

# JONATHAN ATTACKS THE PHILISTINES

## *1 Samuel 14:1-23*

### **1 Samuel 14**

<sup>1</sup>One day Jonathan son of Saul said to the young man bearing his armor, “Come let’s go over to the Philistine outpost on the other side.” But he did not tell his father. <sup>2</sup>Saul was staying on the outskirts of Gibeah under a pomegranate tree in Migron. With him were about six hundred men, <sup>3</sup>among whom was Ahijah, who was wearing an ephod. He was a son of Ichabod’s brother Ahitub son of Phinehas, the son of Eli, the LORD’S priest in Shiloh. No one was aware that Jonathan had left.

<sup>4</sup>On each side of the pass that Jonathan intended to cross to reach the Philistine outpost was a cliff; one was called Bozez, and the other Seneh. <sup>5</sup>One cliff stood to the north toward Micmash, the other to the south toward Geba.

<sup>6</sup>Jonathan said to his young armor-bearer, “Come, let’s go over to the outpost of those uncircumcised fellows. Perhaps the LORD will act in our behalf. Nothing can hinder the LORD from saving, whether by many or by few.”

<sup>7</sup>“Do all that you have in mind,” his armor-bearer said. “Go ahead; I am with you heart and soul.”

<sup>8</sup>Jonathan said, “Come, then; we will cross over toward the men and let them see us. <sup>9</sup>If they say to us, ‘Wait there until we come to you,’ we will stay where we are and not go up to them.

<sup>10</sup>But if they say, ‘Come up to us,’ we will climb up, because that will be our sign that the LORD has given them into our hands.”

<sup>11</sup>So both of them showed themselves to the Philistine outpost. “Look!” said the Philistines. “The Hebrews are crawling out of the holes they were hiding in.” <sup>12</sup>The men of the outpost shouted to Jonathan and his armor-bearer, “Come up to us and we’ll teach you a lesson.”

So Jonathan said to his armor-bearer, “Climb up after me; the LORD has given them into the hand of Israel.”

<sup>13</sup>Jonathan climbed up, using his hands and feet, with his armor-bearer right behind him. The Philistines fell before Jonathan, and his armor-bearer followed and killed behind him. <sup>14</sup>In that first attack Jonathan and his armor-bearer killed some twenty men in an area of about half an acre.

<sup>15</sup>Then panic struck the whole army—those in the camp and field, and those in the outposts and raiding parties—and the ground shook. It was a panic sent by God.

<sup>16</sup>Saul’s lookouts at Gibeah in Benjamin saw the army melting away in all directions. <sup>17</sup>Then Saul said to the men who were with him, “Muster the forces and see who has left us.” When they did, it was Jonathan and his armor-bearer who were not there.

<sup>18</sup>Saul said to Ahijah, “Bring the ark of God.” (At that time it was with the Israelites.) <sup>19</sup>While Saul was talking to the priest, the tumult in the Philistine camp increased more and more. So Saul said to the priest, “Withdraw your hand.”

<sup>20</sup>Then Saul and all his men assembled and went to the battle. They found the Philistines in total confusion, striking each other with their swords. <sup>21</sup>Those Hebrews who had previously been with the Philistines and had gone up with them to their camp went over to the Israelites who were with Saul and Jonathan. <sup>22</sup>When all the Israelites who had hidden in the hill country of Ephraim heard that the Philistines were on the run, they joined the battle in hot pursuit. <sup>23</sup>So the LORD rescued Israel that day, and the battle moved on beyond Beth Aven.

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POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	QUESTIONS
5		1.) What did Jonathan and his armor-bearer do?
5		2.) How did Jonathan and his armor-bearer know that God was with them?
5		3.) How many men did Jonathan and his armor-bearer kill by themselves?
5		4.) Why do you think Jonathan decided not to tell his father where he was going?

