

Little David and the Giant

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Once upon a time there was a mighty king called King Saul. He was big and strong – but today even he is worried. A big tough fighter called Goliath was shouting ‘come and fight me if you dare!’.

Goliath was so big, so tall, so mighty, there was nothing King Saul could do. No one in his whole army would go out and fight Goliath. They were all too scared. You see they had forgotten that God was with them, that God is So Big, So Strong and So Mighty he can even do BIG things with LITTLE people. If only they had trusted him.



David was a shepherd boy – he wasn’t very tall, he didn’t have big muscles. But even so he wasn’t scared of a big bully like Goliath. ‘I will fight Goliath’ said David to King Saul ‘God will be with me!’ ‘Well then you’d better take my armour’ said King Saul. Poor little David tried it on but it was just too big and heavy. ‘It’ll be alright’, said David, ‘God will keep me safe’.

Big Goliath saw David coming. He laughed – ‘Are you the best they can find little man?’ David kept walking up to Goliath – he was huge. But David wasn’t afraid ‘God will help me’ he said. David picked up five smooth stones from a stream and put four of them into his pouch. He got his shepherd’s leather sling ready. Then gritted his teeth and charged towards Goliath. While he was still out of the reach of Goliath, he put a stone into the sling, whirled it round his head and let the pebble fly through the air. It whistled through the air and hit Goliath in the forehead. Thunk!

Slowly the great big bully fell to the ground with a crash, knocked out cold. David the little boy had beaten Goliath – a man so big, so strong and so mighty that everyone else had been too scared. But David knew it was all down to God. God had given him the courage. God had given him the skill. It was God’s victory – because God is so Big, so strong and so mighty there’s nothing that he cannot do.

(This story is from the Bible – the book of 1 Samuel, chapter 17)