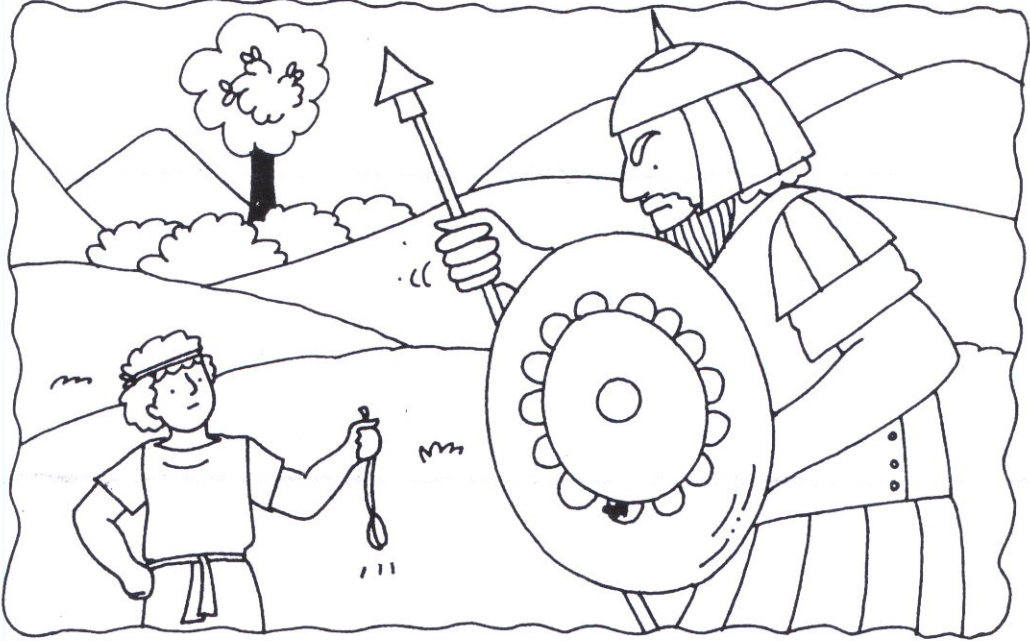


David and Goliath

1 Samuel 17:1-11, 32-51



During a battle between the Philistines and the Israelites, a Philistine giant named Goliath challenged the Israelites. "Do we need a whole army to settle this?" he asked. "Choose someone to fight for you, and I will fight for the Philistines. We will settle this fight in a single combat."

Goliath went on to say that if an Israelite was able to kill him, the Philistines would be their slaves. But if Goliath won the fight, the Israelites would become the Philistine's slaves. When the Israelites heard the challenge, they were terrified. They didn't have a man strong enough to win a battle against Goliath.

David, a young shepherd, was visiting and bringing supplies to his brothers, who were soldiers. "Don't worry about a thing," said David. "I will fight the giant!"

His brothers were angry at David for saying he would fight. King Saul said, "Don't be foolish. There is no way you can win against Goliath."

But David insisted. "When a lion or a bear tries to steal my father's sheep, I kill it with a club and take the lamb from its mouth. The same Lord who saves me from the lions and bears will save me from this giant."

"All right, go ahead," said King Saul. He tried to make David wear his armor, but the armor was too large and heavy for David. David took it off. "May the Lord be with you," said the king.

David picked up five smooth stones from a stream and put them in his shepherd's bag. Armed with only a sling, he advanced on the giant Goliath.

As Goliath walked toward David, he laughed, "Am I a dog that you come at me with a stick?"

David kept walking toward the giant.

"Come here, and I'll feed you to the birds and wild animals," Goliath threatened David.

"You come with sword, spear, and javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord and the armies of Israel," shouted David. "The Lord does not need weapons to rescue his people. It is his battle, not ours. The Lord will give you to us."