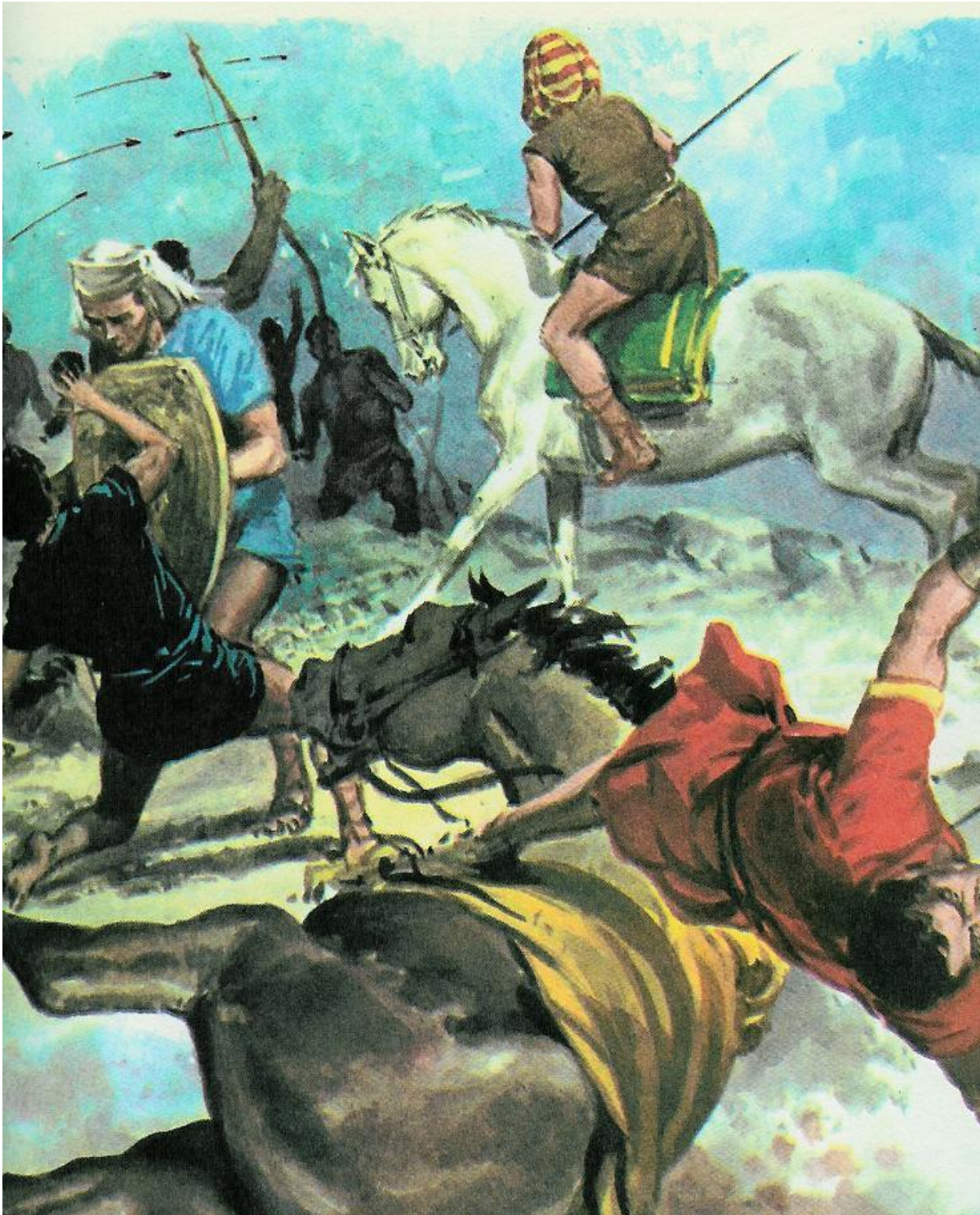
POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		<p>"I love you, O LORD, my strength."</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Psalm 18:1</p>

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	HOME CONNECTION	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
5		<i>I have read, or been read, the passage of scripture for this week.</i>	
5		<i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>	
10		<i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i>	

TOTAL POINTS	CLUB CONNECTION
	LEADER'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE ____/____/____

