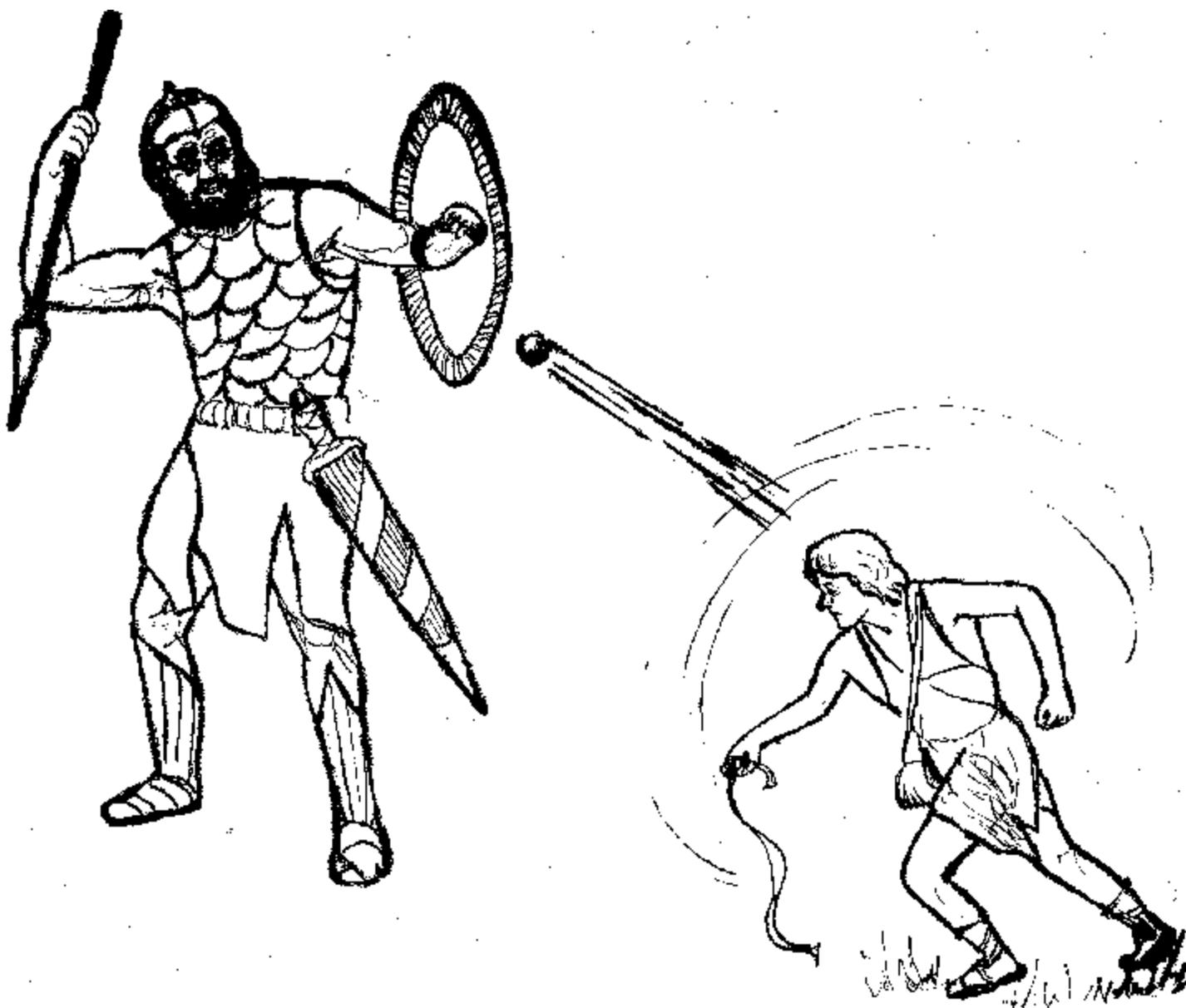


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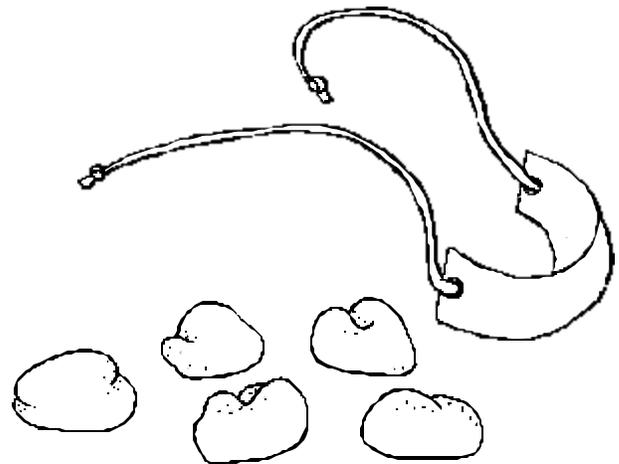
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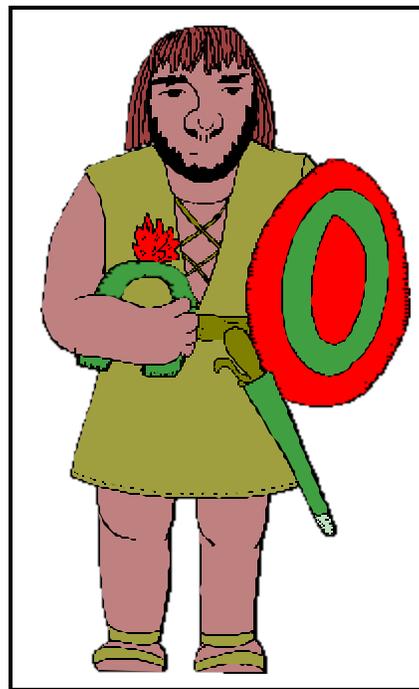
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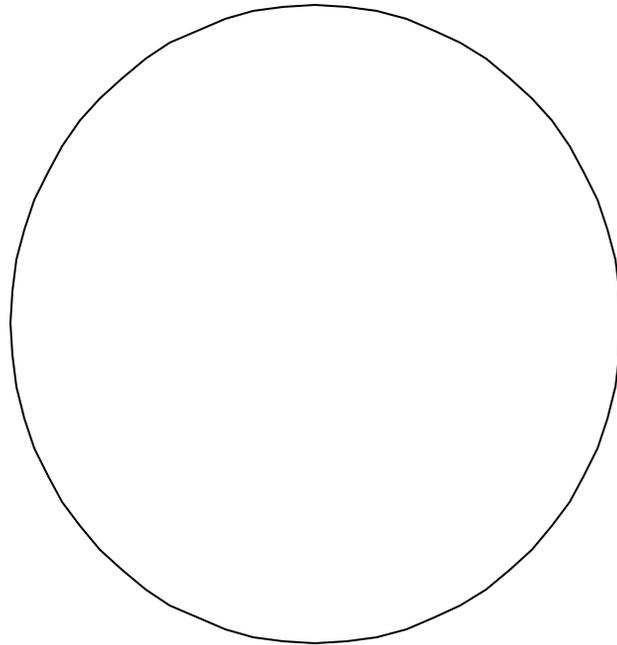


