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The Word of the Lord: The Old Testament for Young Children

Notes for Parents & Teachers

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- a. This story really tells itself. The main message is that it seemed absolutely impossible that David, a young man, could beat this huge warrior. Everyone else was afraid, but David trusted in the Lord, and felt that the Lord would see that he won the battle.



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The Lord Helps David Kill a Giant

Now the Philistines were the enemies of the children of Israel and they gathered together to do battle. The Philistines were on one side of a mountain and the children of Israel camped on the mountain on the other side, and there was a valley between them. And there was a man called Goliath of the Philistines. He was a giant and very, very tall. He wore a helmet on his head and he was dressed in heavy armor and he carried a big heavy spear. And Goliath called to the children of Israel, “Choose a man and let him come down and fight me. If he kills me then we will be your servants. If I win against him and kill him then you shall be our servants.” Then Saul, the king, and all the children of Israel were afraid when they heard these words. So for forty days the two armies faced each other.

Now there was a man called Jesse and he had eight sons. The three eldest sons went to fight for King Saul. The youngest boy was called David. And Jesse called to David and said, “Your brothers must be hungry. Take this food to the camp.” So David took the food to the camp. When he saw his brothers and was speaking to them, he heard Goliath shouting to the children of Israel to come and fight. And when the children of Israel saw Goliath, they were very afraid and ran from him. Then David said to King Saul, “I will go and fight with this Philistine.” Saul said to David, “You are not able to fight with him for you are a boy and he is a man of war.” And David said to Saul, “When I was feeding my father’s flock there came a lion and then a bear, and took a lamb out of my father’s flock. I went after them and killed them and rescued the lamb. I hit them and put them to death. The Lord rescued me from the lion and from the bear, and He will rescue me from this Philistine.” And King Saul said to David, “Go, and the Lord be with you.”

And David took his stick and his sling in his hand, and he chose five smooth stones from the river. When Goliath looked and saw David and saw that he was just a boy, Goliath said to David, “Are you coming to fight me with sticks?” David said, “You come to me with a sword and a spear, but I come in the name of the Lord.” Then David took a stone from his bag, put it in his sling, and slung it. The stone sank into Goliath’s forehead and he fell on his face in the dirt and was killed. When the Philistines saw that Goliath was dead, they ran away. The children of Israel chased after them and won the battle. And King Saul took David to live with him and his son Jonathan.

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