

# David Defeats Goliath



1 SAMUEL 17:1-52

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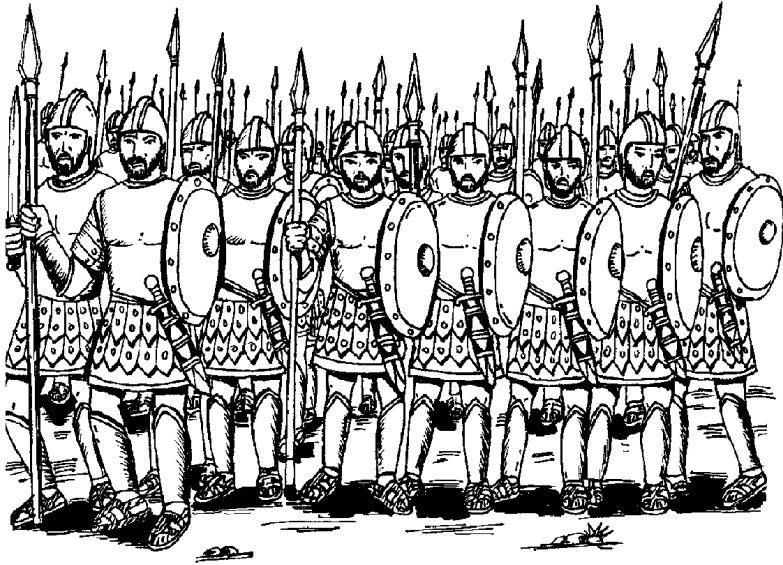
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The first king of Israel was King Saul. During his reign, he fought many times with the Philistine army. This time, the Philistines gathered their forces for war and assembled at Socoh in Judah.

1 Samuel 17:1a



Saul and the Israelites assembled and camped in the Valley of Elah and drew up their battle line to meet the Philistines. The Philistines occupied one hill and the Israelites another, with the valley between them.

1 Samuel 17:2-3



A champion named Goliath, who was from Gath, came out of the Philistine camp. He was over nine feet tall.

1 Samuel 17:4



He had a bronze helmet on his head and wore a coat of scale armor of bronze weighing five thousand shekels; on his legs he wore bronze greaves, and a bronze javelin was slung on his back.

1 Samuel 17:5-6



His spear shaft was like a weaver's rod, and its iron point weighed six hundred shekels. His shield bearer went ahead of him.

1 Samuel 17:7



Goliath 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.”

1 Samuel 17:8



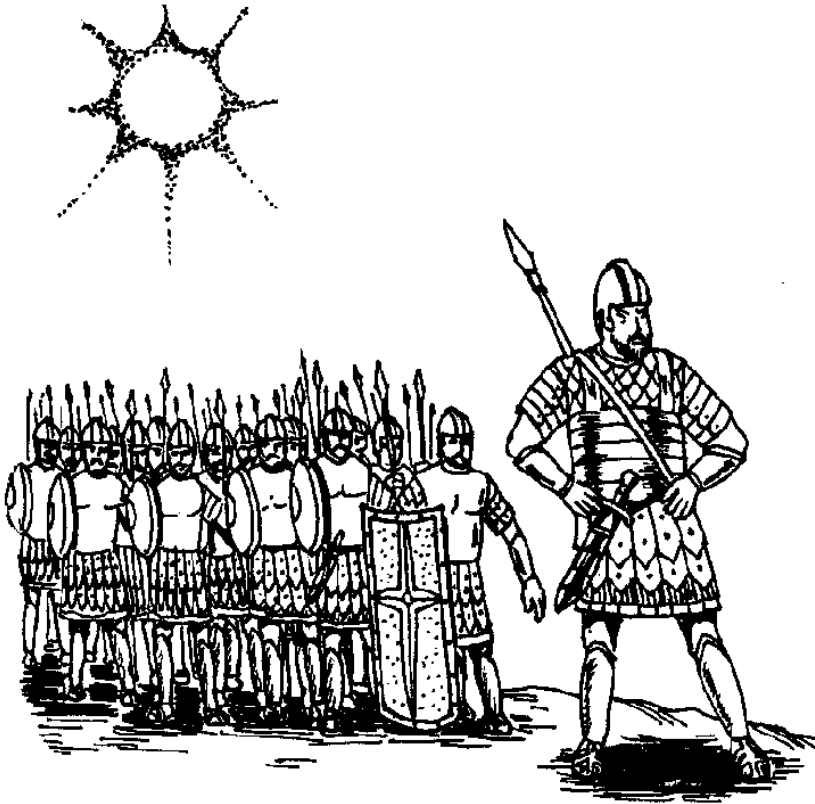
“If he is able to fight and kill me, we will become your subjects; but if I overcome him and kill him, you will become our subjects and serve us.”

