

DAVID AND GOLIATH

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¹Now the Philistines gathered their forces for war and assembled at Socoh in Judah. They pitched camp at Ephes Dammim, between Socoh and Azekah. ²Saul and the Israelites assembled and camped in the Valley of Elah and drew up their battle line to meet the Philistines. ³The Philistines occupied one hill and the Israelites another, with the valley between them.

⁴A champion named Goliath, who was from Gath, came out of the Philistine camp. He was over nine feet tall. ⁵He had a bronze helmet on his head and wore a coat of scale armor of bronze weighing five thousand shekels; ⁶on his legs he wore bronze greaves, and a bronze javelin was slung on his back. ⁷His spear shaft was like a weaver's rod, and its iron point weighed six hundred shekels. His shield bearer went ahead of him.

⁸Goliath stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, "Why do you come out and line up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not the servants of Saul? Choose a man and have him come down to me. ⁹If he is able to fight and kill me, we will become your subjects; but if I overcome him and kill him, you will become our subjects and serve us." ¹⁰Then the Philistine said, "This day I defy the ranks of Israel! Give me a man and let us fight each other." ¹¹On hearing the Philistine's words, Saul and all the Israelites were dismayed and terrified.

¹²Now David was the son of an Ephrathite named Jesse, who was from Bethlehem in Judah. Jesse had eight sons, and in Saul's time he was old and well advanced in years. ¹³Jesse's three oldest sons had followed Saul to the war: The firstborn was Eliab; the second, Abinadab; and the third, Shammah. ¹⁴David was the youngest. The three oldest followed Saul, ¹⁵but David went back and forth from Saul to tend his father's sheep at Bethlehem.

¹⁶For forty days the Philistine came forward every morning and evening and took his stand.

¹⁷Now Jesse said to his son David, "Take this ephah of roasted grain and these ten loaves of bread for your brothers and hurry to their camp. ¹⁸Take along these ten cheeses to the commander of their unit. See how your brothers are and bring back some assurance from them. ¹⁹They are with Saul and all the men of Israel in the Valley of Elah, fighting against the Philistines."

²⁰Early in the morning David left the flock with a shepherd, loaded up and set out, as Jesse had directed. He reached the camp as the army was going out to its battle positions, shouting the war cry. ²¹Israel and the Philistines were drawing up their lines facing each other. ²²David left his things with the keeper of supplies, ran to the battle lines and greeted his brothers. ²³As he was talking with them, Goliath, the Philistine champion from Gath, stepped out from his lines and shouted his usual defiance, and David heard it. ²⁴When the Israelites saw the man, they all ran from him in great fear.

²⁵Now the Israelites had been saying, "Do you see how this man keeps coming out? He comes out to defy Israel. The king will give great wealth to the man who kills him. He will also give him his daughter in marriage and will exempt his father's family from taxes in Israel."

²⁶David asked the men standing near him, "What will be done for the man who kills this Philistine and removes this disgrace from Israel? Who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God?"

²⁷They repeated to him what they had been saying and told him, "This is what will be done for the man who kills him."

²⁸When Eliab, David's oldest brother, heard him speaking with the men, he burned with anger at him and asked, "Why have you come down here? And with whom did you leave those few

sheep in the desert? I know how conceited you are and how wicked your heart is; you came down only to watch the battle.”

²⁹“Now what have I done?” said David. “Can’t I even speak?” ³⁰He then turned away to someone else and brought up the same matter, and the men answered him as before. ³¹What David said was overheard and reported to Saul, and Saul sent for him.

³²David said to Saul, “Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him.”

³³Saul replied, “You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a boy, and he has been a fighting man from his youth.”

³⁴But David said to Saul, “Your servant has been keeping his father’s sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, ³⁵I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it. ³⁶Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God. ³⁷The LORD who delivered me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine.”

Saul said to David, “Go, and the LORD be with you.”

³⁸Then Saul dressed David in his own tunic. He put a coat of armor on him and a bronze helmet on his head. ³⁹David fastened on his sword over the tunic and tried walking around, because he was not used to them.

“I cannot go in these,” he said to Saul, “because I am not used to them.” So he took them off. ⁴⁰Then he took his staff in his hand, chose five smooth stones from the stream, put them in the pouch of his shepherd’s bag and, with his sling in his hand, approached the Philistine.