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## Jesus Cares For

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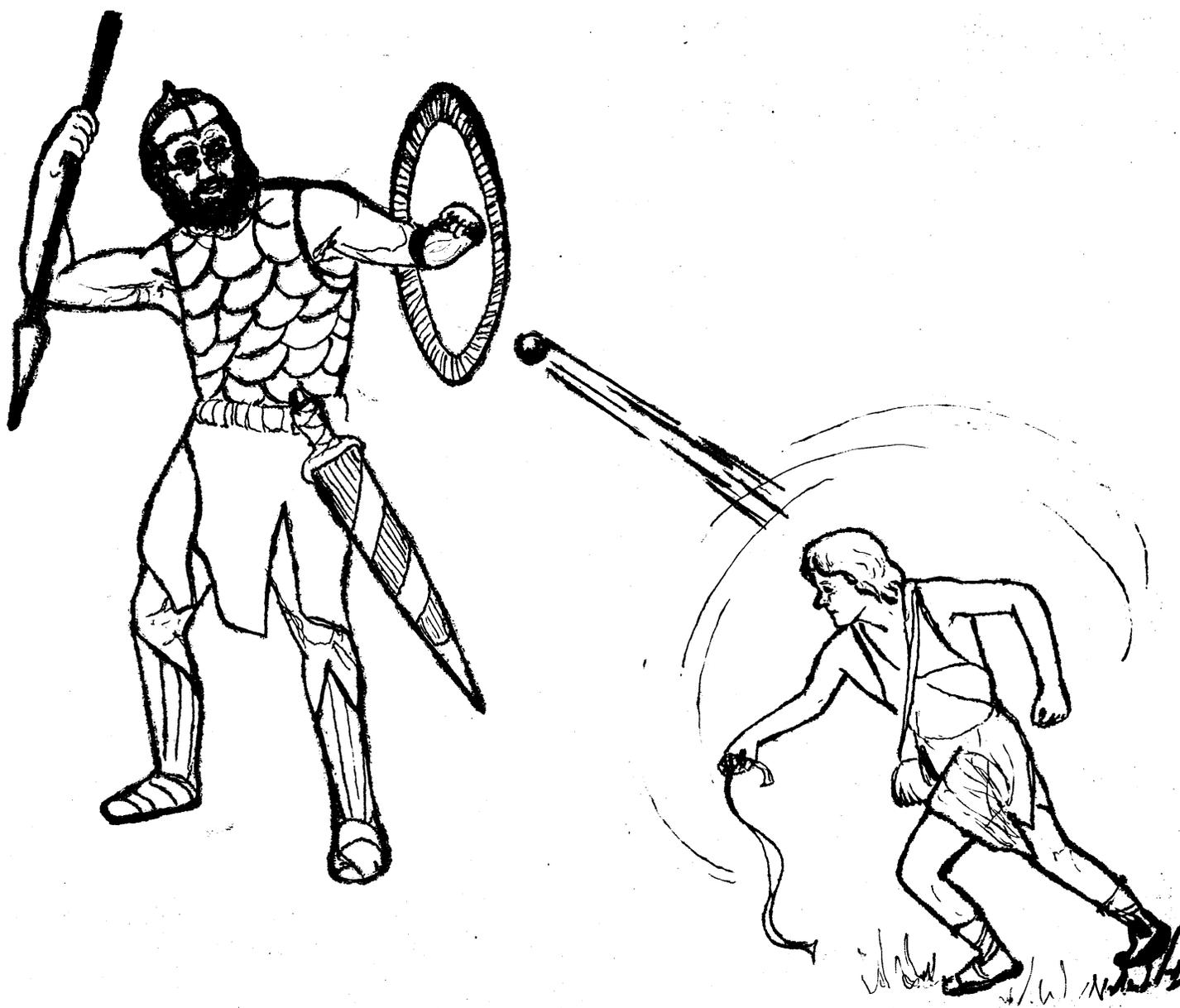
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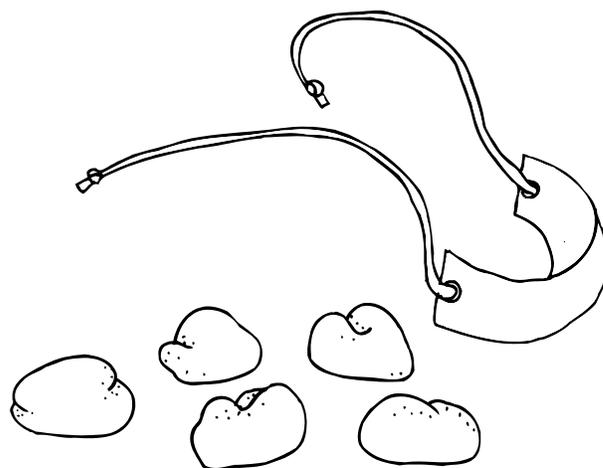
