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**THE STORY OF DAVID:
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THE PHILISTINES, AN ENEMY OF THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL, DREW UP THEIR TROOPS FOR BATTLE AND SET UP CAMP ON A HILL.

KING SAUL AND THE ISRAELITES CAME TOGETHER AND CAMPED ON A HILL ON THE OTHER SIDE OF A VALLEY FROM THE PHILISTINES TO PREPARE TO FIGHT THE ENEMY FORCES.

GOLIATH, ONE OF THE PHILISTINE SOLDIERS WHO WAS A GIANT AT NEARLY 10 FEET TALL, STEPPED OUT INTO THE OPEN.

COVERED IN HUNDREDS OF POUNDS OF BRONZE ARMOR AND CARRYING A SPEAR THE SIZE OF A FENCE RAIL, HE CALLED OUT TO THE ISRAELITE TROOPS...

WHY BOTHER USING YOUR WHOLE ARMY?

PICK YOUR BEST FIGHTER TO BATTLE ME. IF HE KILLS ME, THE PHILISTINES WILL ALL BECOME YOUR SLAVES.

BUT IF I KILL HIM, YOU'LL ALL BE OUR SLAVES AND SERVE US.

WHEN SAUL AND HIS TROOPS HEARD THE GOLIATH'S CHALLENGE, THEY BECAME TERRIFIED AND LOST ALL HOPE.

AWAY FROM THE BATTLEFIELD, JESSE AND HIS YOUNGEST SON, DAVID, WERE HOME IN BETHLEHEM.

JESSE WAS TOO OLD AND DAVID WAS TOO YOUNG TO JOIN SAUL'S ARMY, BUT JESSE'S THREE OLDEST SONS HAD FOLLOWED THE KING TO WAR.

ONE DAY, JESSE TOLD DAVID TO TAKE FOOD TO HIS BROTHERS IN THE CAMP.

CHECK IN ON YOUR BROTHERS TO SEE WHETHER THEY ARE GETTING ALONG ALL RIGHT, AND LET ME KNOW HOW THEY'RE DOING.

DAVID GOT UP EARLY THE NEXT MORNING AND STARTED OFF TOWARD THE BATTLEFIELD TO BRING HIS BROTHERS THE FOOD.

HE ARRIVED AT THE CAMP JUST AS THE ARMY WAS MOVING INTO BATTLE FORMATION, SHOUTING THEIR WAR CRY.

WHAT WILL THE MAN WHO KILLED GOLIATH RECEIVE?

DAVID RAN TO FIND HIS BROTHERS WITHIN THE ARMY'S RANKS.

WHILE THEY WERE TALKING TOGETHER, GOLIATH STEPPED OUT AND GAVE THE SAME CHALLENGE HE HAD ISSUED BEFORE.

THE ISRAELITE SOLDIERS FLED IN FEAR.

THE KING WILL GIVE THE MAN WHO KILLS THE GIANT RICHES, HIS DAUGHTER AS A BRIDE, AND FREEDOM FOR HIS WHOLE FAMILY.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE!

WHY AREN'T YOU MINDING YOUR SHEEP?

WHAT'S WRONG?

ALL I DID WAS ASK A QUESTION.

ELIAB, HIS OLDEST BROTHER, HEARD DAVID SPEAKING WITH THE MEN AND GOT MAD.

KING SAUL CALLED FOR DAVID.

MASTER!

DON'T GIVE UP HOPE.

I'M READY TO GO AND FIGHT THIS PHILISTINE.

YOU CAN'T FIGHT GOLIATH!

YOU'RE TOO YOUNG AND INEXPERIENCED—AND HE'S BEEN FIGHTING SINCE BEFORE YOU WERE BORN.

I'VE BEEN A SHEPHERD, TENDING SHEEP FOR MY FATHER.

"WHENEVER A LION OR BEAR CAME
AND TOOK A LAMB FROM THE FLOCK,
I'D GO AFTER IT, KNOCK IT DOWN,
AND RESCUE THE LAMB."

"IF IT TURNED ON ME,
I'D GRAB IT BY THE
THROAT, WRING ITS
NECK, AND KILL IT."

"LION OR BEAR,
IT MADE NO
DIFFERENCE—
I KILLED IT."

"AND I'LL DO THE SAME
TO THIS PHILISTINE PIG
WHO IS TAUNTING THE
TROOPS OF GOD."

"GOD, WHO DELIVERED
ME FROM THE TEETH
OF THE LION AND THE
CLAWS OF THE BEAR,
WILL DELIVER ME FROM
THIS PHILISTINE."



THEN SAUL OUTFITTED DAVID IN HIS OWN BATTLE ARMOR.



SAUL PUT HIS BRONZE HELMET ON DAVID'S HEAD AND BELTED HIS SWORD ON HIM OVER THE ARMOR.

I CAN'T EVEN MOVE WITH ALL THIS STUFF ON ME.

I'M NOT USED TO THIS.

DAVID TRIED TO WALK, BUT HE COULD HARDLY TAKE A SINGLE STEP.

AND HE TOOK IT ALL OFF.



THEN DAVID TOOK HIS SHEPHERD'S STAFF, SELECTED FIVE SMOOTH STONES FROM THE BROOK, AND PUT THEM IN THE POCKET OF HIS SHEPHERD'S PACK.

HE GRABBED HIS SLING AND HEADED OUT TO FACE GOLIATH.

GOLIATH LOOKED DOWN AT DAVID AND LAUGHED...

AM I A DOG THAT YOU COME AFTER ME WITH A STICK?

YOU COME AT ME WITH SWORD, SPEAR AND BATTLE-AX.

I COME AT YOU IN THE NAME OF GOD, THE GOD OF ISRAEL'S TROOPS, WHOM YOU CURSE AND MOCK.

THIS VERY DAY, GOD IS HANDING YOU OVER TO ME.

EVERYONE GATHERED HERE WILL LEARN THAT GOD DOESN'T SAVE BY MEANS OF SWORD OR SPEAR.

THE BATTLE BELONGS TO GOD, AND HE'S HANDING YOU TO US ON A PLATTER!

DAVID'S WORDS ANGERED GOLIATH, AND HE ROSE AND MOVED TOWARD DAVID.



DAVID RAN TOWARD GOLIATH, REACHED INTO HIS POCKET FOR A STONE, SLUNG IT, AND HIT GOLIATH HARD IN THE FOREHEAD.

GOLIATH FELL FACE DOWN IN THE DIRT.

THEN DAVID RAN UP, STOOD OVER HIM, PULLED THE GIANT'S SWORD FROM ITS SHEATH, AND FINISHED THE JOB BY CUTTING OFF GOLIATH'S HEAD.

WHEN THE PHILISTINES SAW THAT THEIR GREAT CHAMPION WAS DEAD, THEY SCATTERED, RUNNING FOR THEIR LIVES.

DAVID WAS BROUGHT BEFORE KING SAUL.

WHOSE SON ARE YOU?

I AM THE SON OF JESSE WHO LIVES IN BETHLEHEM.

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