

David Fights Goliath

I Samuel chapter 17



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Goliath was a giant,
long ago. He was a Philistine,
an enemy of Israel.

Goliath called to the Israelites and said, "Send out someone to fight me." Everyone in Israel was afraid of him because Goliath frightened them. They did not trust in the Lord's help to fight someone so big.



Young David's brothers were in the army. David was not as big as his older brothers, so he stayed at home, keeping watch over his father's sheep. David knew how to protect the sheep from wild animals with his sling.

One day, David's father sent David to take some food to his brothers in the army.



David heard Goliath call out and saw that everyone was dreadfully afraid of him. But David was not afraid. He wanted to fight the giant.

Saul, the King of Israel, said to David, “You can’t fight this giant.” King Saul did not believe that David would win against Goliath.

“The Lord... will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine,” David said (I Samuel 17:37).

The king changed his mind and sent David to fight Goliath saying, “Go, and the Lord be with you.” King Saul gave David a helmet, and a heavy suit of armor. David fastened on the king’s sword, but it was too heavy. David took it off. He would fight without the sword and armor to protect him.

Then David went to the brook and picked out five smooth stones. He would fight the giant with his sling and the stones.

When Goliath saw David coming he laughed at him, because David was so small and had no armor.

David said to Goliath, “You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the Lord” (I Samuel 17:45).





David put one of the smooth stones into his sling. Then David slung the stone with all his might. It flew through the air and hit Goliath's forehead. The giant fell down on the ground in front of David. When the Philistines saw that the giant was dead, they ran away. The Israelites were all safe from the frightening giant.

David showed that the Lord gives courage and power to those who trust in Him and who obey His Word. The Lord can help us to be brave even when we are afraid. He can give us strength when we trust in Him.