1 Samuel 17:9



Then the Philistine said, “This day I defy the ranks of Israel! Give me a man and let us fight each other.” On hearing the Philistine's words, Saul and all the Israelites were dismayed and terrified.

1 Samuel 17:10-11



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

1 Samuel 17:16



*Among the fighting men of Israel were three sons of Jesse. But Jesse's youngest son, David, did not go to fight. Instead he cared for his father's sheep.*



Now 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. Take along these ten cheeses to the commander of their unit.”

1 Samuel 17:17-18a

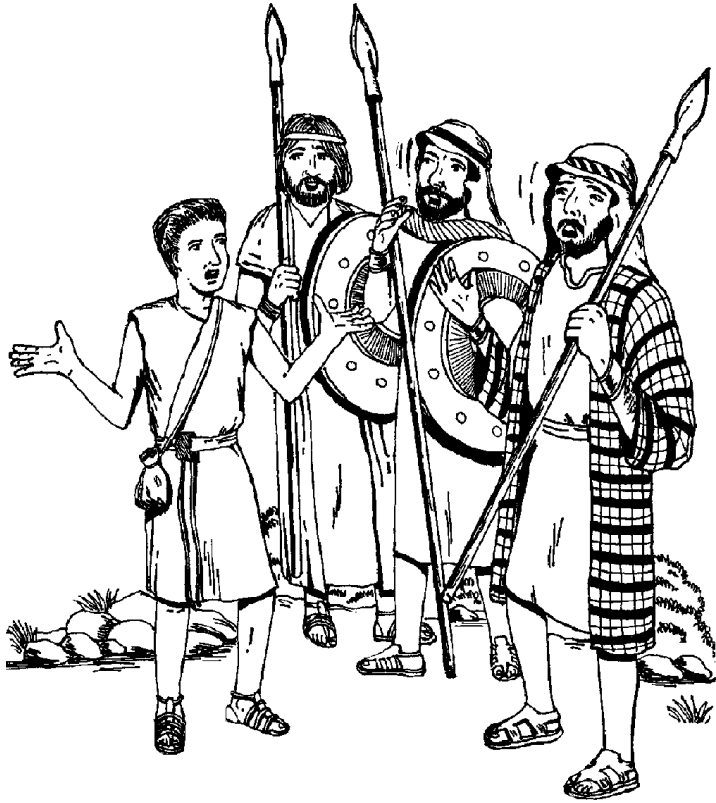


“See how your brothers are and bring back some assurance from them. They are with Saul and all the men of Israel in the Valley of Elah, fighting against the Philistines.”



Early 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. Israel and the Philistines were drawing up their lines facing each other.

1 Samuel 17:20-21



David left his things with the keeper of supplies, ran to the battle lines and greeted his brothers.

1 Samuel 17:22



As 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. When the Israelites saw the man, they all ran from him in great fear.

1 Samuel 17:23-24



Now 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.”

1 Samuel 17:25



David asked the men standing near him,  
“What will be done for the man who kills this  
Philistine and removes this disgrace from  
Israel?”

