

Lesson 9

# David Beats Goliath



# David and Goliath



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**L**ong ago, in the land of Judah, the Israelites and the Philistines were bitter enemies. They had been fighting with each other for many, many years.



## David and Goliath

**T**he Israelite army was led by their king, Saul. The Philistines had a great warrior named Goliath. He was so huge and powerful that he looked like a giant. Goliath wore heavy bronze armor and carried an enormous spear.





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**E**very day Goliath dared the Israelites to send someone to fight with him. The giant said the Philistines would become slaves of the Israelites if he lost. But the Israelites were afraid of him. No one volunteered to fight the giant.

Goliath was nearly ten feet tall.  
Who is the tallest person you know?



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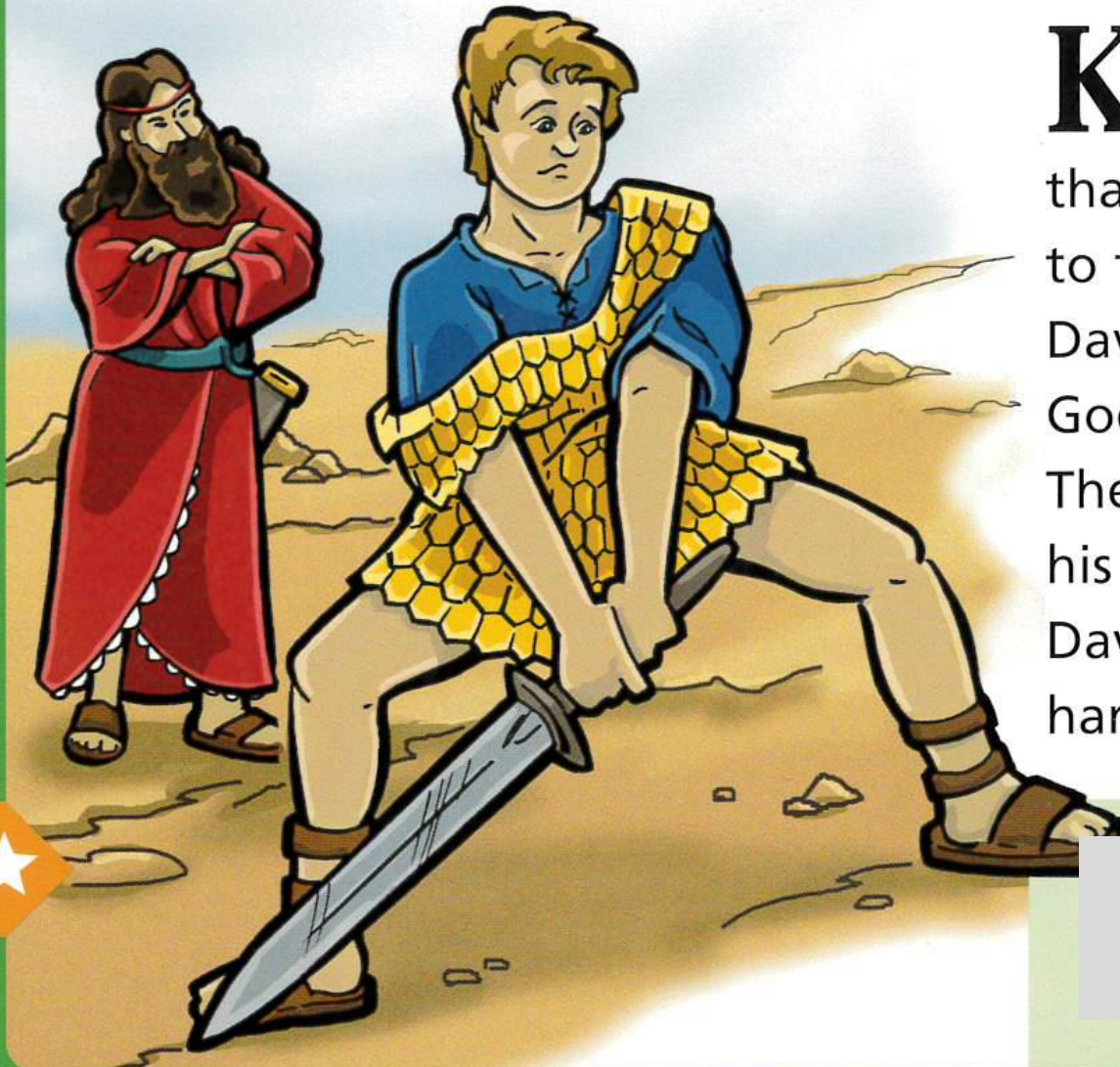
One day a young shepherd boy named David was bringing food to the Israelite army. David heard what Goliath said and told King Saul he wanted to fight Goliath alone.