David picked up his pace. He took out a stone and hurled it from his sling. The stone hit Goliath in the forehead, and the giant stumbled and fell face downward on the ground. David defeated the Philistine giant with only a stone and sling.

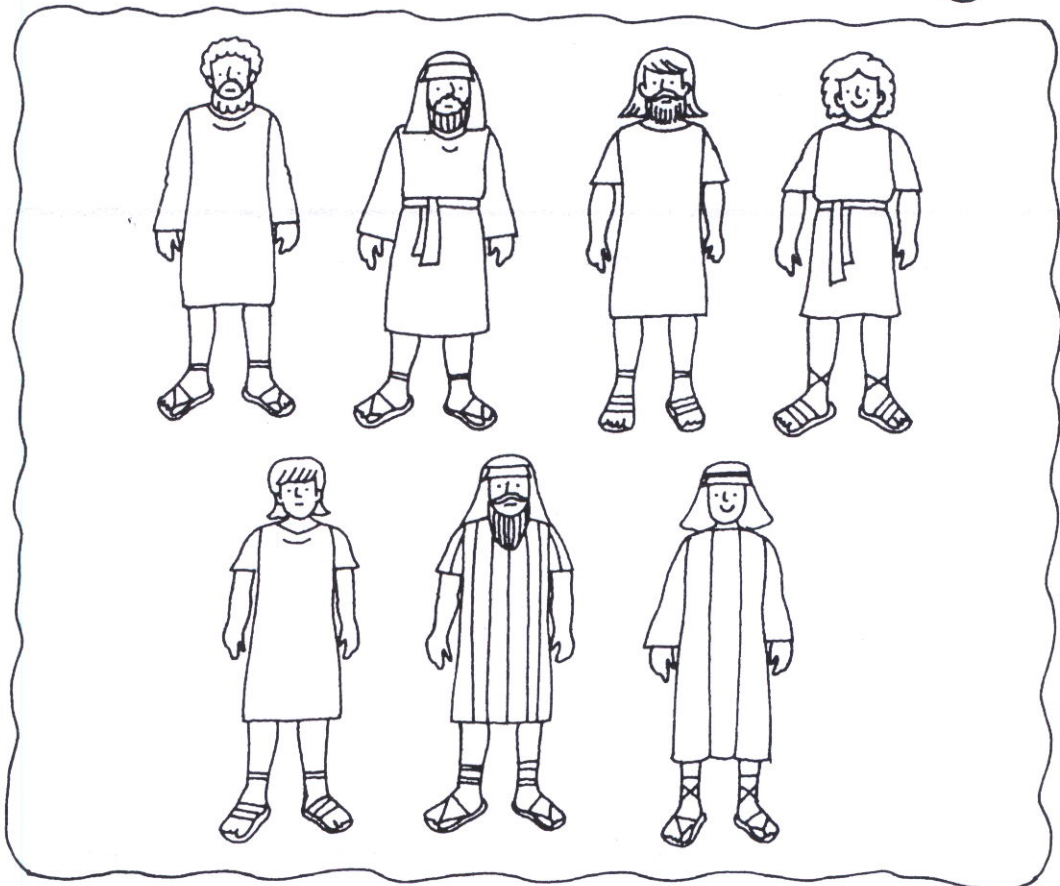
When David grew up, he fought many battles and later became king. After King David died, his son Solomon wore his crown.



David's Brothers

Look at the picture to help answer the questions. Then color it.

1. How many of David's brothers have beards or moustaches? _____
2. How many of the brothers have head coverings? _____
3. How many brothers are there altogether? _____
4. How many brothers have belts? _____
5. How many brothers are smiling? _____



God's Word says: "When Eliab, David's oldest brother, heard him speaking with the men, he burned with anger" (1 Samuel 17:28).

David Triumphs

Hidden in the picture are five stones, a bronze helmet, a sword, a sling, a dog, a bird, and three lambs. Circle them.



God's Word says: "So David triumphed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone" (1 Samuel 17:50).