

# DAVID AND GOLIATH

## **Cast:**

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| Narrator | Saul                          |
| Goliath  | Israelite soldier             |
| David    | Eliab, David's oldest brother |
| Jesse    |                               |

NARRATOR: The Philistine army gathered together for war and assembled for war on the top of a hill. King Saul and his army assembled on another hill so that there was a valley between the two armies. The Philistines had a champion named Goliath, who was over 9 feet tall. He wore a bronze helmet on his head and wore a coat of armor that weighed over 125 pounds. His spear was as large as a weaver's rod and had an iron tip that by itself weighed about 15 pounds. Goliath stood in the valley and shouted so that the army of Israel could hear him.

GOLIATH: Choose a man and have him come down to me! If he is able to fight me and kill me, we will all become your servants. But if I win, you will serve us. I defy the armies of Israel! Send out a man to fight me!

NARRATOR: Goliath came out and said these words every day for 40 days. Saul and his army were terrified. No one wanted to fight Goliath. Meanwhile, back in Bethlehem...

JESSE: David, take this bag of roasted grain and these loaves of bread and go give them to your brothers in the army. They are with Saul in the Valley of Elah. See how they are doing and then come back and tell me.

DAVID: Yes, father. I will leave tomorrow morning.

NARRATOR: David left the flock of sheep with another shepherd and went to Elah. When he reached the camp, the army had already left their tents and gone down into the valley to line up for battle. They drew up lines for battle every day, but retreated when Goliath came out. David ran out to greet his brothers just as Goliath was walking out from the Philistine camp.

ISRAELITE SOLDIER: Here comes Goliath—run for it!

NARRATOR: The soldiers began to retreat.

GOLIATH: I defy the armies of Israel! Send out someone to fight me, you cowards!

DAVID: Who is this proud Philistine who dares to defy the armies of the living God?! What will be done for the man who removes this disgrace from Israel?

ISRAELITE SOLDIER: Saul said that whoever defeats Goliath will receive great wealth, freedom from taxes for his whole family, and an invitation to become part of the royal family by marrying one of Saul's daughters.

DAVID: Someone must do something. This Philistine has no right to defy the armies of God. I'll take him on if no one else will.

ELIAB: David, you little twerp! If you are here, who is watching the sheep? You're a wicked boy—you only came here to watch the battle and enjoy all the violence. Get out of here!

DAVID: Now what have I done? Can't I even speak? I'm just asking why no one will dare to fight Goliath. God is on our side. Surely, God will give us victory.

NARRATOR: David kept talking like this, saying he'd fight Goliath. Finally the soldiers took him to see King Saul.

DAVID: Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine. I will go and fight him.

SAUL: You are not able to go out and fight him. You are only a boy. Goliath is a professional soldier.

DAVID: I have been keeping my father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and tried to carry off a sheep, I grabbed it by its hair and killed it. The Lord who delivered me from the paw of the lion and the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine.

SAUL: Go, and may the Lord be with you. But here—please wear this suit of armor.

NARRATOR: Saul put an armor coat on David and put a bronze helmet on his head. He gave him a heavy sword, also. David walked around for a few minutes wearing the armor, then he said:

DAVID: I can't wear these. They are far too heavy. I am not used to wearing armor.

NARRATOR: David took off the armor and refused to put it back on. Then he left Saul and went out to meet Goliath with his shepherd's staff in his hand and a sling as his weapon. On the way to the battle line he stopped at a stream and picked up five smooth stones and put them into his shepherd's bag. Goliath saw him coming carrying his shepherd's staff.

GOLIATH: What's this?! Am I a dog that you come to me with sticks? Come here, boy, and I'll give your flesh to the birds of the air and the beasts of the field. Curses upon you in the name of my God, the great and powerful Dagon!

DAVID: You come against me with sword and spear, but I come against you in the name of the of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel. Today the Lord will had you over to me, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. And then the bodies of the Philistine army will be given to the birds of the air and the beast of the field. The whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. The battle belongs to our God and he will give all of you into our hands.

NARRATOR: As Goliath moved closer, David reached into his bag and pulled out one of the stones and loaded it into the sling. He swung the sling around his head then let the stone fly. The stone hit Goliath right between the eyes and sank into his forehead. Goliath fell face down onto the ground. When the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they turned and ran. The Israelite soldiers chased and killed many of them. David cut off Goliath's head and kept his sword as a souvenir.