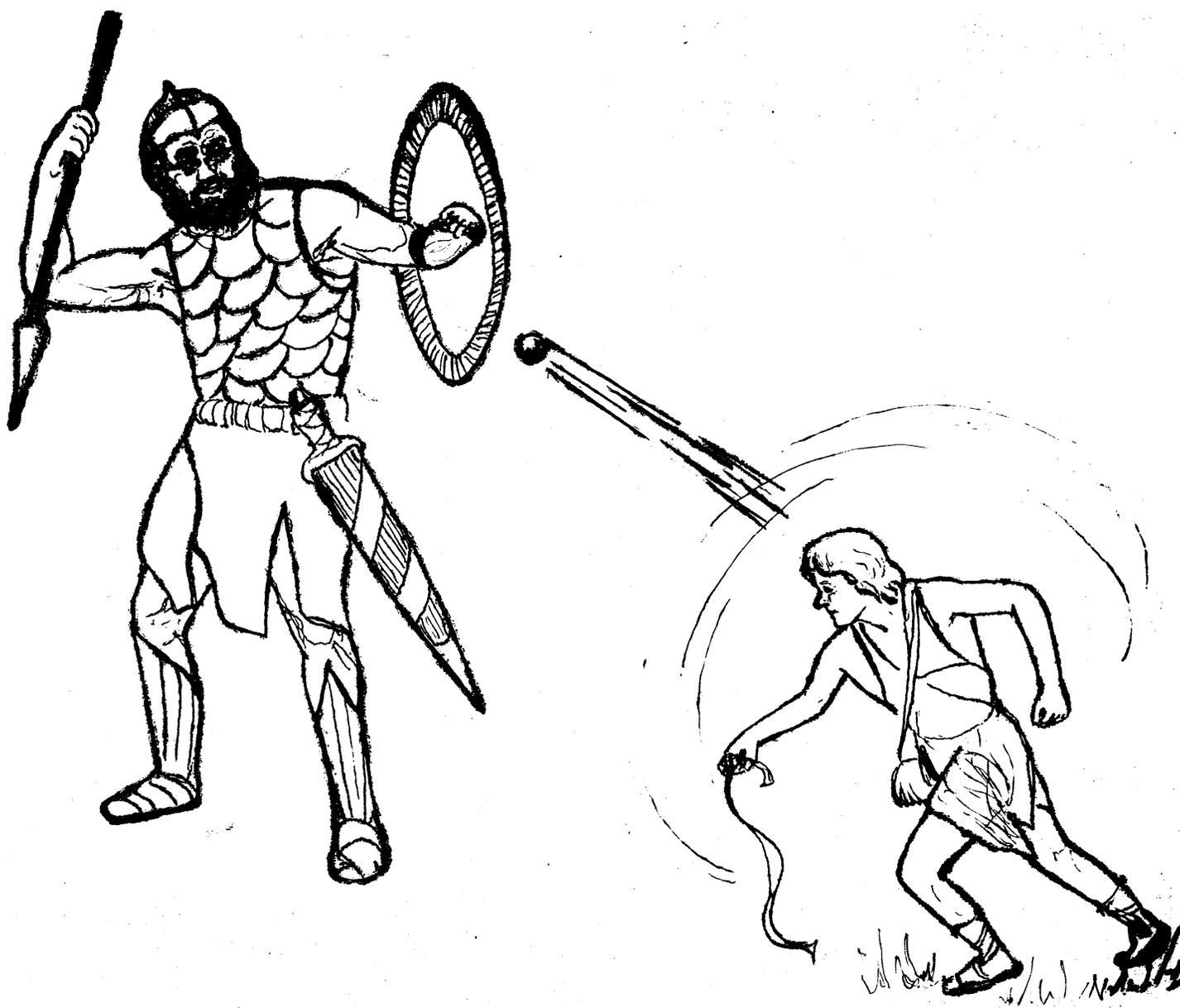


David and Goliath

1 Samuel 17



The Story

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 Saul'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 their sheep God helped him kill a lion and a bear to protect the animals. God would also help him win against Goliath.

