

Bible Story 18: DAVID, A COURAGEOUS YOUTH

SCRIPTURE: 1 Samuel 16:1-13,23; 17:1-51; 18:1-5
2 Samuel 2:4; 1 Kings 2:10-11

MEMORY VERSE: Psalm 59:16

BIBLE STORY:

David was handsome, healthy and brave. He liked music and sometimes he went to the palace to play his harp for King Saul. His music was soothing to the king when he was sick. David was a very good friend to Jonathan, the king's son.

David helped his father take care of their sheep in the field. One day, his father asked him to take some food to his three older brothers and find out how they were doing. They were helping King Saul fight against their enemies, the Philistines.

Early the next morning David left. When he arrived at his brothers' campsite, he saw on the hillside their enemies, the great Philistine army. The leader of the Philistines was Goliath, who was very strong and large. He was over nine feet tall. No Israelite soldier had courage to fight against him!

David told King Saul that with God's help he would fight Goliath. The king insisted that David wear his personal helmet and coat of armor. David put these on, but he was not able to walk around. Why? He was not used to wearing them. So he took them off. With only his slingshot and his staff, a long shepherd's stick, David went toward Goliath. When he arrived at the stream, he chose one, two, three, four, five smooth stones and put them into his shepherd's bag.

When David was close to Goliath, he took a stone from his bag and put it in his slingshot. He slung his slingshot around, around and around, and then he finally let it go. The stone hit Goliath's forehead and the great warrior fell to the ground! David won the battle with God's help!

Later David became the king of Israel, seeking to serve God. David wrote many songs that are in the book of Psalms in the Bible.

PART 1: PERSONAL QUESTIONS

1. What did you learn from the story?

2. How can you apply this story to your life?

PART 2: GENERIC QUESTIONS

1. What do you like about the story?
2. What is there in the story that you do not understand?
3. Who are the main people in the story?
4. What problems did the people face?
5. How did the people face their problems?
6. How have you faced similar problems?
7. Is there someone in the story who is similar to you or who is different from you?
8. What does the story tell about God?

PART 3: SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

1. Who was David? Describe him.
2. What did Jesse ask his son David to do? Did David obey immediately? What did David do?
3. Should you obey your parents, a boss, an elder? When? Are there times when you should not obey? When? (Example: Do not obey if asked to steal.)
4. What happened when David arrived at his brothers' campsite? Who were their enemies? Who was leading the enemy's army? Describe Goliath.
5. King Saul and his soldiers did not have courage to fight against their enemy Goliath.
--- Did David have courage to face Goliath and his army?
--- What did David say to King Saul?
--- What did the king tell him to do?
--- What happened when David put the king's helmet and armor on himself?
--- Tell what happened when David went to the river and when he met Goliath.
6. Why did David have courage to face Goliath? Who helped him have victory?
7. What are some problems, big or small, that you, your family and friends have faced or are facing now?
8. Who can you pray to and ask for help to face these problems? Who are some people who can help you overcome these problems?
9. David was a friend to Jonathan. How can you be a friend to others? What are some things you can do to gain more friends? What hinders friendship?