

Lesson 2: David Fights Goliath

1 Samuel 17:1-49



Old Testament

Time Period: Monarchy

Theme: Courage

Bible Story

One day a young man named David was asked by his father to bring food to his older brothers who were in the army. One of the enemies of David's people was a huge man named Goliath. Goliath was nearly ten feet tall; he wore glittering armor and carried a massive spear.

As David arrived he heard Goliath shouting in a deep, loud voice, calling for someone to fight him. The Israelites watched from a distance and were afraid. None of them were brave enough to fight Goliath; they began to lose hope.

So David went to the king and said, "I am ready to fight Goliath!" He told the king, "As a shepherd, I have had to fight lions and bears to protect the sheep. God saved me from the wild animals, and I trust that God will save me from Goliath too."

So the king agreed to let David fight. He offered David armor to wear, but it was too heavy. So David went to face Goliath carrying only a stick, a sling to throw rocks, and five smooth stones.

When Goliath saw David coming towards him he yelled, "Who are you that you come to me with only a stick? I curse your God and I will kill you."

But David said to Goliath, "You've come out to fight me with a sword, spear and dagger. But I've come out to fight you in the name of the Lord All-Powerful."

Goliath began to charge. David then ran forward, took out a stone, and put it in his sling. He swung the sling around his head and shot it at Goliath. The rock hit Goliath in the head and the huge man fell to the ground. David's people celebrated, because the rest of their enemies ran away.

Courage

= bravery in scary times

Knowing God is with us gives us the courage to face difficulties and fears.

Bible Rhyme

Goliath was a great big man,
When they saw him, people ran.
With spear and shield he was a fright,
God's people were afraid to fight.

David told them, "I will do it."
God was with him and he knew it.
"I have fought with bears and lions,
God will save me from Goliath."

The big man laughed as David came,
Goliath called the young man names.
But David shot a single stone,
And knocked the big Goliath down.

Listening to God's Word



What part of this story bothers you? Where do you hear a command from God?



How does this story help you to trust in God? Where do you hear a promise from God?

*Lord God, you are stronger than anything else.
Give us the courage to face difficult times, and
the faith to know that you are always with us.
We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.*