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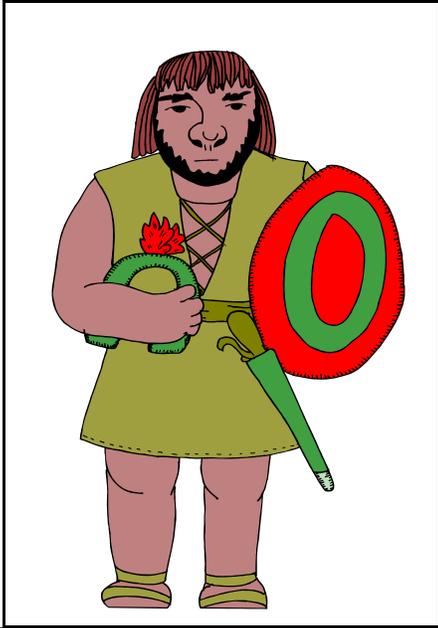
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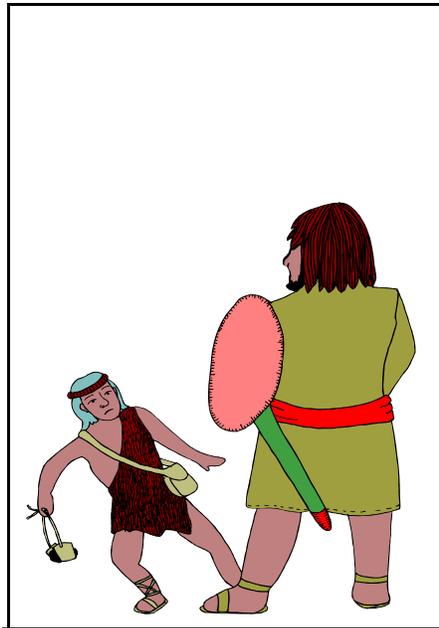