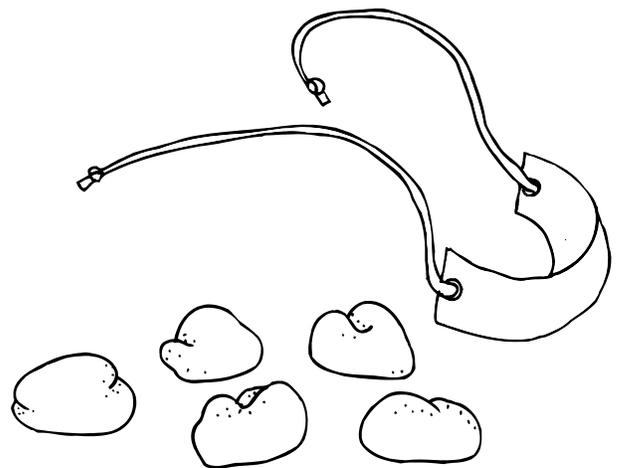
When King Saul saw how much David trusted in God, he told him to go out and fight Goliath.

Goliath 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 five stones and a slingshot.

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 his head.

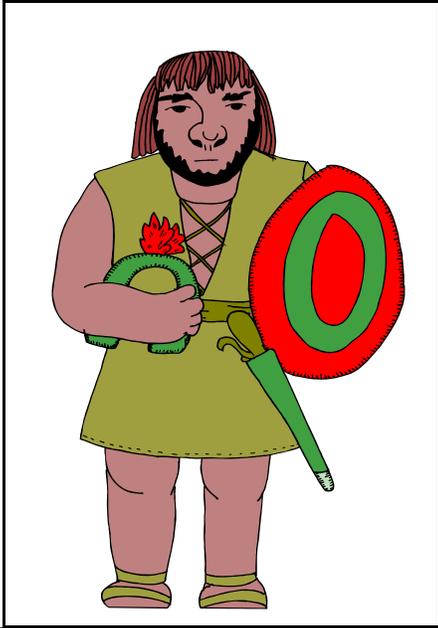
God protected His people from the Philistine army by helping David kill Goliath.



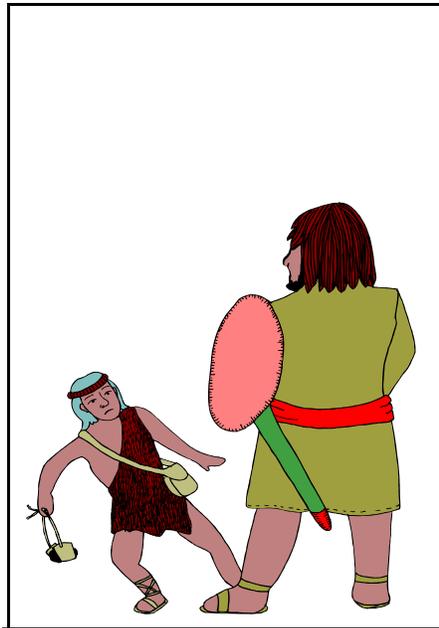
The Lord enabled David to overcome Goliath.

The Lord is able to deliver and save.

Activity One - Number the boxes 1-6 as they happened in the story.



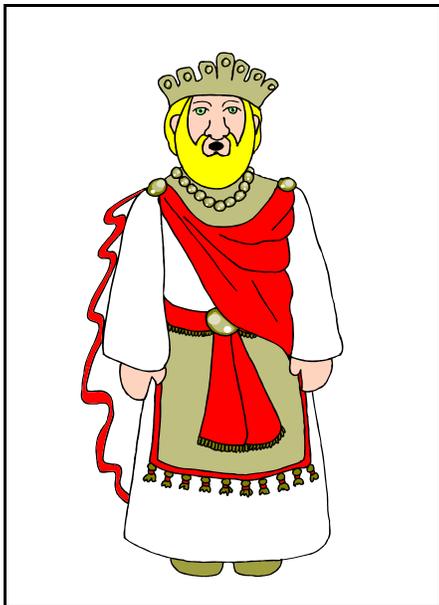
Goliath said, "Have a man fight me."



David used his slingshot.



Jesse said, "Go and see your brothers."



David told King Saul he would fight Goliath.