⁴¹Meanwhile, the Philistine, with his shield bearer in front of him, kept coming closer to David. ⁴²He looked David over and saw that he was only a boy, ruddy and handsome, and he despised him. ⁴³He said to David, “Am I a dog, that you come at me with sticks?” And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. ⁴⁴“Come here,” he said, “and I’ll give your flesh to the birds of the air and the beasts of the field!”

⁴⁵David said to the Philistine, “You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. ⁴⁶This day the LORD will hand you over to me, and I’ll strike you down and cut off your head. Today I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds of the air and the beasts of the earth, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. ⁴⁷All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves; for the battle is the LORD’S, and he will give all of you into our hands.”

⁴⁸As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him. ⁴⁹Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown on the ground.

⁵⁰So David triumphed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone; without a sword in his hand he struck down the Philistine and killed him.

⁵¹David ran and stood over him. He took hold of the Philistine’s sword and drew it from the scabbard. After he killed him, he cut off his head with the sword.

When the Philistines saw that their hero was dead, they turned and ran. ⁵²Then the men of Israel and Judah surged forward with a shout and pursued the Philistines to the entrance of Gath and to the gates of Ekron. Their dead were strewn along the Shaaraim road to Gath and Ekron.

⁵³When the Israelites returned from chasing the Philistines, they plundered their camp. ⁵⁴David took the Philistine’s head and brought it to Jerusalem, and he put the Philistine’s weapons in his own tent.

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POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	QUESTIONS
5		1.) What did Goliath do for forty days?
5		2.) What did David go to fight Goliath with?
5		3.) How did David kill Goliath?
5		4.) Why do you think David was able to kill Goliath with only a small stone?

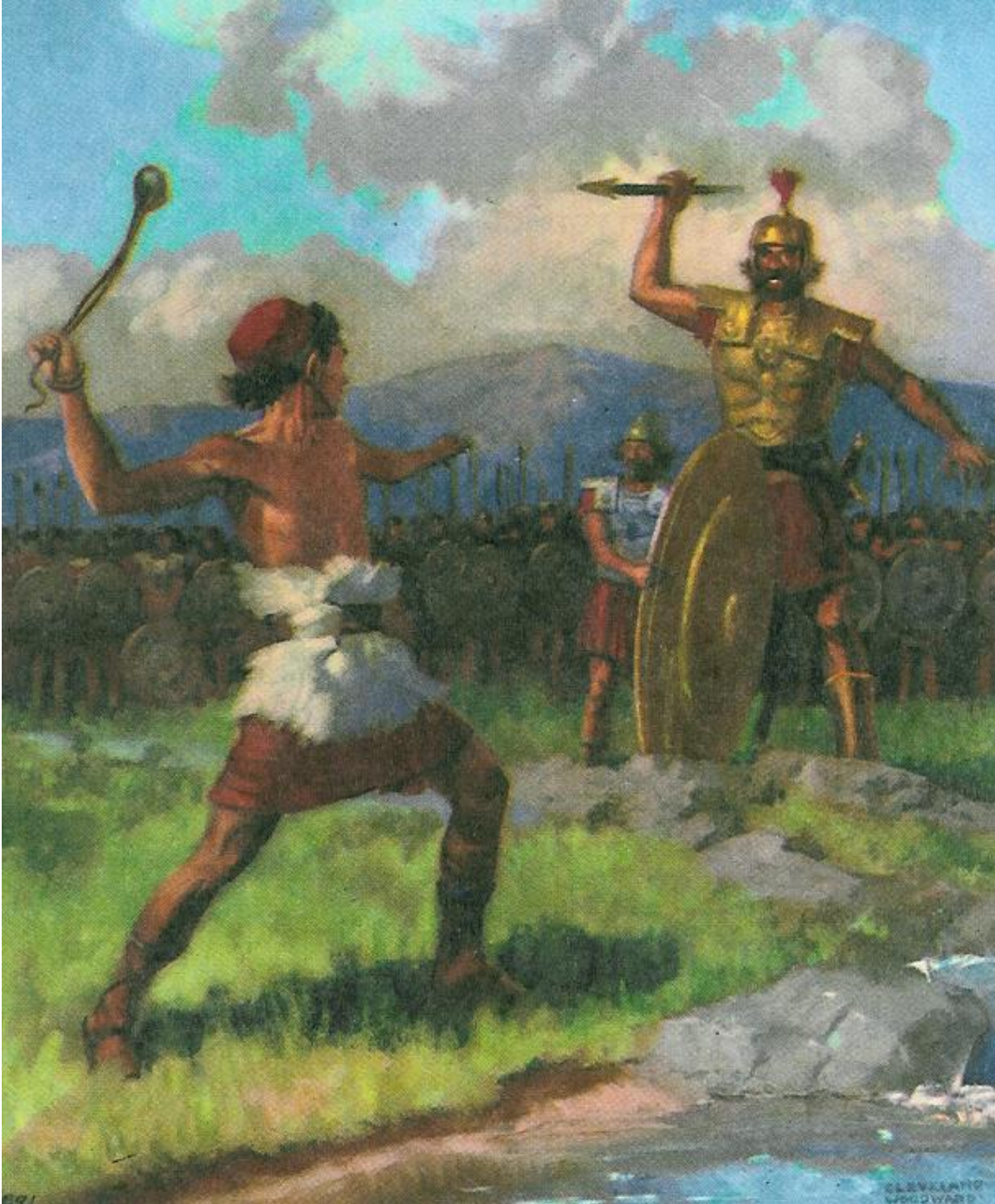
POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		<p>“For the power of the wicked will be broken, but the LORD upholds the righteous.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Psalm 37:17</p>

