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## DAVID AND GOLIATH

This is the story of David, a brave young man who had two jobs. The main one was to look after his father Jesse's sheep near Bethlehem. The second job was to play peaceful music on his harp for King Saul who was often troubled and upset.

*Picture of upset King and David playing on his harp*

King Saul and his soldiers went to fight the Philistines. The King's men, the Israelites on one hill, and the Philistines men on the other.

*Picture of two hills, soldiers on both hills with Israelites in gold armour and Philistines silver with a bigger character, Goliath standing bigger on the Philistine hill.*

Instead of all the people fighting, a very tall Philistine named Goliath said "Choose a man and have him come down to me. If he is able to fight and kill me we will become your servants.

*Picture Goliath on his own*

King Saul and all the Israelites were very frightened.

*Picture of Goliath on one side and scared Israelite soldiers on the other*

David had travelled to the battlefield carrying food for the soldiers. He asked what was happening.

*Picture David carrying food – some gold soldiers*

David said to King Saul,

"I will go and fight Goliath"

The King said,

"You are only young and Goliath is much bigger and has been a soldier for many years"

*Picture David in his shepherd's clothes and big Goliath in his silver armour.*

David told the King that he had looked after his father's sheep and he had to keep them safe from lions and bears and had been brave and protected the sheep from wild animals.

*Picture David in shepherd's clothes with stick, bag and sling. Two animals coming from behind a rock*

Saul agreed that David could fight Goliath and gave him his armour, helmet and sword.

*Picture King Saul handing armour to David*

David tried them on, but he couldn't even walk with them on. He said,  
“I cannot go in these, because I am not used to them”

*Picture David with armour on that is too big for him.*

Then David, without the armour, took his stick, choose five smooth stones from a stream and put them in his bag, and with the sling in his hand he walked down to Goliath.

*Picture of two hills with David coming down one to meet Goliath coming to meet him*

Goliath was angry because David was much smaller than he was, and said,  
“Am I a dog that you come at me with a stick?”

*Picture of angry Goliath*

David said, “I come in the Name of God Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel. This day the Lord will allow me to kill you.”

Goliath moved closer and David ran quickly to meet him. He took a stone from his bag and slung it, and it hit Goliath on his forehead. Goliath fell forward to the ground.

*Picture Goliath face down on the ground.*

David ran to Goliath, took Goliath's sword and cut off his head.

Then the Philistines turned and ran away.

The Israelites ran after them shouting.

*Picture of gold soldiers chasing silver soldiers.*

The King knew that God had given David the victory.

*Picture of King and David with their arms raised in praise to God.*