[narrator] Today's story from Scripture is about two friends and how well they trusted God and each other. In our story are Prince Jonathan, who is King Saul's son. Our second character is a young David. We've met him at other times in his life, when he was the king, remember. Jonathan and David are close friends, but, as we will see, their friendship is going to be tested in many ways. Will they be able to trust each other and God? Let's see how they learned that God calls us to trust.

Let's say hello to Jonathan and David.

[scene] Jonathan is walking, David is crouched down behind a chair or in some other way is hiding.

[David] [Stage whisper] Jonathan, Jonathan!!

[scene] Jonathan sees him and goes over. David stands up.

[Jonathan] David, I've been looking everywhere for you. Are you trying to hide from me?

[David] No, I am hiding from your father King Saul who is really angry with me and I don't have any idea of why, so yes, I've been hiding.

[Jonathan] What are you afraid of David? My father hasn't said anything bad about you and you know that he tells me everything.

[David] Jonathan, your father knows that we are good friends so he probably wouldn't tell you if he was trying to hurt me, but I know that he does want to hurt me. He tried to get me with a spear yesterday. and even though I got away, I'm really frightened.

[Jonathan] I heard something about that, but I didn't believe it. But, he has been in a really, really rotten mood lately.

[David] I know and that is why I was playing my harp. You know how much that usually helps him get out of his really, really rotten mood, but it didn't yesterday. He got really angry and went after me with a spear, I just got out of there alive, Honest.

[Jonathan] Come on David, let's go out to the fields where you might be safe.

[Narrator] So they went out to the fields together where they both liked to be. They talked about the good times they had together, how much they hoped to help each other, and to try to understand why King Saul seemed to be so angry. Now, they've gotten outside, where they can be sure that nobody can hear them.

[Jonathan] David, let me talk with my father at dinner tonight and see how he really feels about you. I promise that if he says he wants to hurt you that I'll send someone to let you know.

[David] Well, that's a good plan, but I'm supposed to eat with your father tonight and if I don't come he might be angry. Could you please tell him that I've gone home to Bethlehem to make a sacrifice to God.

[Jonathan] That's a good idea David. If he asks I'll tell him that I said that it was alright and that you didn't want to bother him.

[David] Thanks Jonathan, You really are a good friend and that I can trust you like I trust God.

[Jonathan] David, one last question. If anything ever happens to me can I trust you to take care of my family?.

[David] Yes, you can trust me that If something bad does happen to you I'll do everything I can for anyone in your family who I can help.

[Narrator] As it turns out, Jonathan was killed in a battle and David did become king. He remembered his promises and his friend Jonathan and how he had promised Jonathan and God that he would help Jonathan's family. Jonathan and David had to trust each other to do what God wanted them to do, just like we can trust each other and work together to make the kind of world that God wants us to build together.