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

1 Samuel 17:26a, 27



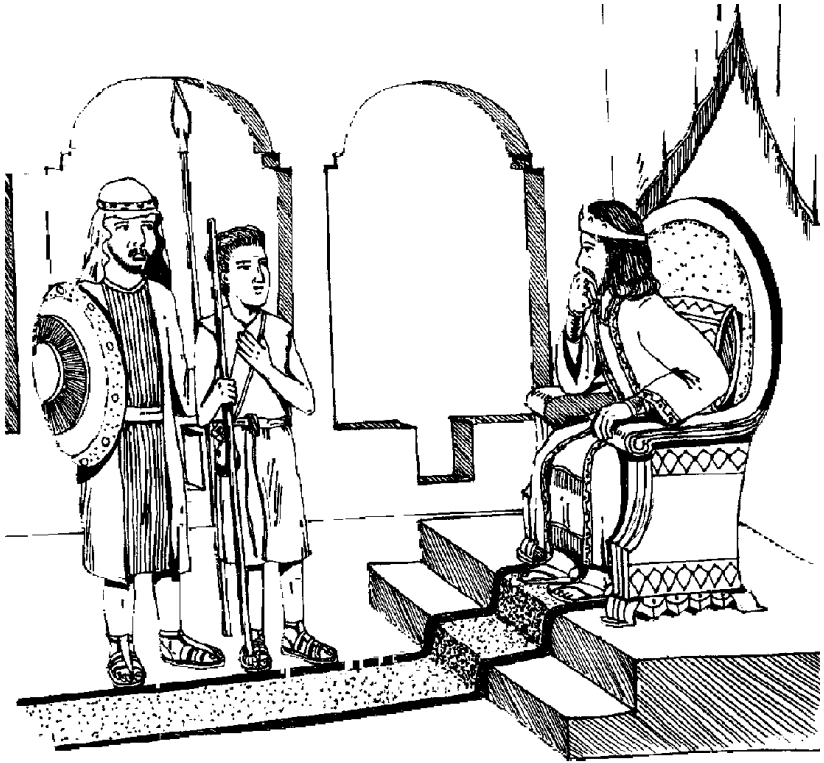
When Eliab, David's oldest brother, heard him speaking with the men, he burned with anger at him and asked, "Why have you come down here? And with whom did you leave those few sheep in the desert? I know how conceited you are and how wicked your heart is; you came down only to watch the battle."

1 Samuel 17:28



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

1 Samuel 17:29-31



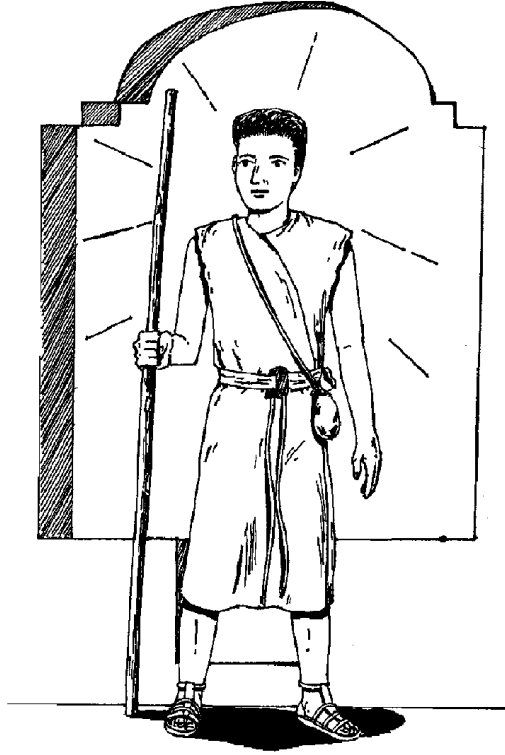
David said to Saul, “Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him.”

1 Samuel 17:32



Saul 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.”

