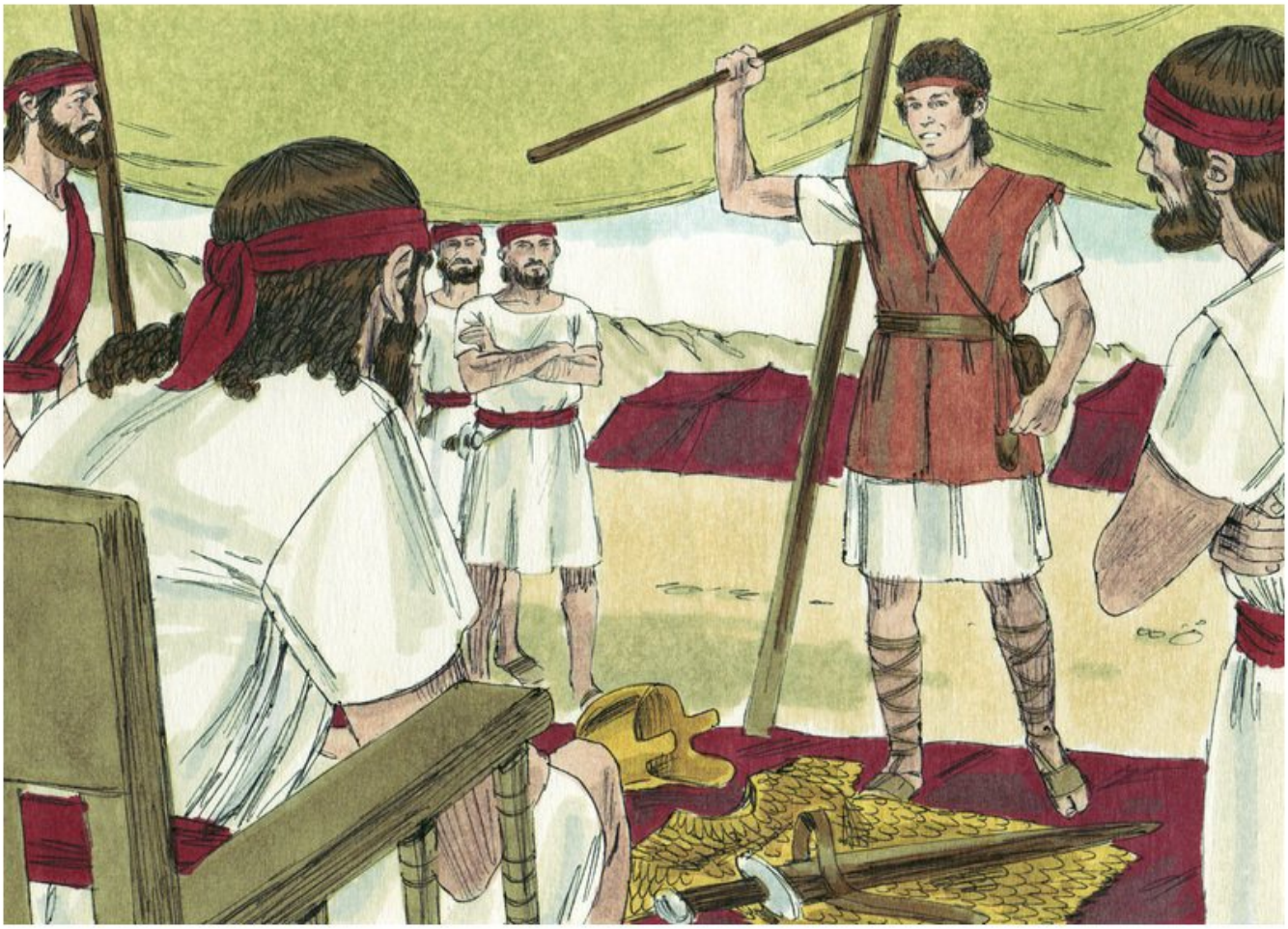
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David Faces Goliath

1 Samuel 17:1-50



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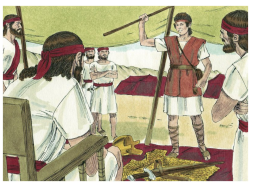
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A Challenge Across the Valley

1 Samuel 17:1-50



The Philistine army stood on one side of the valley of Elah, and Saul's Israelite army stood on the other. Goliath, a tall, heavily armed Philistine champion, came out to challenge Israel. He wore bronze armor and carried powerful weapons, with a shield-bearer ahead of him. He demanded that Israel choose one man to fight him. The proposed contest would decide which side became servants of the other after its fighter was defeated.

Saul and his men heard the challenge and were dismayed and afraid. Goliath came forward morning and evening for forty days. David, the youngest son of Jesse, was still going back to care for his father's sheep at Bethlehem. Three older brothers were with Saul's army. Jesse told David to take roasted grain and bread to his brothers and cheese for their commander, check on them, and bring back news.

David rose early, left the sheep with a keeper, and carried the provisions as his father instructed. At the camp he left his supplies with the person guarding baggage and went to greet his brothers. While he talked with them, Goliath appeared and repeated his challenge. David heard him, and he saw Israel's men flee in fear. He began asking about the challenge and what would happen to the man who overcame the Philistine.