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	HOME CONNECTION	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
5		<i>I have read, or been read, the passage of scripture for this week.</i>	
5		<i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>	
10		<i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i>	

TOTAL POINTS	CLUB CONNECTION
	LEADER'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE __/__/__

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David kills Goliath with one small stone

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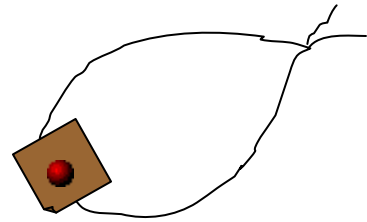
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CRAFT/ACTIVITY: SLING SHOTS

Students will make sling shots to help remind them that David killed Goliath with a small stone and a sling.

MATERIALS

1. Jaw breakers
2. Paper grocery bags
3. Yarn
4. Scissors
5. Hot glue gun
6. White glue



DIRECTIONS

1. Cut pieces of yarn into 16 inch lengths. Tie the two ends together.
2. Cut paper grocery bags into 1½ squares. Have students crumple and recrumple the squares to make them feel like leather.
3. Using white glue, glue two paper squares together with the yarn in between.
4. Hot glue a jawbreaker to the paper square.

FOR DISCUSSION

As students are working on their sling shots, remind them that the Lord was with David as he fought Goliath. The fact that David killed a nine foot giant using only a sling shot and stone demonstrates how the Lord upholds the righteous and defeats the power of the wicked.

TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:

Approximately 10 minutes

MEMORY VERSE

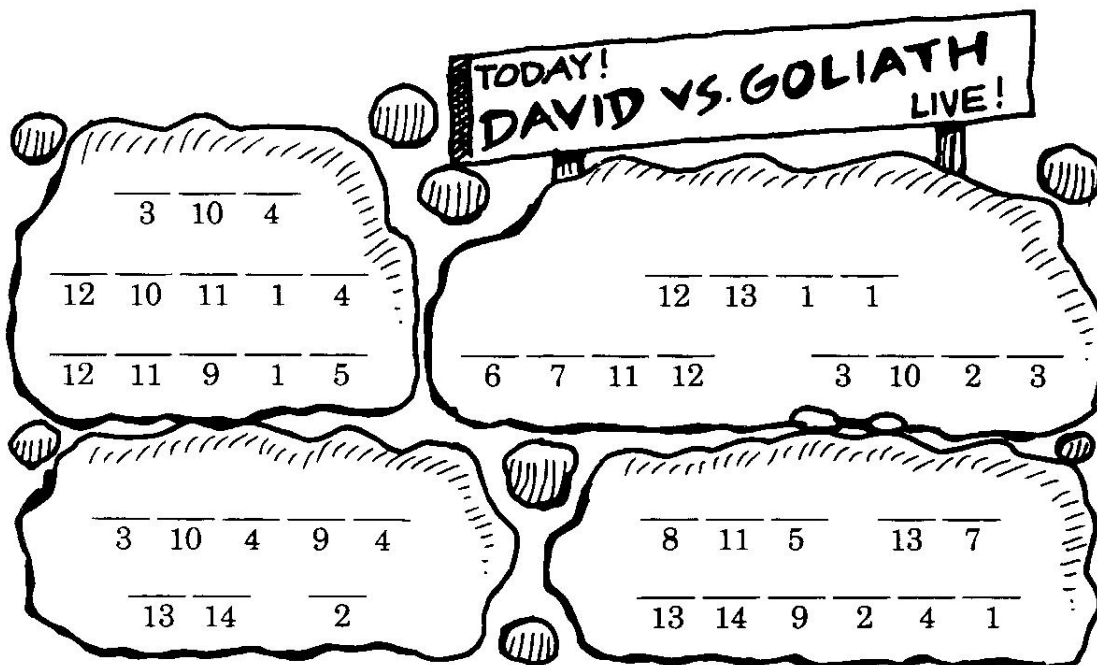
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After reading 1 Samuel 17:40-51, fill in the answers to each sentence. Then use the letters above the numbers to fill in the coded message in each stone.