1 Samuel 17:33



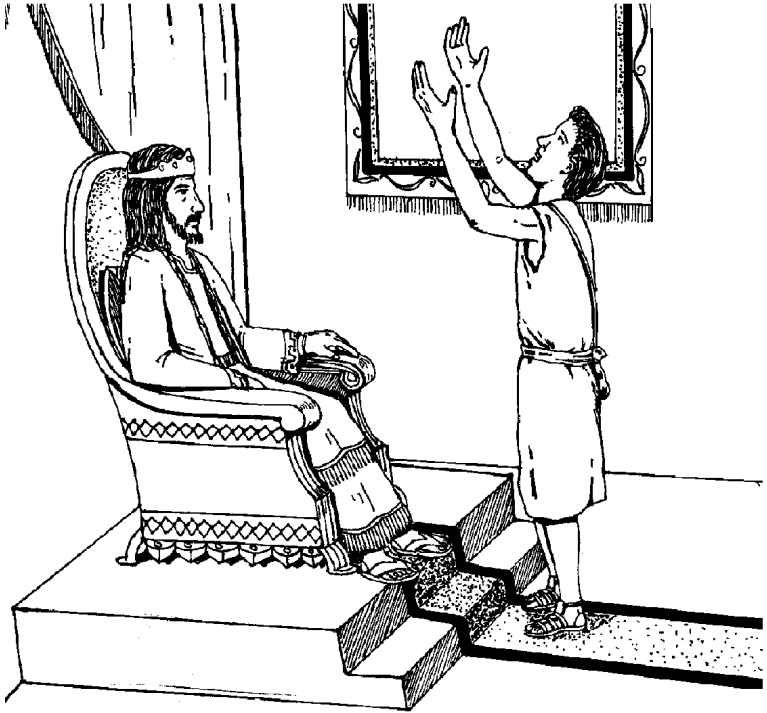
But David said to Saul, “Your servant has been keeping his father's sheep.”

1 Samuel 17:34a



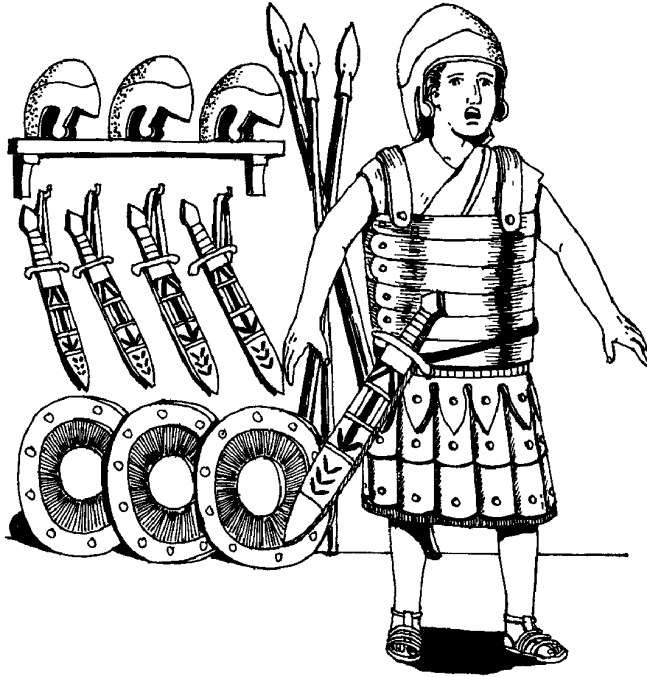
“When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it.”

1 Samuel 17:34b-35



“The 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.”

1 Samuel 17:37a



Then Saul dressed David in his own tunic. He put a coat of armor on him and a bronze helmet on his head.

1 Samuel 17:38



“I cannot go in these,” he said to Saul,  
“because I am not used to them.” So he took  
them off.

1 Samuel 17:39b



Then 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.

