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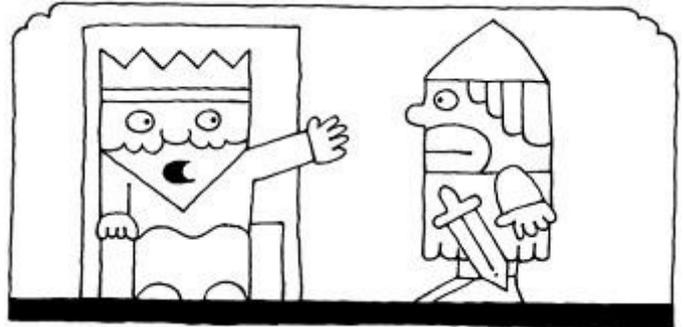
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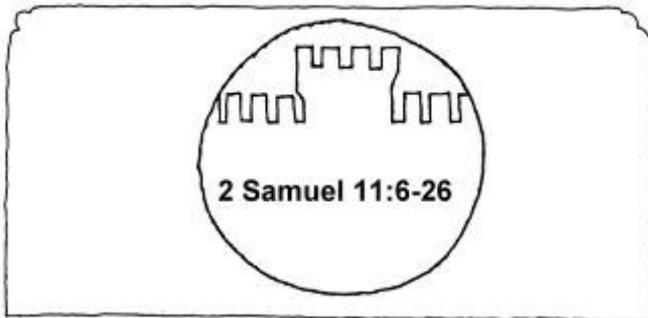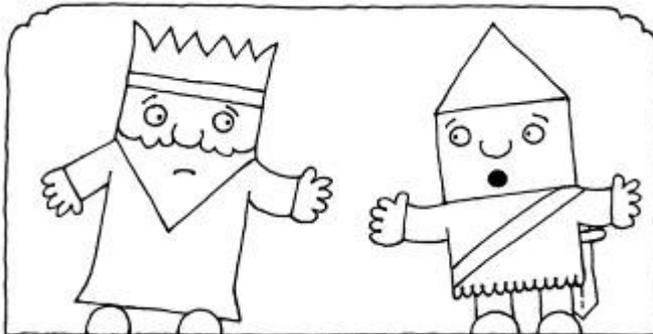
King David was sneaky and selfish,
because he wanted to get his own way.
He tried to keep what he had done a secret,
but God sees and knows everything.

King David didn't want anyone to know
that he was the father of Bathsheba's baby.
He ordered Uriah home from war to trick him.
He wanted Uriah to think the baby was his own.

After asking Uriah about the war,
King David said slyly, "Before you go
back to fight, take a few days off
and relax at home with your wife."
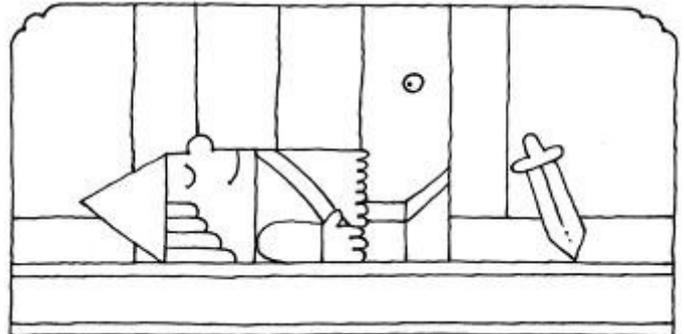
But, Uriah slept outside King David's door.
He did not take time off from the army,
or go home to his wife. He stayed
on guard, to keep the king safe.
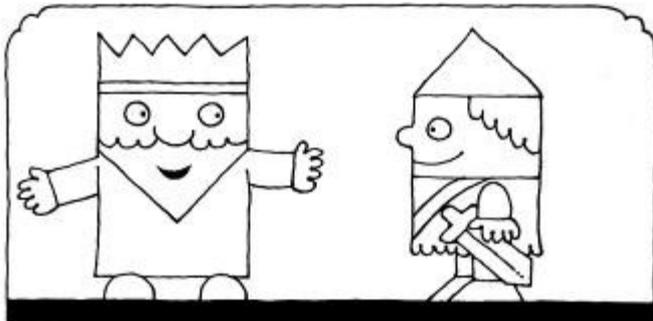
"Why don't you go home and sleep
with your wife?" the King asked him again.
"In a war I am on duty," Uriah said. "I can't
please myself, while others are in danger."
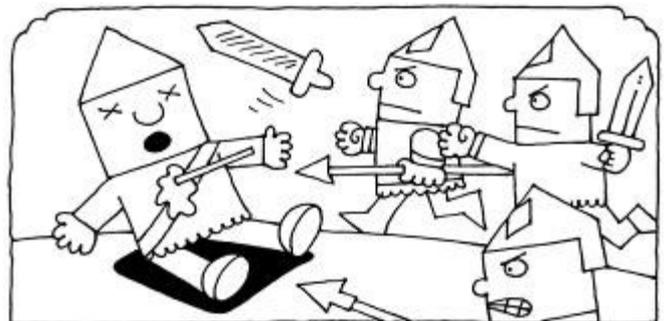
King David saw that Uriah was a good
man, but now he wanted him dead.
"Make sure Uriah is killed in the fighting,"
he ordered Joab. "Put him right in the front row."

When Bathsheba heard that Uriah
had died she was very sad.
He had been a good husband
and she loved him very much.
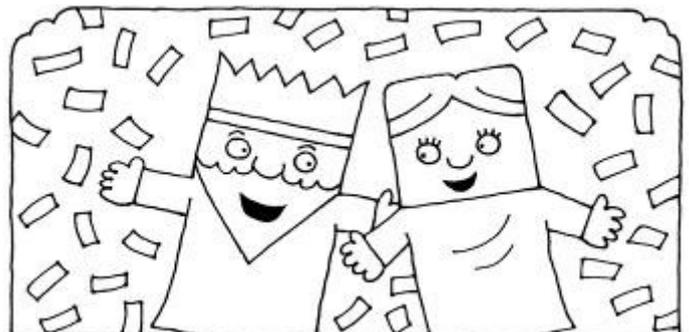
Now that her husband was dead,
Bethsheba could marry the King.
God saw that because of the selfish plans
of King David, poor Uriah had been killed.