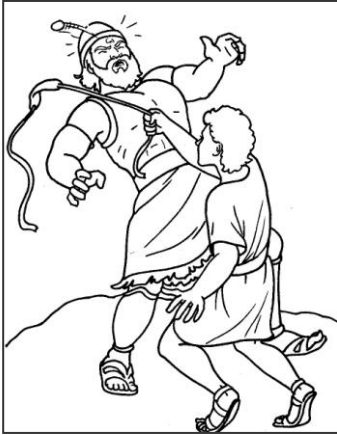
- David put the stones in a pouch of his _____ $\frac{5}{5}$ _____ $\frac{2}{2}$ (v. 40).
- Goliath was a _____ $\frac{13}{13}$ _____ $\frac{3}{3}$ _____ $\frac{7}{7}$ (v. 40).
- Goliath despised David for he was only a _____ $\frac{11}{11}$ (v. 42).
- Goliath had a _____ $\frac{14}{14}$ _____, _____ and _____ $\frac{4}{4}$ _____ to fight David (v. 45).
- David came to fight Goliath in the name of the _____ $\frac{9}{9}$ _____ $\frac{8}{8}$ _____ (v. 45).
- All those gathered here will _____ $\frac{6}{6}$ _____ $\frac{12}{12}$ that it is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves (v. 47).
- David struck the Philistine on the _____ $\frac{10}{10}$ _____ (v. 49).
- After David _____ $\frac{1}{1}$ _____ him, he cut off his head with the sword (v. 51).



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The Israelites and Philistines were about to fight again. The Philistines were on one hill and the Israelites were on another hill.

A Philistine soldier named Goliath was over nine feet tall. He was dressed in bronze armor. For forty days Goliath came out and teased the Israelite army.

Goliath said, "Choose a man to fight me. If you win, we will become your subjects. If I win, you will become our subjects and serve us."

David went back and forth between King Saul and his father Jesse. His father asked David to see how his brothers were doing. David's brothers were soldiers for King Saul.

When David made it to the battle line, he heard Goliath teasing the Israelites again. David said he would fight the Philistine. Saul wasn't going to let David fight, but he changed his mind.

Saul dressed David in his own armor, but it was too heavy. David took off the armor and gathered five smooth stones from the stream and put them into his shepherd's bag.

Goliath teased David because he was only a young man.

"You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord," said David to Goliath.

As Goliath came closer to attack, David reached into his bag and grabbed a stone. David placed the stone into his slingshot and slung it at Goliath. The stone struck Goliath on the forehead and he fell down dead.

Then David ran to Goliath and cut off his head with Goliath's sword. The Philistines ran when they saw that Goliath was dead.

To find out more, read 1 Samuel 17:1-54 in your Bible.

QUESTIONS

1. Who kept teasing the Israelites?
2. Who decided to fight Goliath?
3. How did David kill Goliath?
4. Why do you think the Philistines ran away when David killed Goliath?

MEMORY VERSE

"For the power of the wicked will be broken, but the Lord upholds the righteous." Psalm 37:17

CROSS OFF THE LETTERS

Cross out every other letter. Write the remaining letters on the lines below to reveal the hidden message.