1 Samuel 17:40



Meanwhile, the Philistine, with his shield bearer in front of him, kept coming closer to David. He looked David over and saw that he was only a boy, ruddy and handsome, and he despised him.

1 Samuel 17:41-42



He said to David, “Am I a dog, that you come at me with sticks?” And the Philistine cursed David by his gods.

1 Samuel 17:43



David 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. This day the LORD will hand you over to me, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head.”

1 Samuel 17:45-46a



“All 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.”

1 Samuel 17:47



As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him.

1 Samuel 17:48



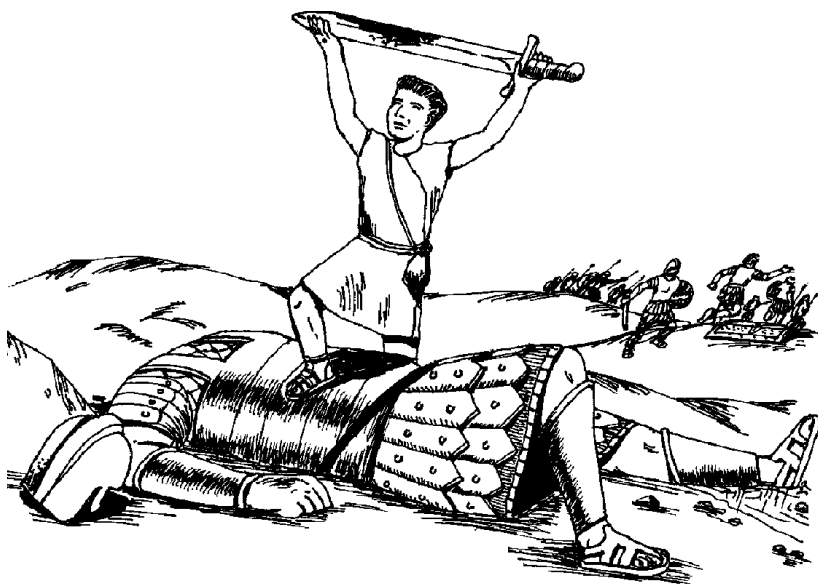
Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown on the ground.

1 Samuel 17:49



So 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.

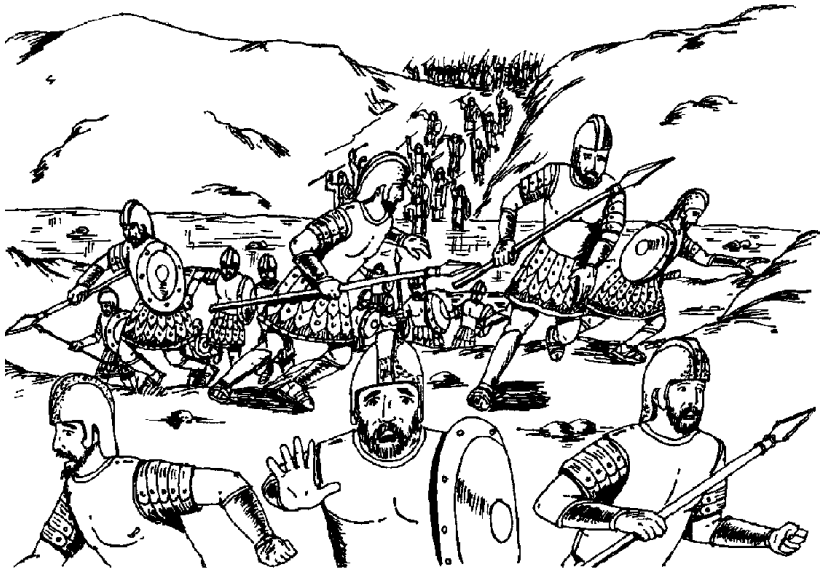
1 Samuel 17:50



David 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 ran away.

1 Samuel 17:51



Then 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.

1 Samuel 17:52



