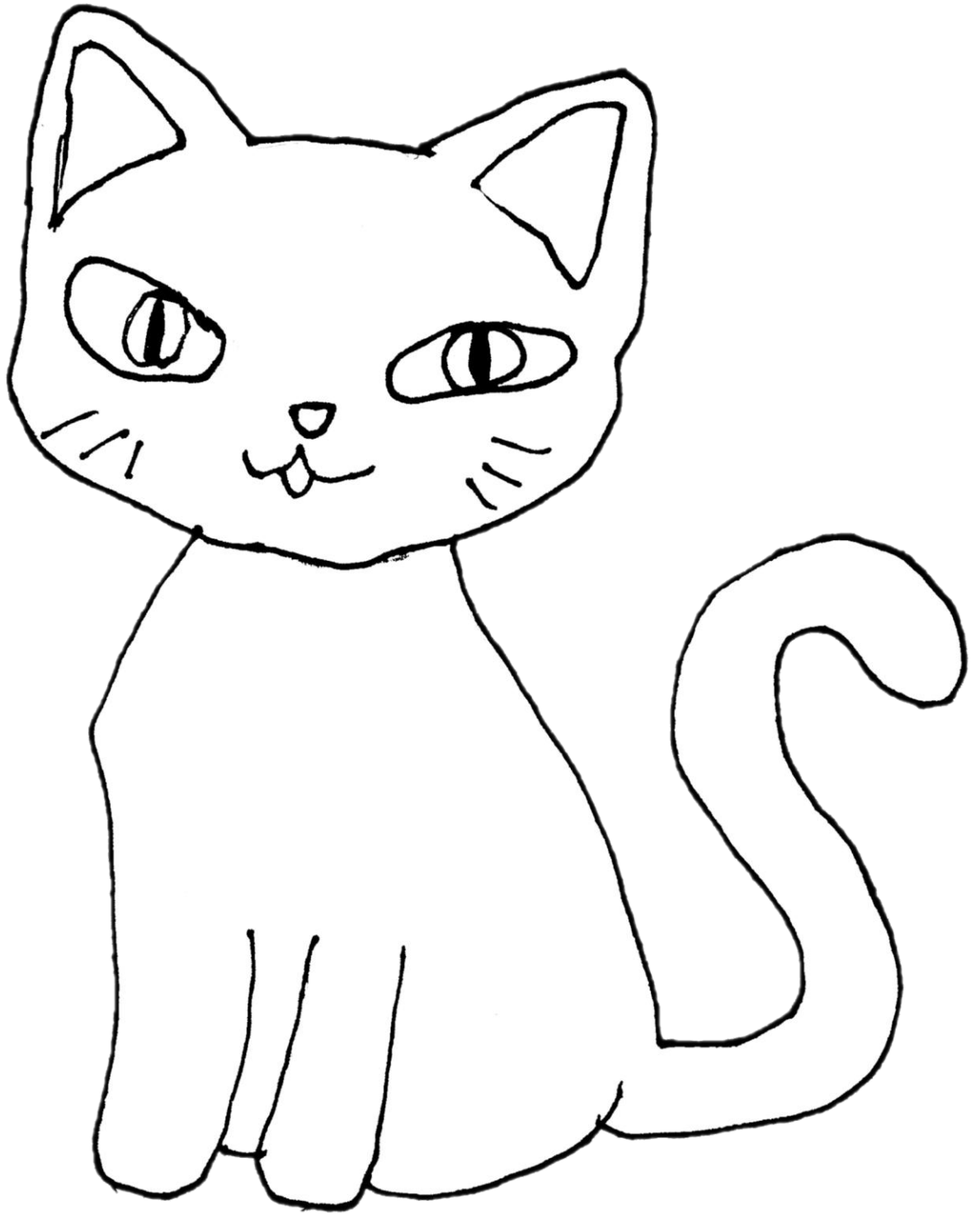
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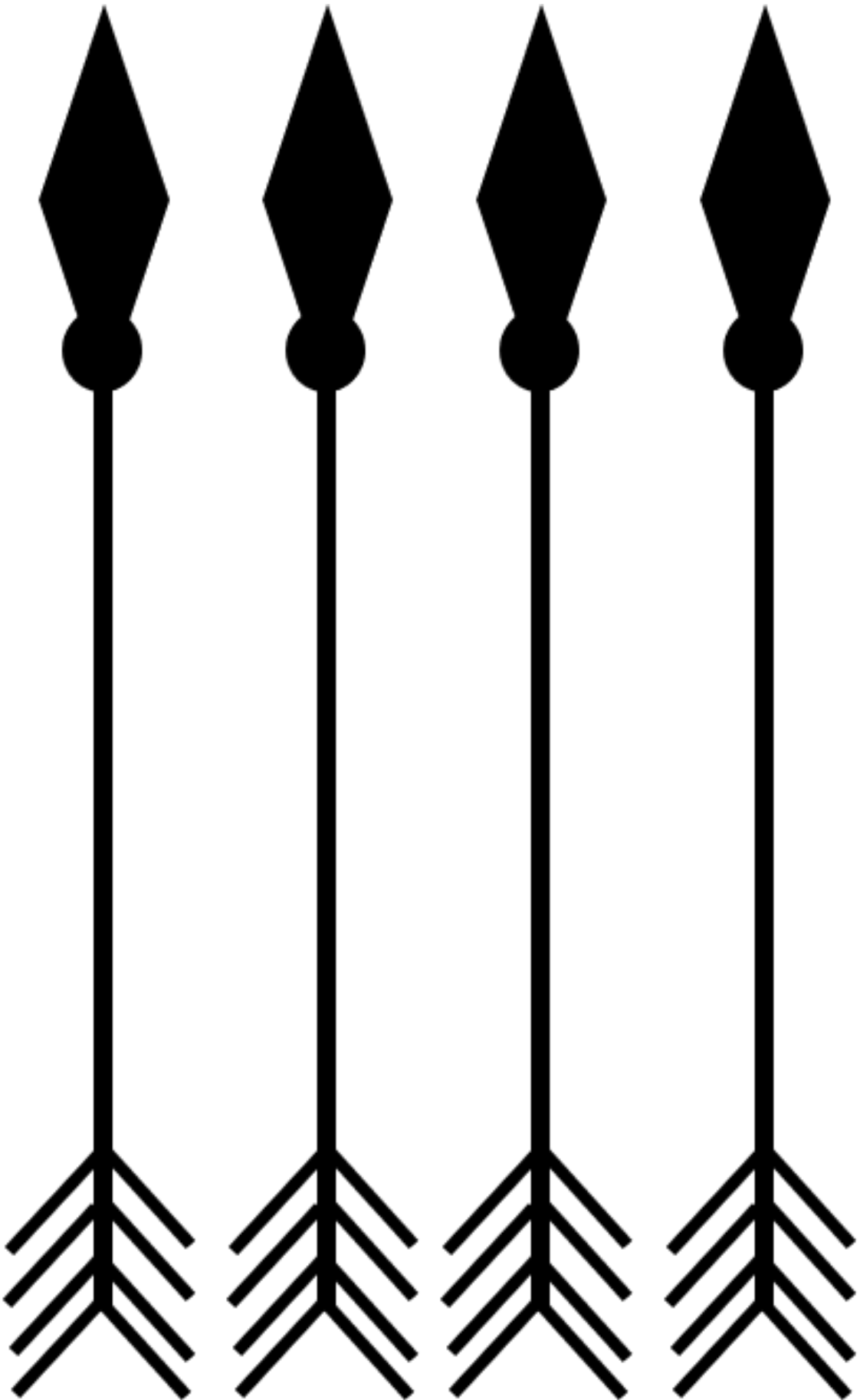
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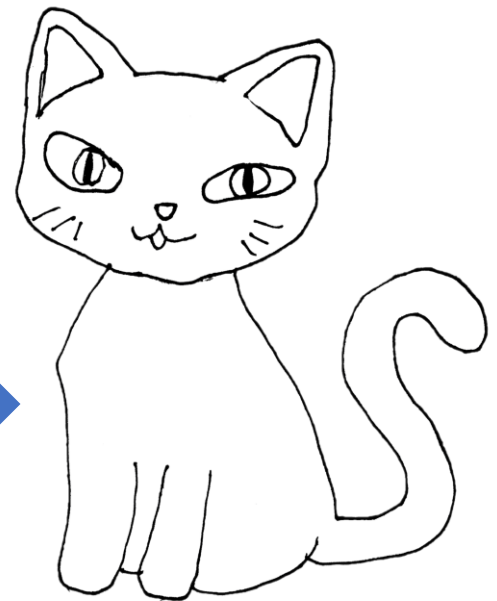
Checklist