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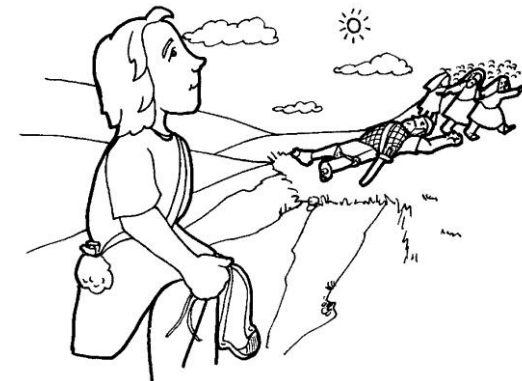
Ideas For Home:

Today your child learned how God was with David as he defeated the Philistine named Goliath.

1. Have your child finish coloring this book.
2. Help your child learn the *Memory Verse*.
3. Practice the *Bible Story Rhyme*.
4. Read and discuss the bible story with your child.
5. Discuss how God gives us strength. It is not our size that matters, but our relationship with God.

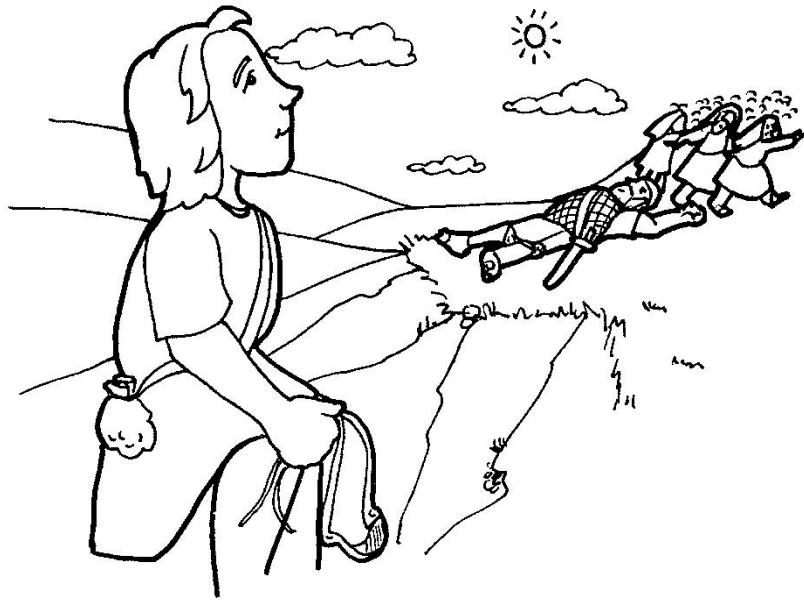
Bible Story Mini Book

David and Goliath

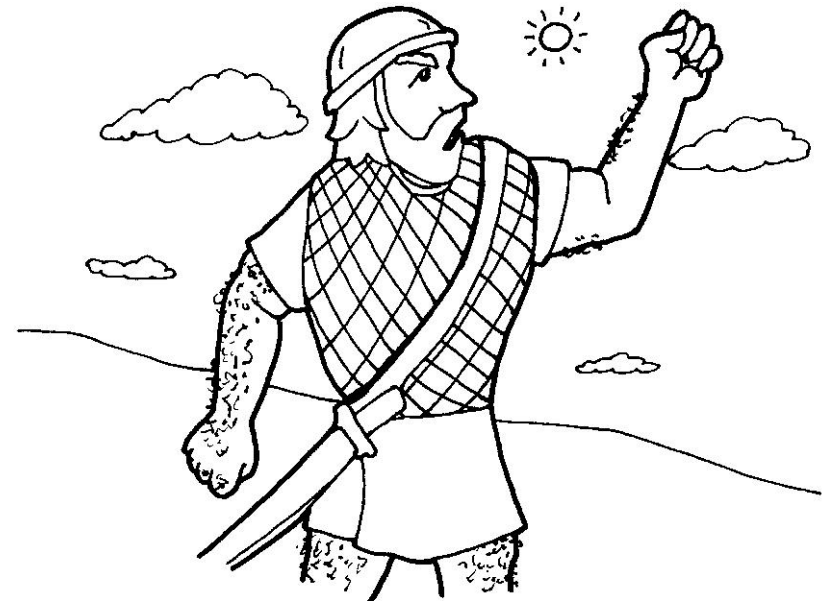


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Goliath died. God used a young man to help his people.