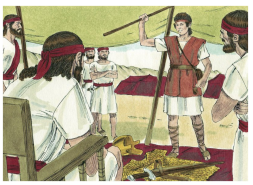
Eliab, David's oldest brother, grew angry and accused him of coming to watch the battle. David answered and continued speaking with others. His words were reported to Saul, who sent for him. David offered to fight. Saul objected that he was only a young man, while Goliath had been a fighter since youth. David was about to explain why he was willing to face this heavily armed opponent despite that difference.

Remember: God’s strength is greater than what my eyes can measure.

EXTENDED ENGLISH READING • PAGE 2 OF 2

David Goes Forward with a Sling

1 Samuel 17:1-50



David spoke about caring for his father's sheep. When a lion or bear took a lamb, he had gone after it and rescued the animal. He said that God, who had delivered him in those dangers, would deliver him from Goliath. Saul allowed him to go. David's answer looked back at his shepherd's work and God's help, rather than pretending that he had already spent years fighting as an experienced soldier.

Saul dressed David in armor and supplied a sword, but David found that he could not use this unfamiliar equipment. He took it off. Carrying his staff, he chose five smooth stones from the stream and put them in his shepherd's bag. He approached with a sling in his hand. The passage describes the tools he actually took, not a hidden sword or an army of friends waiting behind him to make the encounter easier.

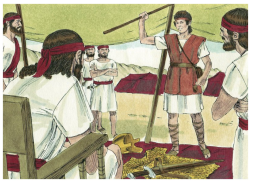
Goliath looked at David with contempt and mocked him. David answered that the Philistine came with sword, spear, and javelin, but he came in the name of Israel's God. He said that the battle belonged to God, whose saving power did not depend on swords and spears. The exchange made the contrast clear: Goliath displayed his weapons and experience, while David placed his confidence in God rather than the appearance of military strength.

As Goliath advanced, David ran forward. He took a stone from his bag, swung his sling, and sent it toward the Philistine. It struck Goliath's forehead, and he fell facedown. David overcame him with the sling and stone, without a sword in his hand, and Goliath died. This reading stops at that victory. It tells of a deadly battle, so the account should be handled seriously rather than treated as a game for children to copy.

Pause and think: How can courage include choosing suitable help and tools instead of trying to look impressive?

THINK, NOTICE & GROW

Think About Courage and Suitable Tools



David does not use armor simply because it belongs to a king. He explains that he cannot use it and takes it off. In an ordinary task, the most impressive-looking tool may not be the right one for you. A caregiver can help you choose safe materials that fit your ability. Think of something you have learned to use gradually, with practice and good instruction.

Courage is not the same as entering danger alone. This ancient battle is not a lesson to throw stones at people or confront someone who threatens you. If bullying or violence worries you, tell a trusted adult and work on a safe plan. You can speak truthfully, ask for protection, or support someone else in getting help without trying to imitate a warrior.

The account pays attention to David's earlier work with sheep. Skills often grow through ordinary responsibilities before a special moment arrives. What useful skill could you practice patiently: reading instructions, caring for materials, listening, or asking a clear question? Practice does not guarantee victory in every situation. It can help you contribute thoughtfully while remembering that needing help remains part of life.

A SMALL STEP FOR TODAY

David faces Goliath trusting God and overcomes him with a sling and stone in a serious account of battle.

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Read, Remember & Create

Name: _____ Date: _____

1 Think about the reading

1. Why did David remove Saul’s armor?

2. Whose help did David trust?

2 Put the ideas in order

Write 1, 2 and 3 for the order these ideas appear in the reading.

- ☐ David chose stones and went out with his sling.
- ☐ David defeated Goliath with a sling and a stone.
- ☐ David heard Goliath’s challenge at the camp.

3 Draw a meaningful picture

Draw David choosing smooth stones beside a stream.

Tell someone how your picture connects to the reading.

Read & Grow Together

Read and learn with context

This English edition is designed for ages 6-10 with an adult. Read both extended readings together, or enjoy one each day. Pause at unfamiliar words, invite questions and use the reflection page to connect the story with everyday life. These are retellings and lessons with explanations; read the listed Bible passage for context. Poetry, parables, letters and symbolic visions are identified by type.

Remember this

God's strength is greater than what my eyes can measure.
Original memory thought, not a direct Bible quotation. Related passage: 1 Samuel 17:45-47

A thoughtful conversation

The retelling names the death without gruesome detail. This battle is not instructions for children to fight bullies or use slings; courage can mean seeking a safe adult's help.

Activity answers

1. He had not used it before and could not move comfortably in it.
2. The help of the God of Israel.
Sequence boxes, top to bottom: 2, 3, 1. Personal responses and drawings will vary.

Optional prayer

God, help us trust you and act with wise courage. Amen.

Print and share

Each pack has 6 pages. Print on A4 at Actual Size (100%). The worksheet is page 5. You may print just that page, or use the separate 150-page activity book. The collection contains 150 packs in Bible book order, 15 volumes and one ZIP. Catalog pack IDs stay the same when new readings are added.

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