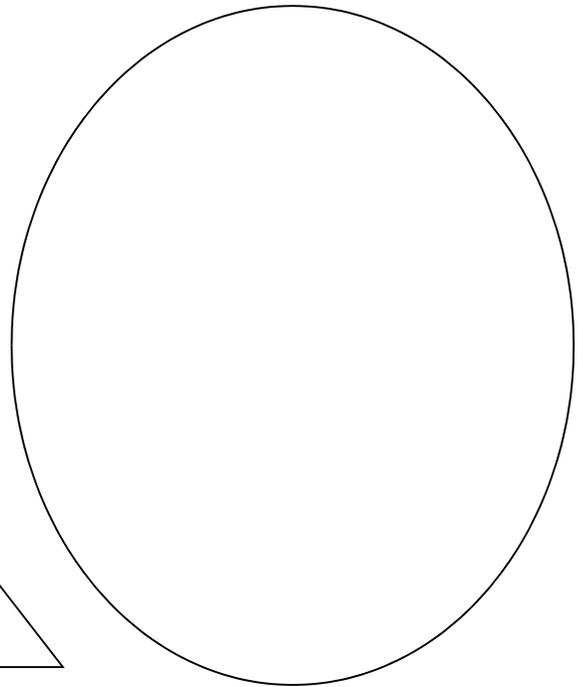
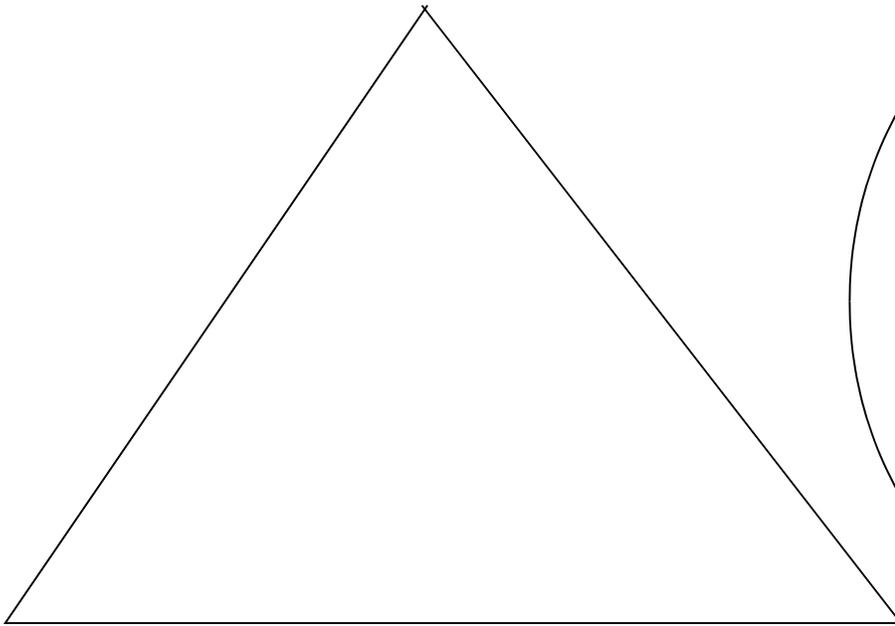
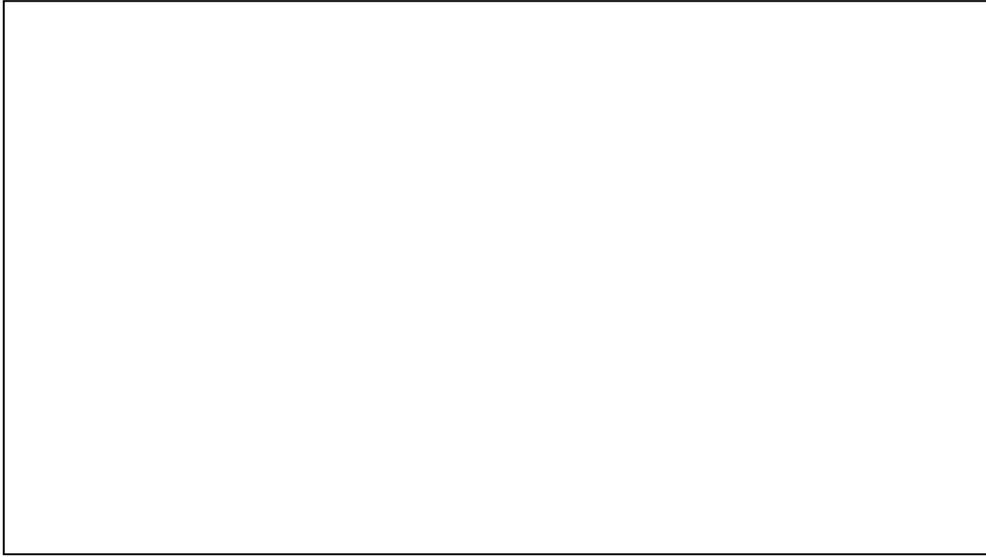


David killed Goliath.



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.



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

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.

Hymn - TLH #262 v. 1

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.

Prayer

Dearest Jesus,
You are our Savior. You have promised to be with us even as You were with David. Deliver us from evil and forgive our sins. Help us to bring Your Word to others. Amen.