

# Lesson 2: Courage

## Today's Bible Story

One day a young man named David was asked by his father to take food to his older brothers — Eliab, Abinadab, and Shammah — who were in the army. One of the enemies of David's people was a huge man named Goliath. Goliath was nearly ten feet tall; he wore glittering armor and carried a massive spear. As David arrived he heard Goliath shouting in a deep, loud voice, calling for someone to fight him. The Israelites watched from a distance and were afraid. None of them were brave enough to fight Goliath; they began to lose hope.

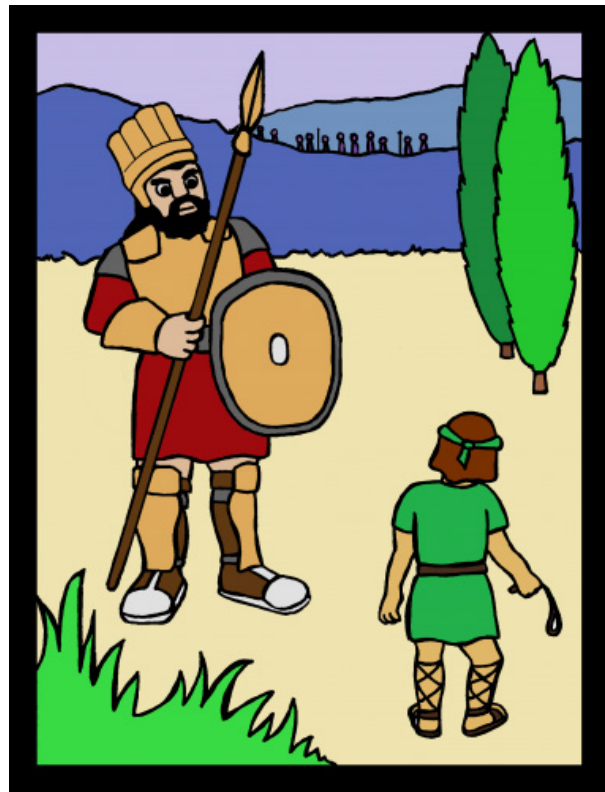
So David went to the king and said, "I am ready to fight Goliath!" He told the king, "As a shepherd, I have had to fight lions and bears to protect the sheep. God saved me from the wild animals, and I trust that God will save me from Goliath too."

So the king agreed to let David fight. He offered David armor to wear, but it was too heavy. So David went to face Goliath carrying only a stick, a sling to throw rocks, and five smooth stones.

When Goliath saw David coming towards him he yelled, "Who are you that you come to me with only a stick? I curse your God, and I will kill you."

But David said to Goliath, "You've come out to fight me with a sword, spear, and dagger. But I've come out to fight you in the name of the LORD Almighty!"

Goliath began to charge. David then ran forward, took out a stone, and put it in his sling. He swung the sling around his head and shot it at Goliath. The rock hit Goliath in the head, and the huge man fell to the ground. David's people celebrated because the rest of their enemies ran away.



**From 1 Samuel 17:1-49**

## Bible Rhyme

Goliath was a great big man.

When they saw him, people ran.  
With spear and shield he was a fright.  
God's people were afraid to fight.

David told them, "I will do it."

God was with him, and he knew it.  
"I have fought with bears and lions.  
God will save me from Goliath."

The big man laughed as David came.

Goliath called the young man names.  
But David shot a single stone,  
and knocked the big Goliath down.

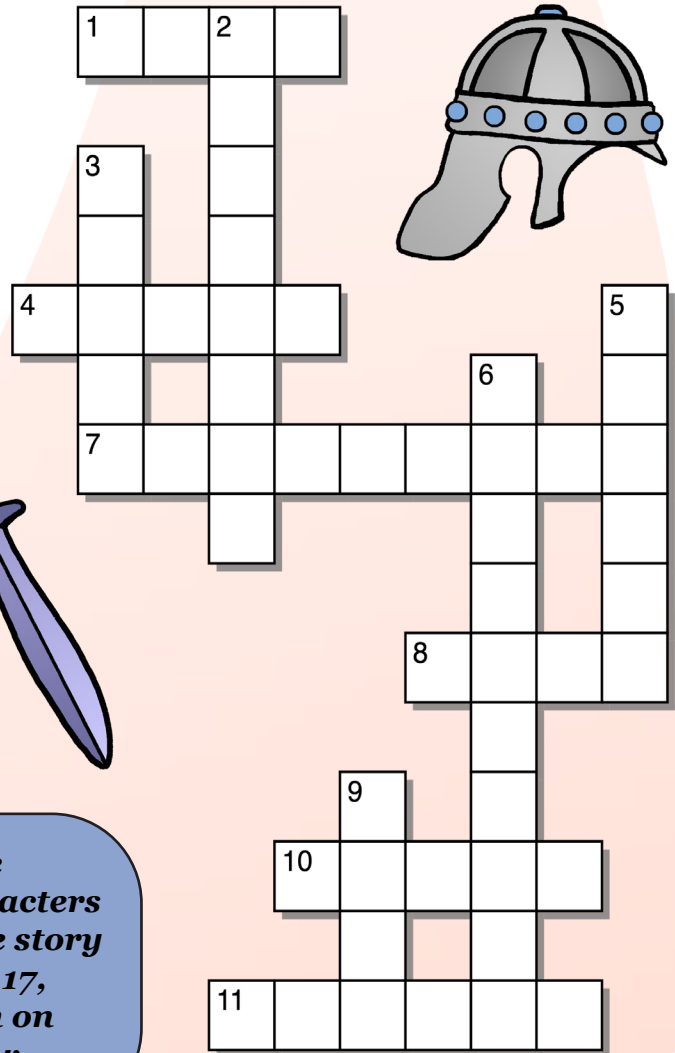
## Crossword Puzzle

### Across

- 1) The gathering where you pitch your tent
- 4) What you have when you are young
- 7) A shepherd boy's distance weapon
- 8) The number of stones David put in the pouch
- 10) The eighth son of Jesse
- 11) Headgear that a soldier wears in war

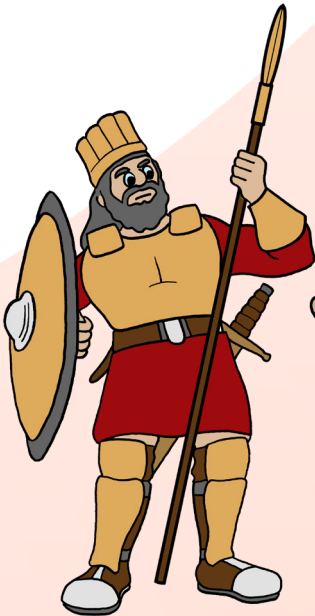
### Down

- 2) A very large hill, often in a range
- 3) Besides bears, what animals had David killed?
- 5) A single fight within a war
- 6) Goliath was one of these people
- 9) The first king of Israel



## Name Jumble

*Unscramble the names of characters from today's Bible story from 1 Samuel 17, and write them on the lines below.*



hag toil



does jives of sand



bad in baa



libea



mama shh



a gun silk