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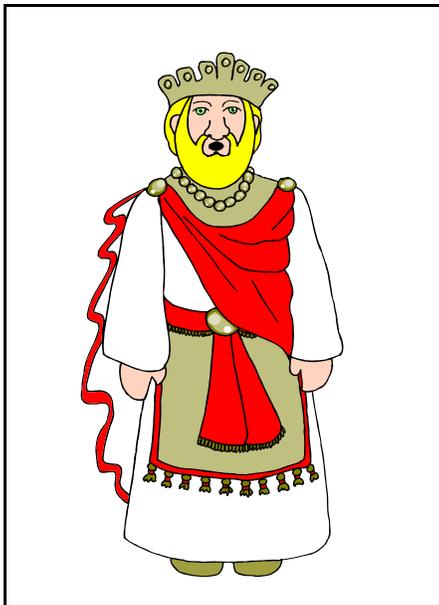
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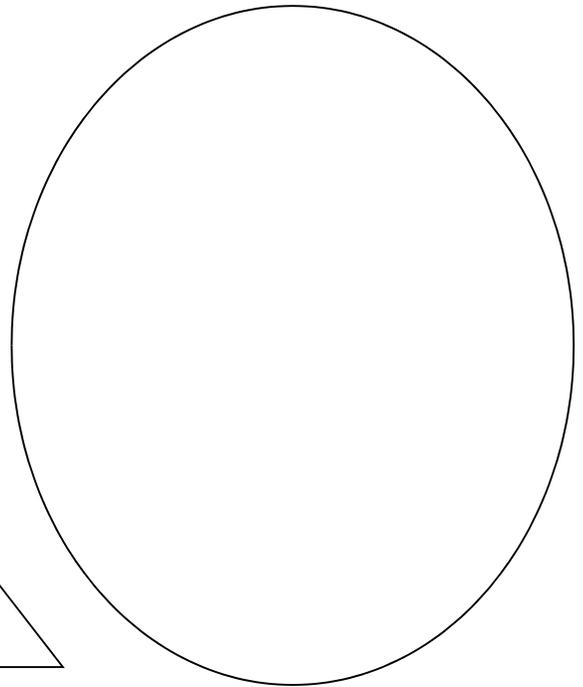
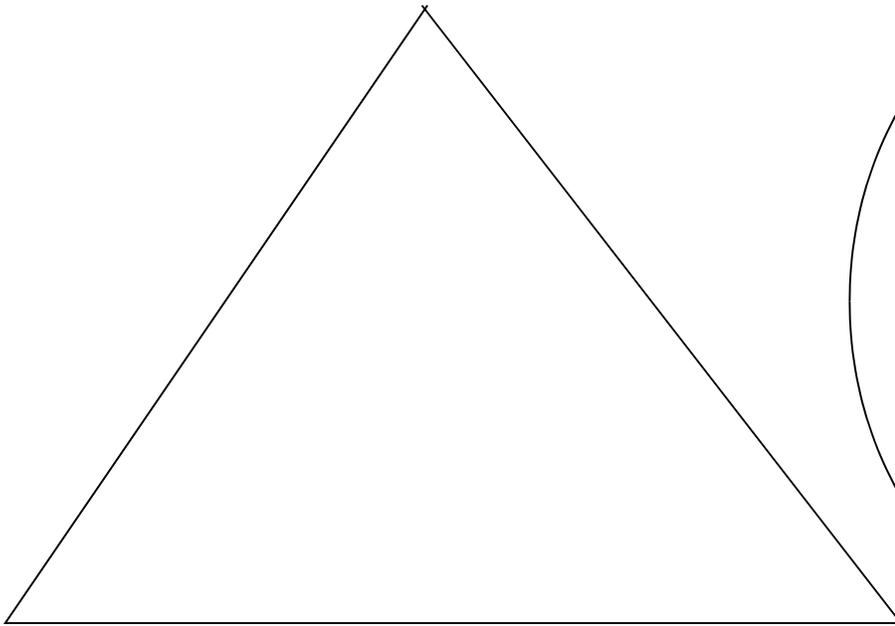
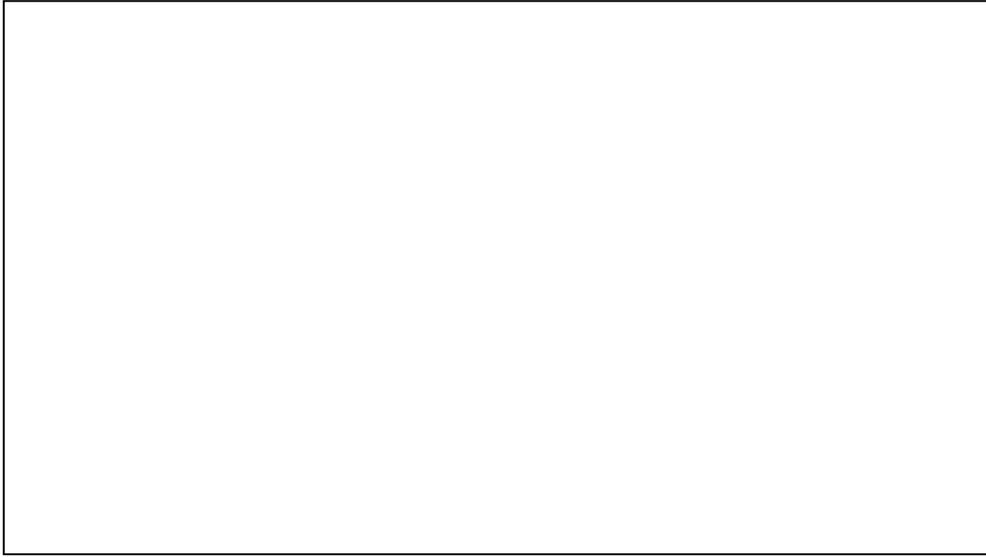