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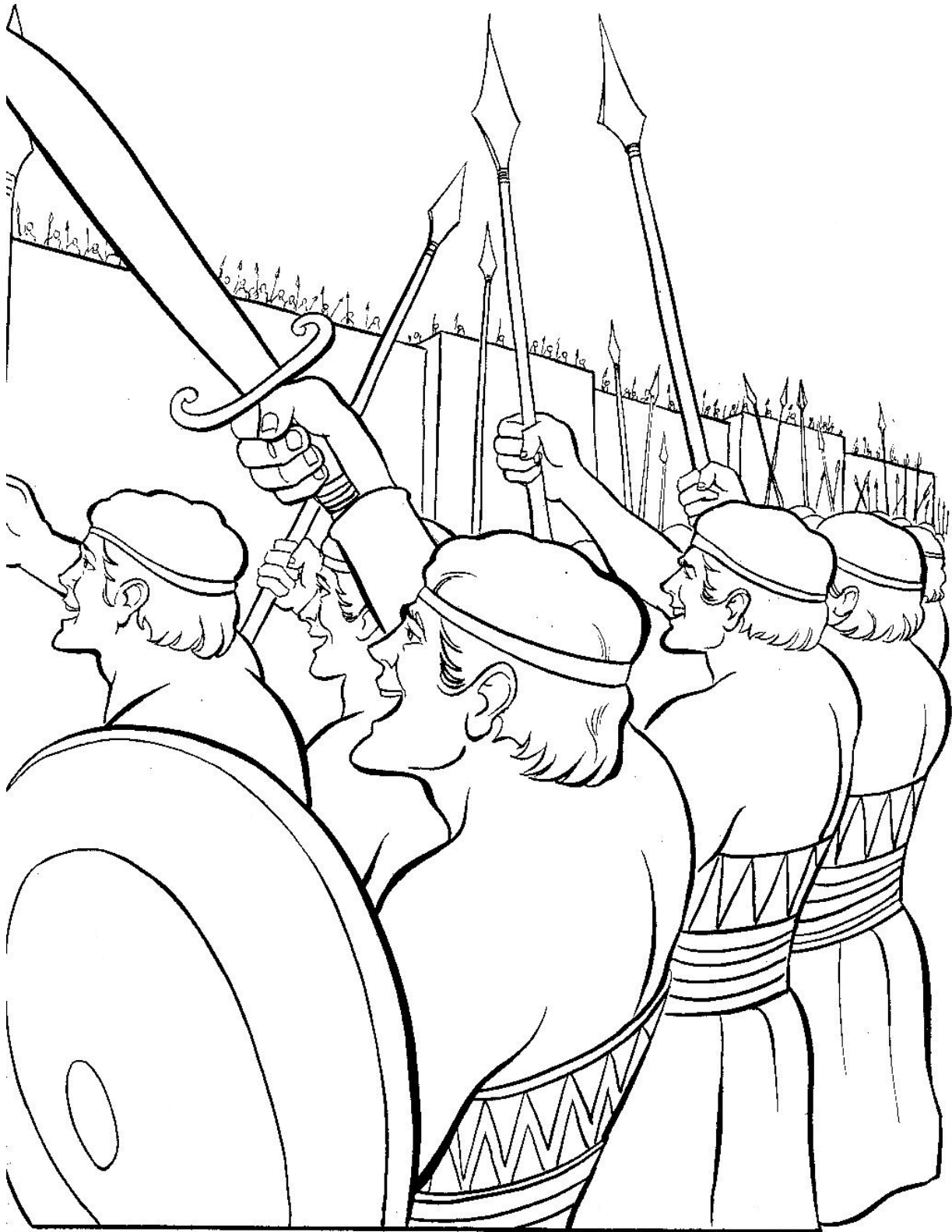
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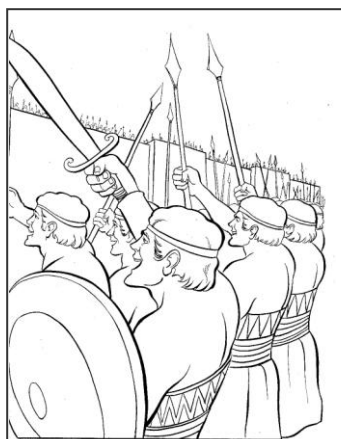
*The Israelites defeat the Philistines with the help of God*



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A SPECIAL REPORT ON 1 SAMUEL 14:1-23

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Jonathan was King Saul's son. Jonathan and his armor-bearer went to fight the Philistines. Saul did not know that they had gone to do this.

Jonathan thought the Lord might help them in battle. The armor-bearer agreed to help Jonathan.

"If the Philistines say to us, 'Wait there. We will come to you,' we will stay here and not fight. But if the Philistines say, 'Come to us,' we will know that the Lord will help us when we fight."

When the Philistines saw Jonathan and his armor-bearer, they shouted, "Come to us and we will teach you a lesson." Jonathan knew that the Lord would help them in the battle.

In just a small area, Jonathan and his armor-bearer killed 20 men.

The ground began to shake. It was God. The Philistines got scared and began to fight each other with their swords. The Lord was with the Israelites that day!

For more details, please read 1 Samuel 14:1-23 in the Bible.

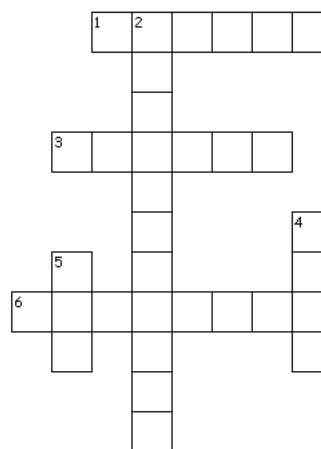
## QUESTIONS

1. Who went to fight the Philistines at the beginning of the story?
2. How did Jonathan know the Lord was with him?
3. How many men did Jonathan and his armor-bearer kill by themselves?
4. Why do you think Jonathan chose not to tell his dad where he was going?

## MEMORY VERSE

"I love you, O Lord, my strength."  
Psalm 18:1

## CROSSWORD



### Across

1. Another name for fight
3. What the Philistines used to kill each other with
6. The name of King Saul's son

### Down

2. The person who fought along with Jonathan
4. Saul's job
5. What happened to the Israelites when they fought the Philistines