David and the Giant

1 Samuel 17 · To read together with your child



Name _____



The Philistines stood on one hill and the Israelites on another, with a valley between them. 1 Samuel 17:2-3

A champion named Goliath came out from the Philistine camp. 1 Samuel 17:4

Goliath shouted, “Give me a man to fight!” 1 Samuel 17:10

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Saul and all the Israelites were dismayed and greatly afraid. 1 Samuel 17:11

For forty days, Goliath came forward every morning and evening. 1 Samuel 17:16

Jesse told David to take bread and roasted grain to his brothers at their camp. 1 Samuel 17:17

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David left the flock with a keeper
and went to the camp. 1 Samuel 17:20

Goliath shouted his usual words,
and David heard them. 1 Samuel 17:23

David asked who this Philistine was to
defy the armies of the living God. 1 Samuel 17:26

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David said to Saul, “Your servant will go and fight him!” 1 Samuel 17:32

Saul replied, “You are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth.” 1 Samuel 17:33

David said that as a shepherd he had saved lambs from a lion and a bear. 1 Samuel 17:34-35

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David said the LORD had saved him from lions and bears and would save him from this Philistine. 1 Samuel 17:37

Saul said, “May the LORD be with you.” 1 Samuel 17:37

Saul dressed David in his own armor,
but David could not walk in it. 1 Samuel 17:38-39

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David took his staff and selected five smooth stones from the brook. 1 Samuel 17:40

He put them in his shepherd's bag and went with his sling in his hand. 1 Samuel 17:40

Goliath looked and saw David, and he despised him because he was just a boy. 1 Samuel 17:42

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David said the Philistine came with sword and spear, but he came in the name of the LORD. 1 Samuel 17:45

He said the LORD does not save by sword or spear, because the battle is His. 1 Samuel 17:47

David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him. 1 Samuel 17:48

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David took out a stone and slung it,
and Goliath fell to the ground. 1 Samuel 17:49

Thus David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling
and a stone, without a sword in his hand. 1 Samuel 17:50

When the Philistines saw that their hero
had fallen, they turned and ran. 1 Samuel 17:51

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What we learned

David trusted the LORD, who delivered him from the lion, the bear, and the giant.

1 Samuel 17:37, 17:45

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About this story

This little book ends with Goliath fallen, seen from far away. The Bible tells that David killed him and cut off his head (1 Samuel 17:49-51), that Goliath and David spoke of giving flesh to the birds (17:44-46), and that there were wounded in the Philistines' flight (17:52). That was left out. Read it with an adult in the Bible. Text checked against the Berean Standard Bible.

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