David killed Goliath.



David said to Goliath, "God is with me."

**Activity Two** - In today's story we learned how God helped David defeat Goliath. God helps you in many different ways also! In the different shapes below, draw pictures of some of the things the Lord provides for you or helps you with.



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It's the championship game! You and your teammates have worked hard all season and it has all come down to this final game. When game time comes, however, your best pitcher is at home - sick, but he sent his little brother to pitch the game for him.

What do you think? Are you going to trust that your friend sent the best man for the job or are you going to pick someone else with more experience?

As you read today's story, think about the decision that King Saul had to make. Who would he send into a battle that would decide the fate of his kingdom?

Who did God send into battle that decided the fate of HIS Kingdom?



## Prayer

Dear Lord, we ask for Your blessing as we study Your Word. Please open our hearts and our minds so we may be able to understand the greatness of Your plan for David, and each of us. Amen.

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And when the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled. {52} Now the men of Israel and Judah arose and shouted, and pursued the Philistines as far as the entrance of the valley and to the gates of Ekron. And the wounded of the Philistines fell along the road to Shaaraim, even as far as Gath and Ekron. {53} Then the children of Israel returned from chasing the Philistines, and they plundered their tents. {54} And David took the head of the Philistine and brought it to Jerusalem, but he put his armor in his tent.

{55} When Saul saw David going out against the Philistine, he said to Abner, the commander of the army, "Abner, whose son is this youth?"

And Abner said, "As your soul lives, O king, I do not know."

{56} So the king said, "Inquire whose son this young man is."

{57} Then, as David returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, Abner took him and brought him before Saul with the head of the Philistine in his hand.

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**What God Tells Us** - Look at Hebrews 4:16 and The Address to the Lord's Prayer below. What truths are the same in each statement?

Hebrews 4:16 - Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

The Address  
"Our Father, who art in heaven."  
*What does this mean?*

With these words God tenderly encourages us to believe that He is our true Father and we are His true children, so that we may ask Him boldly and with complete confidence as dear children ask their dear father. © Sydow Catechism 2000 Knowing that the Lord is sure to hear and answer your prayers, what are some things in your life for which these truths provide comfort?

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**Outer Aim - The Lord enabled David to overcome Goliath.**

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**What the Story Tells Us** - Use the following letters to begin a sentence that tells a detail from today's story.

**GOD'S**

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## Hymn - TLH #433 v. 1, 5

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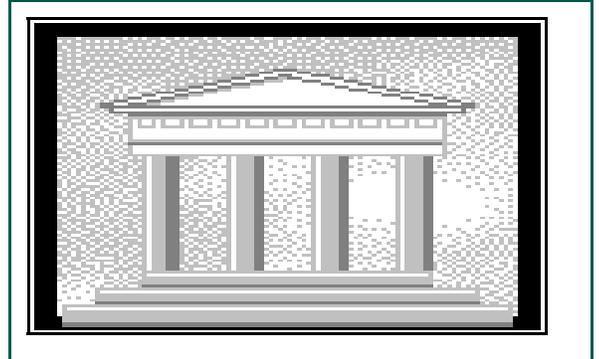
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And when the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled. {52} Now the men of Israel and Judah arose and shouted, and pursued the Philistines as

far as the entrance of the valley and to the gates of Ekron. And the wounded of the Philistines fell along the road to Shaaraim, even as far as Gath and Ekron. {53} Then the children of Israel returned from chasing the Philistines, and they plundered their tents. {54} And David took the head of the Philistine and brought it to Jerusalem, but he put his armor in his tent.