- toy arrows (or printouts)
- scarves
- blank papers
- cat printout
- pencils
- jacket





Topic:	David & Jonathan
Intro:	<p>Put children in pairs (if there is an uneven number, have one child partner with teacher). Tie an arm from each together. Give one child in each pair a pencil and paper and blindfold them (dominant arm of blindfolded children should be tied to their partner). Show picture to non-blindfolded children. The one who is not blindfolded must direct the other's arm to copy the picture. Was it easy having to stick so close together? The Bible says, "there is a friend that sticks closer than a brother," (Proverbs 18:24). Being a good friend means sticking together. Imagine having a friend so loyal they consider what is best for you as being more important than what is best for them.</p>



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David had already been one of the court musicians in Saul's palace. It's important to notice that Saul did not ask who David was, he asked who his father was. As a powerful king, Saul probably didn't think very highly of "little people" like court musicians. Now, he had made a big impression in the Israelite army, it may have occurred to Saul that David could try to take over his throne. Perhaps Saul asked to be reminded of David's background, to know if he came from an important family that might help him gain political power. Or is it possible that Saul knew that Samuel had anointed a son of Jesse?

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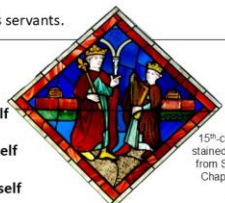
David had already been anointed by Samuel as the next king of Israel. Normally, Saul's son, Jonathan, would be the next king. In the Miss America pageant, the former Miss America gives her crown to the new Miss America to show that the title has changed hands. In ancient times, taking off a piece of clothing and giving it to someone else had the same meaning. It was Jonathan's way of saying that he accepted David as the next king, instead of himself. Have children act out transferring jacket from one to the other.

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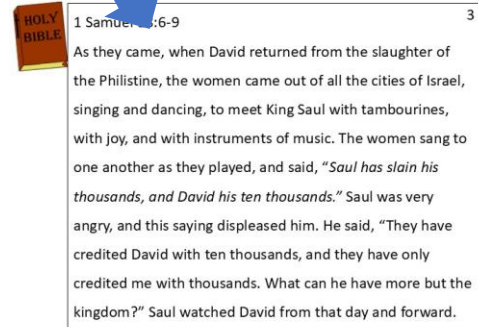
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Walk around a table or some chairs in a line, skipping and singing, "Saul has killed a thousand enemies, David's killed ten thousand enemies!" (any way you like, but a tune similar to the verse of "King of Kings & Lord of Lords" should work well)


Have you ever listened to a friend, brother, sister or classmate be praised while nothing was said about you? Have children name activities they enjoy (soccer, swimming, skateboarding, etc). Imagine if after a game everywhere you went people said, "X scored a goal today, but Pete scored 10 goals! Give an example for each child's interests. The women may not have meant to compare David and Saul. They may have just been stating the facts. But this drove Saul crazy. Instead of being grateful that David was winning battles for him, he became incredibly jealous. Saul had placed David at the head of his army and sent him on many of the missions that he would normally lead himself. No one forced him to do this. But he wanted David to do the hard work while he got the glory. It upset him that everyone realized David was the real hero.




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Even though David had been anointed and unstable Saul was no longer a fit king, David wasn't trying to take the kingdom away from Saul. He respected Saul as his leader and didn't fight back. But Saul wanted to make sure that his son became king after him. Jonathan accepted God's decision for the next king, but Saul did not. David had to hide from Saul and Jonathan told him he would shoot some arrows nearby if it was safe to return and far away if it was not.



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<p>Closing:</p>	<p>Jonathan was a committed friend. He would stand up for David no matter what. But more importantly, he accepted God's decision for his life. Jonathan and David cared for each other, but Saul only cared for himself. This kept Saul from accepting God's will. Let children act out throwing the arrows.</p>



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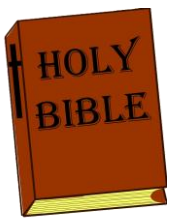
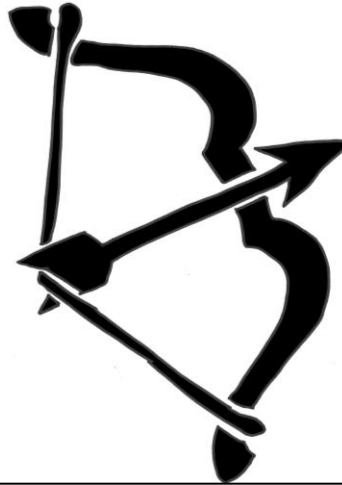
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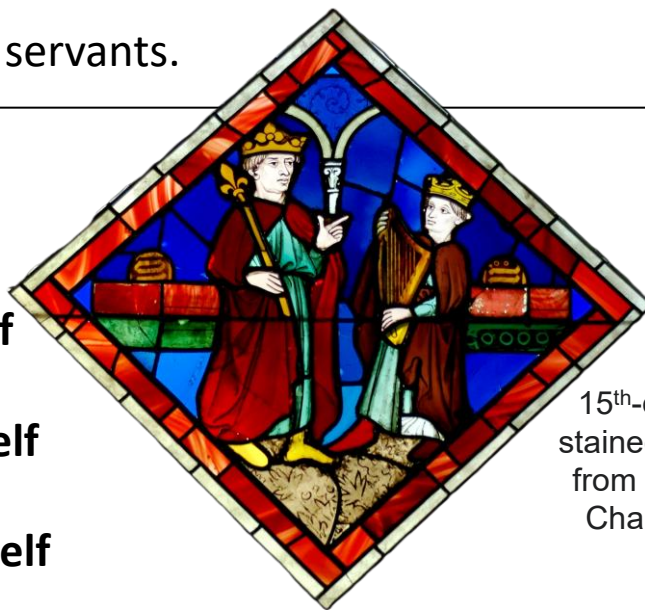
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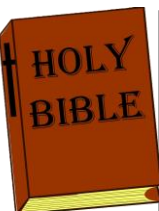
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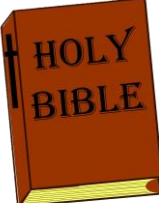
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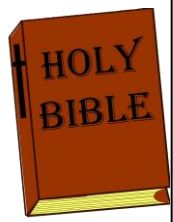
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