

1. The men of Jabesh-gilead were in serious trouble.
2. They were threatened by their enemies and so they sent to the rest of the people of Israel for help.
3. At first, no-one came. But the people of Gibeah felt very sorry for them; they shed tears but did nothing.
4. Saul, who became the first King of Israel and was not really a good man, did a very good thing on this occasion. He saw that just being sad and crying was not enough, and so he sent messages to gather together an army.
5. Soon Saul had 330,000 men. With this great army he saved the people of Jabesh-gilead from their enemies, the Ammonites.
6. Many years passed and Saul and his sons were killed on another battle-field. Their bodies were gruesomely hung from the walls of the Philistines.
7. The people of Jabesh-gilead never forgot what Saul had done for them, and risked their lives to retrieve the bodies and bury them with dignity and honour. They paid their debt of loyalty.
8. The Story of Sister Dora of Walsingham, and the man whose right arm she saved.

'LOYALTY TO THOSE WHO HAVE DONE US GOOD'

'And the men of Jabesh-gilead were they that buried Saul.'

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Sister Dora