

# David and Goliath

**SCRIPTURE:** I Samuel 16 & 17

**MEMORY VERSE:** For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

**CHARACTERS:** David, Goliath, King Saul, David's father and brothers

Have you ever seen a giant? What would you do if a big giant challenged you to a fight? Would you be afraid? Well, I want to tell you a true story from the Bible about a young boy who met a giant but was not afraid because he trusted God.

This young boy's name was David. David loved God and tried to obey Him. While David was taking care of his father's sheep, he would play his harp and sing praise songs to God. Once a lion attacked the sheep, but David killed it with his slingshot. Another time, David killed a wild bear who tried to hurt the sheep. God helped David to be very brave.

One day David's father told him to take some food to his older brothers who were fighting in the army. When David arrived with the food, he saw the army of Israel camped on one side of the valley and the Philistine army camped on the other side ready for battle. David heard a loud shout and looking across the valley he saw the champion fighter of the Philistines named Goliath. He was over 9 feet tall – a real giant of a man!

Every day, for 40 days Goliath had paraded back and forth challenging the army of Israel saying, "I challenge any man of the army of Israel to come and fight against me! If he kills me then we will be your servants. But if I kill him then you will be our servants. I dare you!! Send someone to fight me!"

When the men of Israel saw Goliath they were afraid and ran away, but David was not afraid. David loved God and it hurt him to see this wicked Philistine who worshipped idols making fun of the one true God. David said, "I will fight Goliath!"

His brothers laughed at him. Even the king, Saul, tried to discourage David saying, "You're just a boy, you're not able to fight this giant!" But David said, "Sir, God helped me kill a lion and a bear while tending the sheep and God will help me fight this Philistine who has challenged the army of God!"

## **David and Goliath (cont.)**

You see, the Philistines were trusting in Goliath to save them. But David was trusting in God. Just as we can trust God to help us with all our problems, too! David said to King Saul, "The Lord who delivered me from the lion and the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine!"

So King Saul gave David his armor and sword to fight Goliath but David decided to use just his slingshot and 5 smooth stones. When Goliath saw the boy David coming he made fun of him! But David answered by saying, "I come to you in the name of the Lord. The battle is the Lord's and He will give you into our hands."

Then David started running toward Goliath. He put a stone into his slingshot and hit Goliath on his forehead. Goliath fell down to the ground with a mighty CRASH!!

God helped David defeat the giant with just a sling and a stone! God will help you and me, too! First we must trust Jesus to save us from our sins and be our Lord and Savior. The Bible says, "for God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16)

**Trust God everyday to help you with every problem, big or small!!**