

Caution: Watch Out for Flying Stones!

Bible Story
David and Goliath

Scripture
1 Samuel 17:20-50

The Scene: a field

The Simple Setup: An empty stage is all you'll need.

For Extra Impact: Have those in the Israelite Army each hold one color of paper in front of them for their shields and the Philistines another color.

The Characters

narrator: a friendly storyteller

David: a guy

Goliath: a guy

King Saul: a guy

Israelite Army: children willing to cheer for David

Philistine Army: children willing to cheer for Goliath

The Skit

After you've assigned the roles of David, Goliath, and King Saul, form the rest of your children into two groups: the Israelite Army and the Philistine Army.

As the skit begins, the Israelite Army is at stage right and the Philistine Army is at stage left. David is behind the Israelite Army. The Narrator is offstage or at one side of the stage throughout the skit.

narrator: Israel was at war, and David's older brothers were in the army. Since they didn't have televisions, radios, or newspapers, David didn't know how his brothers were doing. And there weren't any TELEPHONES, so David couldn't CALL his brothers. David's dad asked David to take some supplies to David's brothers, which meant David was going up to the FRONT LINES. See David coming up behind the Israelite Army? He's getting close to the front lines NOW.



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David: My brothers should be near here SOMEWHERE. What's that I hear? It sounds like a BATTLE cry!

narrator: David joined the Israelite Army and saw that across a valley, the Philistine Army was waiting. The Philistines were SHOUTING and waving their spears. And David saw something he'd NEVER seen before. He saw a GIANT—a real-life GIANT! GOLIATH was big, bad, and ready to rumble!

Goliath: Look at you, you scared, little Israelites! Isn't there a man among you who will FIGHT me?

narrator: David looked to his left. He looked to his right. He expected soldiers, maybe even his very own BROTHERS, to raise their hands and volunteer to go fight Goliath. But not one of the Israelite soldiers raised his hand. In fact, the Israelite soldiers all TREMBLED in fear!

David: Why are you afraid? We can beat Goliath! True, he IS a giant, and he IS carrying a spear the size of my head. And he DOES have a shield so big we could hold a picnic lunch on it. And he IS scarier than anything any of us have ever seen. But we're the army of the living God! That means WE CAN TAKE GOLIATH!

narrator: One of the King's men HEARD what David was saying, and told King Saul. The King had his men bring David to the royal tent.

King Saul: FINALLY! We've found a soldier who's big enough, strong enough, and brave enough to fight the giant. Now all we have to do is...hey, you're just a BOY. Where's our champion SOLDIER?

David: I'm no giant, and I'm no champion, but I've kept my father's SHEEP safe from bears and lions. God delivered me from those WILD ANIMALS, and I'm sure he'll deliver me from this GIANT, too!

King Saul: Kid, have you actually SEEN the giant?

David: Yes, sir. And with God's help, I'm not afraid.

King Saul: Well, it's YOUR funeral.

narrator: King Saul decided to let David fight Goliath...

King Saul: Let's get you ready for your big battle. Do you know how to walk on stilts? That would make you TALLER than Goliath.

David: I can't fight on stilts!

King Saul: No, I suppose not. Well, at least you can wear my armor and helmet and use my sword. THAT should keep you alive for a few minutes.

narrator: The King's weapons and armor were too big for David, so he took his staff, five small stones, and his sling. Then David headed across the valley toward the giant.

Goliath: About TIME the Israelites sent someone to fight me! Hmmmmm. I see a creek...and a rock...and a boy...and a clump of weeds. Where's their SOLDIER?

narrator: David walked closer to Goliath.

Goliath: YOU'RE their soldier? They send a BOY to fight ME? I am going to DESTROY you!

David: You're a giant with giant weapons, but I have a secret weapon of my OWN! I serve the LIVING God, and today EVERYONE will see that it isn't swords or spears that save us. It's GOD who saves!

narrator: Goliath moved CLOSER to David, and David put a stone in his sling. David whirled the sling around and then fired off the stone at Goliath. It hit Goliath in the head! Goliath FELL—facedown in the dirt! The Israelite Army cheered and waved. The Philistine Army turned and RAIN!



To Talk About

- ◆ Goliath thought that just because he was big, he could beat David. When was a time you saw someone big who was beaten at something?
- ◆ David trusted God because God had helped him before. How has God helped you in the past?
- ◆ In what ways has God used you to help others?

Topical Tie-Ins: Fear, Trust, God's Power