Epic Friendship: David and Jonathan

Reading Comprehension questions

1. Why should David and Jonathan have been enemies?
2. What did Jonathan use his influence for?
3. How did he use his influence to keep David safe?
4. How did Jonathan destroy his own career?
5. Why did Saul want to kill David?
6. How did Jonathan show his humility?
7. What genuine qualities did he show?
8. What did David show when Jonathan died?
9. Why did they think that their families and descendants would hate each other?
10. What can they teach us about friendship?

Solution:

1. Jonathan’s father was the king, and God chose David to be king of Israelites.
2. He used his influence to keep him safe.
3. He warned David about plots against him by his father and he spoke out for him.
4. Every time he kept David safe or promoted his interests.
5. Because God chose David to be king.
6. Jonathan said, that he would never be king.
7. Affection, loyalty and openness
8. David showed immense grief.
9. Because they were rivals to the same throne.
10. How to be loyal and self-sacrificing as a friend.