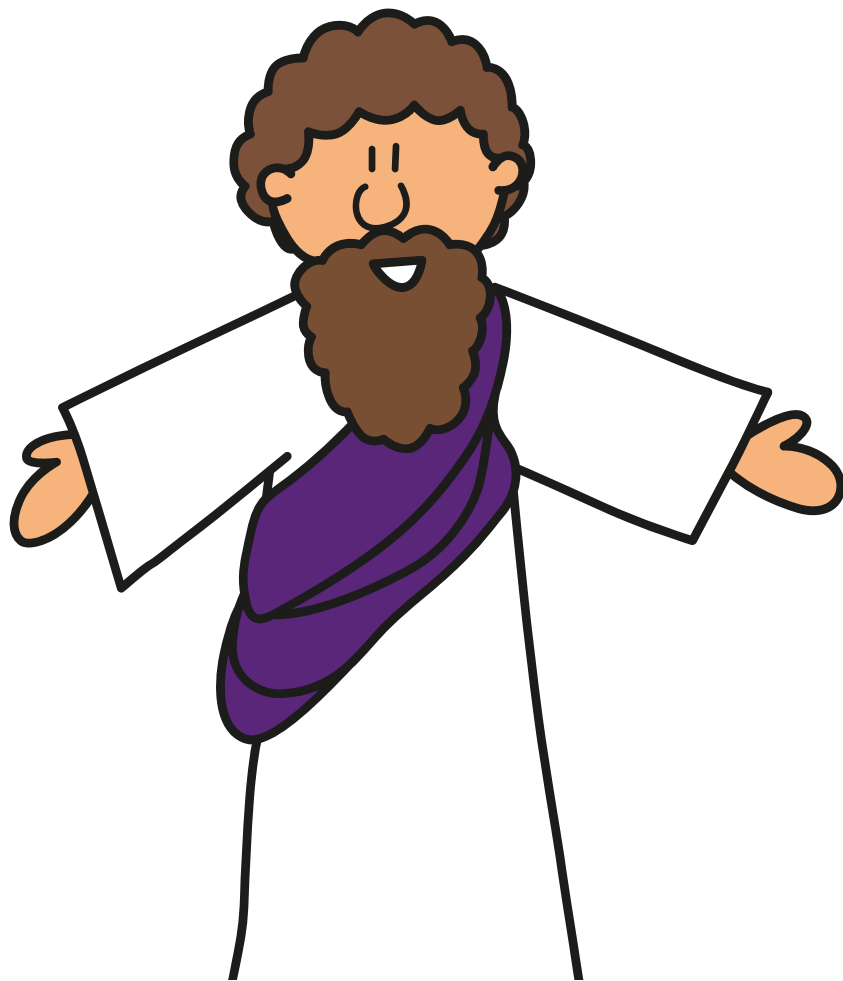


God's Promise to David and Goliath



Shortly after David had been anointed as the future king of Israel, the Philistines gathered their forces for war.

The Israelites assembled on one side of the valley and the Philistines on the other.

A champion named Goliath came from the Philistine camp. He was a giant man and wore a coat of bronze armor. Goliath shouted, "Choose a man to fight me. If he is able to kill me, we will become your subjects; but if I overcome him, you will become our subjects and serve us."

King Saul and all the Israelites were terrified.



For forty days Goliath came forward and took his stand. But whenever the Israelites saw him, they fled in great fear.

David asked the Israelites, "Who is Goliath that he should defy the armies of the living God?"

David said to King Saul, "Do not lose heart. I, your servant, will go and fight him."

Saul replied, "You are not able to go and fight him; you are only young."

David said, "The LORD who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from Goliath."



David chose five smooth stones from the stream, and with his sling in his hand, approached Goliath.

Goliath came closer. He looked at David and saw that he was not much more than a boy, and he despised him.

David said to Goliath, "You come against me with sword and spear, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty. Today everyone gathered here will know that it is not by the sword that the LORD saves; for the battle is the LORD's, and he will give all of you into our hands."

As Goliath moved closer to attack him, David reached into his bag and taking out a stone, slung it and struck Goliath on the forehead. He fell facedown on the ground.

When the Philistines saw that their hero was dead, they turned and ran.



Whatever mission King Saul sent David on, he was successful in.

But it was not long before Saul became very angry that the LORD was with David and granted him success.

King Saul began to chase David. But the LORD was with David. Saul went after David again and again. But the LORD continued to rescue David and settled him in a safe place. David stayed there while Saul remained king of Israel.

1 Samuel 17 - 23

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