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Lesson 4: DAVID FIGHTS GOLIATH (1st Samuel 17)

The Bible says that God had chosen David to be the next king. But the people did not know about him yet. David knew that the Lord would tell him when it was the right time to be king. For now, Saul was still the king of Israel.

The Philistines came to fight against the Israelites. The Philistines did not believe in God, and they did not like God's people. They wanted to kill the Israelites.



King Saul's army was on one hill and the Philistine army on the other, with a valley in between them. Every morning and every evening, a huge Philistine named Goliath would come into the valley of Elah.

"The Philistines are better than the Israelites," Goliath would shout. "Choose a man and have him come down and fight me. If he can kill me, then we will be your slaves. If I kill him, then you will be our slaves."

Goliath did this every day for 40 days. The Israelites were frightened, and no one wanted to fight the giant. He was over nine feet tall and had a bronze helmet, armor, spear and sword.

David was not in Saul's army. He still stayed home taking care of his father's sheep. David's three oldest brothers did fight with Saul.



Jesse told David to go take food to his brothers on the battlefield.

When David arrived at the army's camp with supplies, he was surprised at what he saw. He arrived just in time to see Goliath come out and make his challenge.



David could not believe that anyone would talk about God in such a bad way. David knew that God was stronger than Goliath. God is stronger than anyone! When David asked the soldiers about Goliath, his brothers overheard him and became angry. "Go back to watching the sheep." they said. "Let us fight the battles."

But David had an idea. He went to King Saul and said, "I will fight Goliath." David told the king how the Lord always helped him. When a bear and lion tried to take his father's sheep, David had killed them. God had given David the strength! "I know I am not a soldier, but I know that God will help me fight the giant. I trust in God! God is stronger than any bears, lions, giants or spears!"



King Saul told David that he could fight Goliath. He even gave David his own armor and sword. But the armor was too big. So David didn't wear it.

David went down to a stream and collected five smooth stones. With a sling, stones, and trust in the Lord, David was ready to face the enemy. Goliath said, "Am I a dog that you come after me with a stick? I will kill you and feed you to the birds." David said, "You come against me with sword and spear, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty! Today I will kill, you and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel."



As Goliath moved closer to attack David, David ran toward him quickly and put one of the stones in his sling. He swung the sling round and round and released the stone straight at Goliath's forehead. The stone hit Goliath, and he fell to the ground. David killed Goliath with Goliath's own sword. When the Philistines saw that a boy had killed Goliath, their hero, they all ran away. Israel won the battle. They won because David trusted in the Lord!

PRIMARY GRADES ACTIVITY



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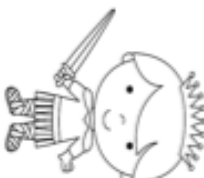
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UPPER GRADES ACTIVITY

DAVID DEFEATS GOLIATH

Open your Bible and read 1 Samuel 17 to find the answers:

1. Why do you think none of the soldiers were willing to fight Goliath?



2. Why do you think David was confident that he could beat Goliath? (Verse 45)

3. How did David defeat Goliath? (Verse 50)

4. How does this help YOU?