

# The Junior Observer

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## Q&A

Who wanted to kill David?

What items did David take from Saul?

Read more about it in 1 Samuel 26

### A Bible Story

# David Spares Saul's Life

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**K**ing Saul of Israel did not follow God's will, so God decided to find a new king.

He told His prophet, Samuel, to anoint David, a young shepherd from Bethlehem, as Saul's eventual replacement.

When God turned away from Saul, the king was tormented by an evil spirit. David entered Saul's service and soothed him by playing a harp.

Saul approved of David at first but eventually became jealous of him. When the king saw that God had turned from him but was with David, Saul feared David as well.

Saul started plotting to kill David, forcing David to flee for his life.

One day, Saul took 3,000 men to the desert of Ziph to look for David. David had been living in the wilderness and saw that Saul had come after him.

David went to look at the camp. He



### Bible Trivia

Who was David's father? (Hint: 1 Sm 17:58)

Answer: Jesse of Bethlehem

saw Saul lying within the camp with the rest of his men around him.

"Who will go down into the camp with me to Saul?" David asked two of his men.

Abishai, David's nephew, volunteered to go. He and David went to the camp during the night.

The two men saw Saul fast asleep. He

had thrust his spear into the ground near his head. Saul's general, Abner, and the soldiers were sleeping all around him.

"God has delivered your enemy into your grasp this day. Let me nail him to the ground with one thrust of the spear; I will not need a second thrust!" Abishai told David.

"Do not harm him, for who can lay hands on the Lord's anointed and remain unpunished?" David replied.

David took the spear and a water jug from near Saul's head, then he and Abishai left camp without anyone waking up or knowing they had been there, because God had put everyone into a deep sleep.

David then stood on a remote hilltop at a great distance from Abner and the troops.

"Here is the king's spear," David said. "Let an attendant come over to get it. The Lord will reward each man for his justice and faithfulness. Today, though the Lord delivered you into my grasp, I would not harm the Lord's anointed."

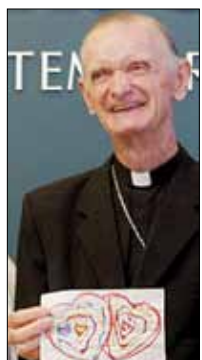
## For Lent, You Can Give Alms to Children in Peru

**O**n Ash Wednesday, March 6, we will begin the Church season of Lent. One important thing Jesus asks us to do in Lent is to give alms.

For 18 years, children in the Rockford Diocese have taken part in an almsgiving project that is theirs alone.

Last year young Catholics here sent 652 hearts and \$3,173 to help school children in the Diocese of Chulucanas in Peru.

Bishop Daniel Turley, OSA, holds a decorated heart from a previous Lent. He is the bishop of the Diocese of Chulucanas and delivered the hearts and school supplies to children last year.



(Observer photo) Bishop Turley

**Alms** is from a Greek word meaning mercy or pity. Alms are things or money given to help the poor out of charity. — *Catholic Dictionary*

(Learn more about orate the hearts on this Bishop Turley on page 9.) page. Don't paste the hearts This year, you can dec- on craft or any other paper

because it adds to the mailing costs.

Send your decorated hearts and a \$2 donation to **The Junior Observer, Heart to Heart, PO Box 7044, Rockford, IL 61125.**

The deadline to send your decorated hearts and donations is Good Friday, April 19.

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