Goliath continued to shout at God's people. He wanted to fight.

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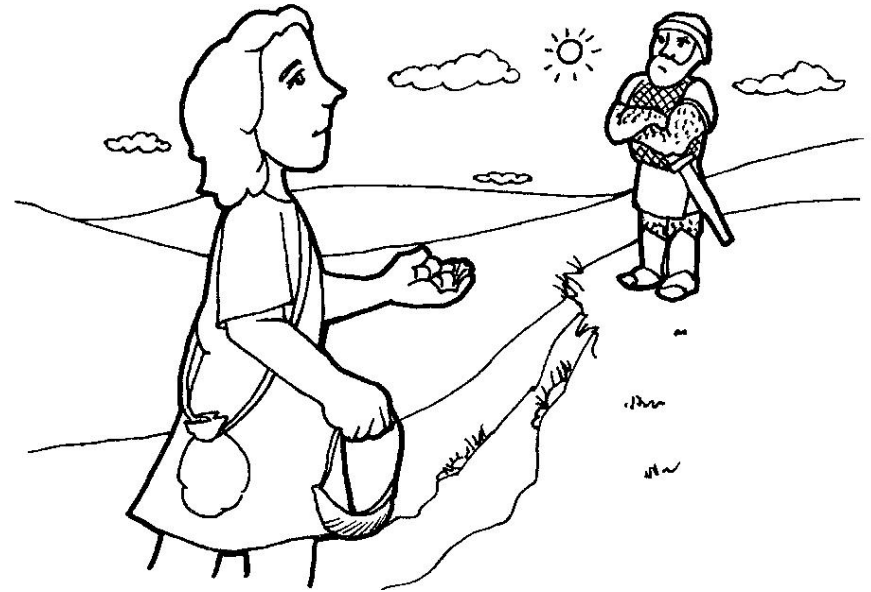
Bible Story Rhyme

Little David went to fight,
(Hold up fists as if fighting)

With Goliath in his sight.
(Point to both eyes)

He threw a stone a Goliath’s head,
(Pretend to throw a stone)

Then Goliath lay there dead.
(Cover both eyes with fingers)



David took a stone and
threw it at Goliath.

Have You Ever Sinned?

The Bible teaches that we have *all* sinned and do not measure up to God's glory. It also teaches that the price for sin is death which separates us from God. But even though we are sinners, Christ died for us and paid the price for our sin. We just need to ask him to forgive us and receive his free gift of salvation. Just pray this prayer, with a sincere heart, and Jesus will forgive you of your sins. You will become a child of God and live with Him in heaven.

“Dear Jesus,

Please forgive me for the bad things that I have done. Please come into my heart and be my Lord and savior. In your name I pray, Amen.”



The stone hit Goliath right between the eyes.

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PRESCHOOL GAME

Supplies: A paper plate, old newspapers, masking tape, and trash bags or a trash can

Kids will toss soft “stones” at a high target to get an idea of what David’s battle with Goliath might have been like.

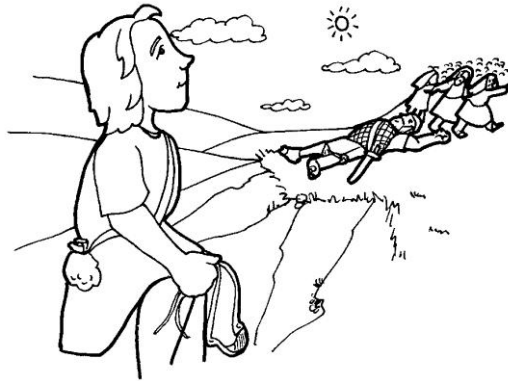
Mount the paper plate on a wall with tape. For younger kids, place it at eye level. For older preschoolers, mount it about nine feet high. Mark a line with masking tape for the kids to stand on. The distance from the wall will be determined by their skill level. Say: **Today we are going to see how hard David might have had to work to hit his target. Watch and I’ll show you how.** Demonstrate how to wad up newspaper into stones to throw at the paper plate. Say: **Everyone will need to throw from behind this line so no one will get hit.** Demonstrate how to aim and throw the stones.

If you run out of paper, call a timeout and sweep all the stones to the children’s side of the line. The children won’t want to stop playing this game, but be sure you allow enough time for them to help you stuff the stones into trash bags or a trash can.

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