{55} When Saul saw David going out against the Philistine, he said to Abner, the commander of the army, "Abner, whose son is this youth?"

And Abner said, "As your soul lives, O king, I do not know."

{56} So the king said, "Inquire whose son this young man is."

{57} Then, as David returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, Abner took him and brought him before Saul with the head of the Philistine in his hand.

{58} And Saul said to him, "Whose son are you, young man?"

So David answered, "I am the son of your servant Jesse the Bethlehemite."

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### **Outer Aim - The Lord enabled David to overcome Goliath.**

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**What The Story Tells Us** - Read TLH #427 and write down how the promises stated in this hymn parallel the specific details of 1) today's story and 2) examples from your own life.

Stanza 1:

Stanza 2:

Stanza 3:

Stanza 4:

Stanza 5:

Stanza 6:

Stanza 7:

**What God's Word Tells Us** - What great feat was accomplished in today's story? Who accomplished it? Look up the following references. What purpose did God use each of these people for?

A. Genesis 12:1-4

B. Acts 2:1-11

C. Exodus 3:11-15

D. Ruth 4:13-22

E. Acts 8:26-40

F. Isaiah 7:14

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**Inner Aim - The Lord is able to deliver and save.**

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## Passages

Psalm 46:1- God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Psalm 124:8 - Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

Matthew 7:7 - Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

Hebrews 4:16 - Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

## Hymn - TLH #262 v. 1, 2

A mighty Fortress is our God,  
A trusty Shield and Weapon;  
He helps us free from ev'ry need  
That hath us now o'ertaken.  
The old evil Foe  
Now means deadly woe;  
Deep guile and great might  
Are his dread arms in fight;  
On earth is not his equal.

With might of ours can naught be done,  
Soon were our loss effected;  
But for us fights the Valiant One,  
Whom God Himself elected.  
Ask ye, Who is this?  
Jesus Christ it is,  
Of Sabaoth Lord,  
And there's none other God;  
He holds the field forever.

## Prayer

O dearest Jesus, You have promised that You will be with us always, even unto the end of the world. You are our Lord and Savior. Defend us from our enemies and lead us into all truth. Deliver us from every evil, physical and spiritual. Forgive our frequent lack of faith. Help us to rely upon You more and more in everything. Amen.

**STORY**

David and Goliath - I Samuel 17

**TEACHER PRAYER**

O Lord, You have called me to feed Your precious lambs. What a special privilege You have given me! Be with me as I prepare my lesson. Send me Your Holy Spirit. Help me impress upon my students Your power to deliver and save. You, O Lord, are the Savior of both soul and body. Amen.

**VOCABULARY**

*cubit* - the distance from the elbow to the extremity of the middle finger-estimated from 18-21 inches.

*armed* - "clothed" with scaled body armor

*coat of mail* - scaled body armor (Goliath's weighed about 150 lbs.)

*5000 shekels of bronze* - 150 lbs. or more

*weaver's beam* - 4" to 5" in diameter

*600 shekels* - 20 lbs. or more

*ephah* - unit of measure

*uncircumcised* - heathen, spiritually unclean, an unbeliever

*Span* - the distance between the extremities of the thumb and the little finger in the outstretched hand- a half cubit

*sling* - a weapon of ancient times, made of a piece of leather tied to cords and used for hurling stones (slingshot)

**OUTER AIM**

The Lord enables David to overcome Goliath.

**INNER AIM**

The Lord is able to deliver and save.

