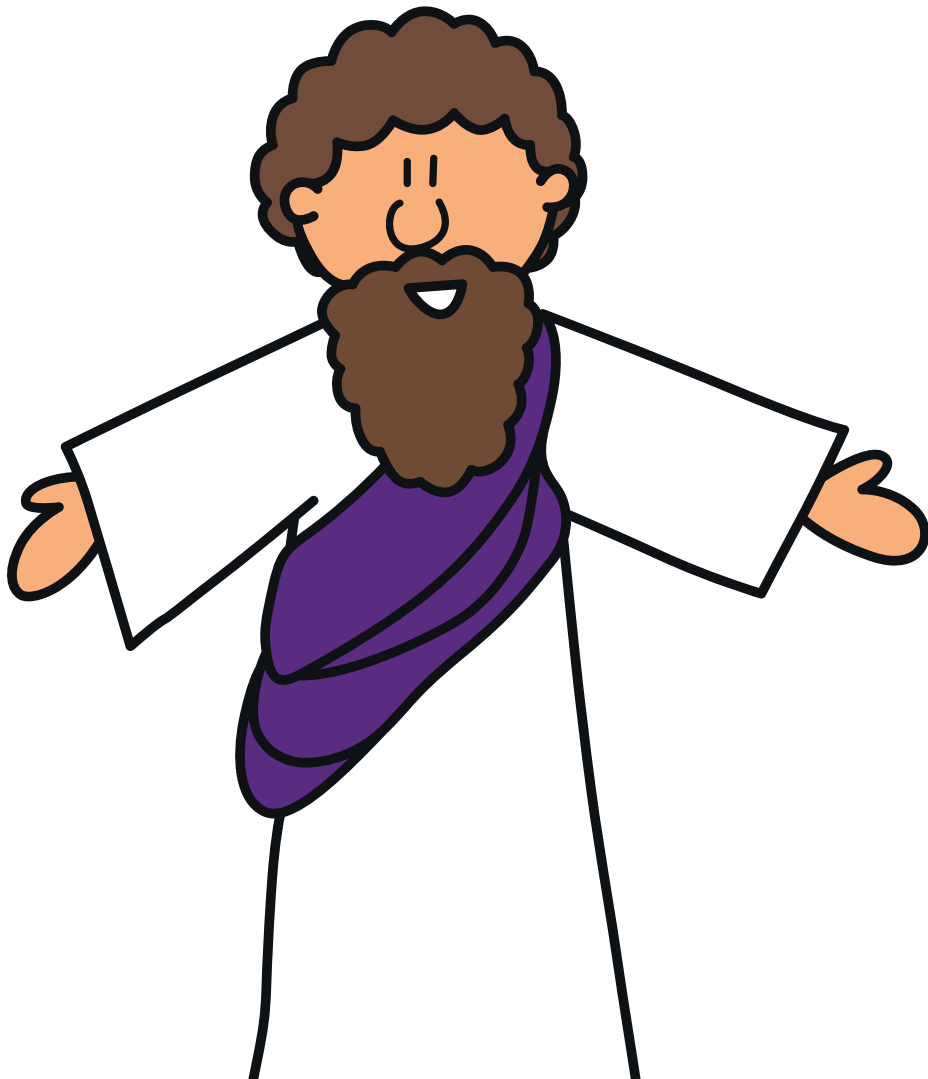


# God's Promise to David and Goliath



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

They assembled on one side of the valley.

The Israelites gathered on the other side.

The 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."

As Goliath moved closer, David reached into his bag. He took out a stone, slung it and struck Goliath on the forehead. Goliath fell face down on the ground.

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



After this, whatever mission King Saul sent David on, David was successful in.

When Saul saw that the LORD was with David, granting him success, he pursued him.

But the LORD settled David in a safe place where he stayed while Saul was king of Israel.

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