**BACKGROUND**

((*Rupprecht, Bible History References, Vol. 1, pp. 289-293*))

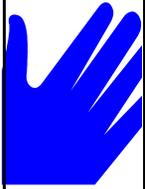
David was a young man when Samuel anointed him to some day be the next king of Israel. A number of years passed before he actually was crowned king. During this time the Lord carefully prepared his servant for what lay ahead. That preparation included his combat with the giant named Goliath. This encounter made David a national hero. Rupprecht estimates David was 18 at his anointing, 21 when he fought Goliath, and 30 when he actually became king.

vs. 1-3 For the Philistines this was a war of revenge. They had been defeated in battle with Israel not long before this. Israel's armies had been led by Saul's son Jonathan. The battle lines were now drawn in an area southwest of Jerusalem.

vs. 4 Goliath was anywhere from 9 feet 9 inches to 11 feet 4 inches tall. He truly was a giant among men! Joshua 11:22 speaks of a race of giants in the days of Joshua. Goliath perhaps was from this same area of Canaan, now under the rule of the Philistines.

vs. 5-7 Goliath was a formidable opponent indeed-strong and tall.

vs. 8-10 Goliath was certain he could easily defeat any one Israelite. He suggested one-on-one combat instead of army against army. If he was victorious, Israel would serve the Philistines. If a man from Israel was victorious, the Philistines would become Israel's servants.



vs. 11 The army of Israel was filled with fear and terror. They did not trust in the Lord who had helped them so often in the past. They feared the worst.

vs. 15 Even though David was Saul's armorbearer, he was not trained for battle. He was often sent home in time of war.

vs. 25 A three-fold reward was offered for anyone who could defeat Goliath.

vs. 26 David here confesses his faith in God.

vs. 33 Saul relied on human reason; he had no faith in God.

vs. 34-37 David displays heroic faith and childlike trust in the Lord and His help. The Lord had delivered him in the past (lion and bear) and would also in the future.

vs. 39 David had no experience in wearing armor combat.

vs. 40 David went out against Goliath armed as a shepherd.

vs. 41-47 Goliath trusted in his false gods and in his own personal strength. David trusted in the one true and living God, not in himself.

vs. 49-50 The Lord granted David the victory and delivered him from the giant Goliath.

### **STUDENT PRAYER**

O dearest Jesus, You have promised that You will be with us always, even unto the end of the world. You are our Lord and Savior. Defend us from our enemies and lead us into all truth. Deliver us from every evil, physical and spiritual. Forgive our frequent lack of faith. Help us to rely upon You more and more in everything. Amen.

### **PRESENTATION**

The Biblical record of David and Goliath is not mere fiction nor a myth. It really happened. It is an historical fact. "The Scriptures cannot be broken." "God's Word is truth." The account is very familiar to most of us.

Much detail is recorded for us to help us appreciate the seriousness of the situation and the miraculous nature of the deliverance. Help the students to realize and visualize the size of Goliath. He truly was a giant among men!

Also impress upon the students that it was the Lord who delivered David, not his skill and cunning with the slingshot.

## **APPLICATIONS**

The Lord was with David. David trusted in the Lord, and the Lord delivered him. David was not tempting the Lord. He firmly believed that the Lord could and would preserve him. We need to pray for the faith and strength to follow David's example.

The faith David displayed was a gift from God. Our faith is a gift from God, too.

David faced a great foe. We face a great foe, too-the devil. Like David, only the Lord can deliver and save us.

Life in this world is filled with trials and tribulations. The Lord can and will deliver us from them all. We can be confident of that.

## **PASSAGES**

These passages can be assigned as memory work or simply discussed in class as to how they fit the lesson.

### Lower

Psalm 46:1 - God is our Refuge and Strength, a very present Help in trouble.

Psalm 56:11 - In God have I put my trust; I will not be afraid what man can do to me.

Psalm 91:10-11 - No evil shall befall you, nor shall any plague come near your dwelling; for He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways.

Psalm 124:8 - Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Matt. 7:7 - Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

Hebrews 4:16 - Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

I Peter 5:6 - Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God that he may exalt you in due time.

I Peter 5:7 - Casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you."

Middle any of the above and...

Upper any of the above and...

## **HYMN CHOICES**

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" (TLH #262)

"Oh, For A Faith That Will Not Shrink" (TLH #396)

"How Firm a Foundation, Ye Saints Of The Lord" (TLH #427)

"I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus" (TLH #428)

"Jesus, My Truth, My Way" (TLH #433)

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want" (TLH #436)

"Who Trusts in God, A Strong Abode" (TLH #437)

# David and Goliath

1 Samuel 17

## The Story

Parents: Review this lesson with your child.

God had chosen David to be the next king after King Saul. David was a young man who lived with his family in Bethlehem and helped take care of his family's sheep. Three of David's brothers were soldiers in King Saul's army. They were fighting the Philistines.

David's father, Jesse, sent David to bring supplies to his brothers. While David was there he heard about the Philistine giant, Goliath.

Every day Goliath would come out and make fun of God's army. He told them to send one of their men out to fight him. If Goliath won, the people of Saul's land would have to be servants to the Philistines. If Goliath did not win, his people would become servants for King Saul.

The men in Saul's army were afraid to fight the giant, but when David heard how Goliath made fun of God's people, he said that he would be the one to go and fight.

King Saul wanted to meet David. He didn't think that David could win because he was so young. David told him that when he was taking care of sheep God helped him kill a lion and a bear to protect the animals. God would also help him win and defeat Goliath.

When King Saul saw how much David trusted in God, he told him to go out and fight Goliath.

Goliath, the giant, had a suit of armor, a javelin, a sword, and a special servant to carry a shield for him. When David went out to fight, he took 5 stones and a slingshot. But David had the perfect weapon, God.

Goliath made fun of David and said he would kill him. David told him that God was with him and would keep His people safe.

David took a stone and put it into his sling. Then he threw it at Goliath. It hit Goliath in the forehead. After Goliath fell down, David took the giant's sword and cut off Goliath's head. The enemies ran but God's army chased them.

God protected His people from the Philistine army by helping David kill Goliath.

*The LORD was with David to defeat Goliath.*

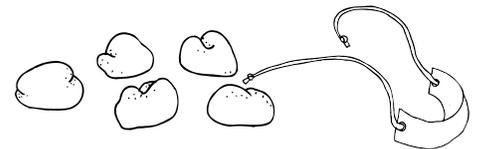
*The LORD is with us.*

## Passage

"Our help is in the name of the LORD, Who made heaven and earth." Psalms 124:8

## Hymn - TLH 648 v. 1

I am Jesus' little lamb, ever glad at heart I am;  
For my Shepherd gently guides me,  
Knows my needs and well provides me,  
Loves me ev'ry day the same,  
Even calls me by my name.



## Prayer

Dearest Jesus, You are our Savior. Deliver us from evil and forgive our sins. Help us to bring your Word to others. Amen.



**Classroom Activity - Finger Puppet Review** - Cut out the finger puppets then use them to review the story.



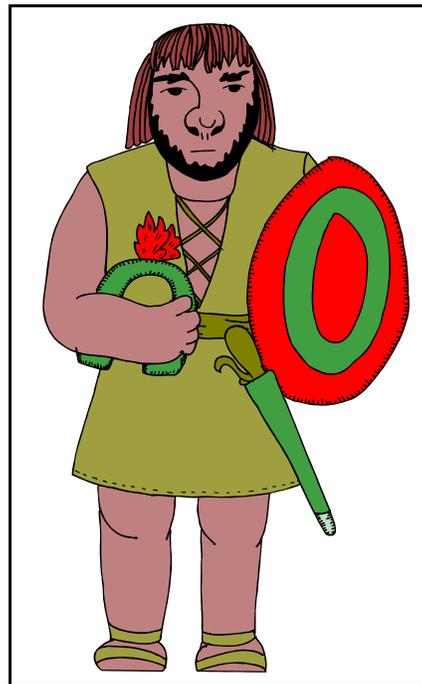
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King Saul



David

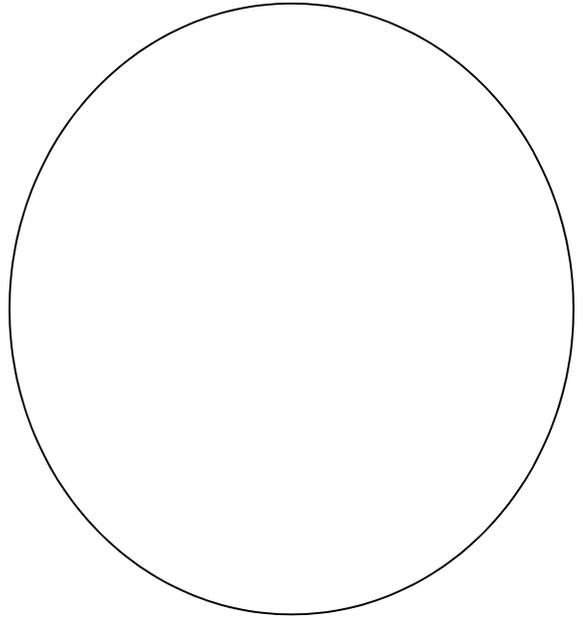


Goliath

**Classroom Activity** - Add hair, eyes, nose, mouth, etc. to make your own happy face.

**The Lord is with**

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 Help me write my name.



**The LORD was with David.**



# Classroom Art Activity - Lamb

- Help each child glue cotton balls and eye to hand to make little lamb. Sing the Hymn from page 1.



- Supplies needed/child:
- ✓ hand cut out (gray paper)
  - ✓ cotton balls
  - ✓ button for eye or googly eye



Hand Pattern