David played the lyre for King Saul.  
The lyre is a small harp.



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**K**ing Saul was worried that David was too small to fight such a big warrior. David told the king that God would protect him. Then the king gave David his own armor. When David put it on, he could hardly walk.

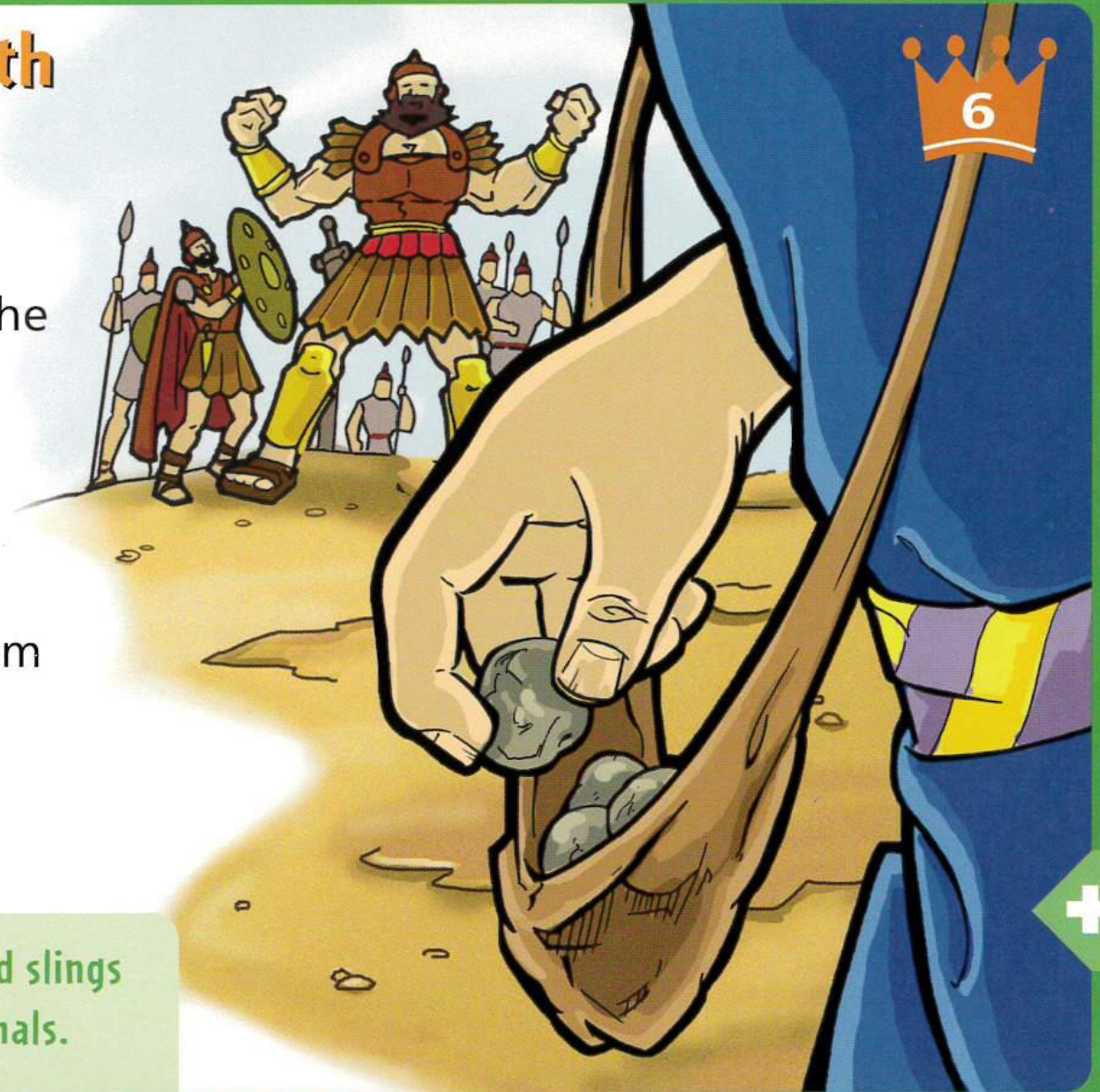




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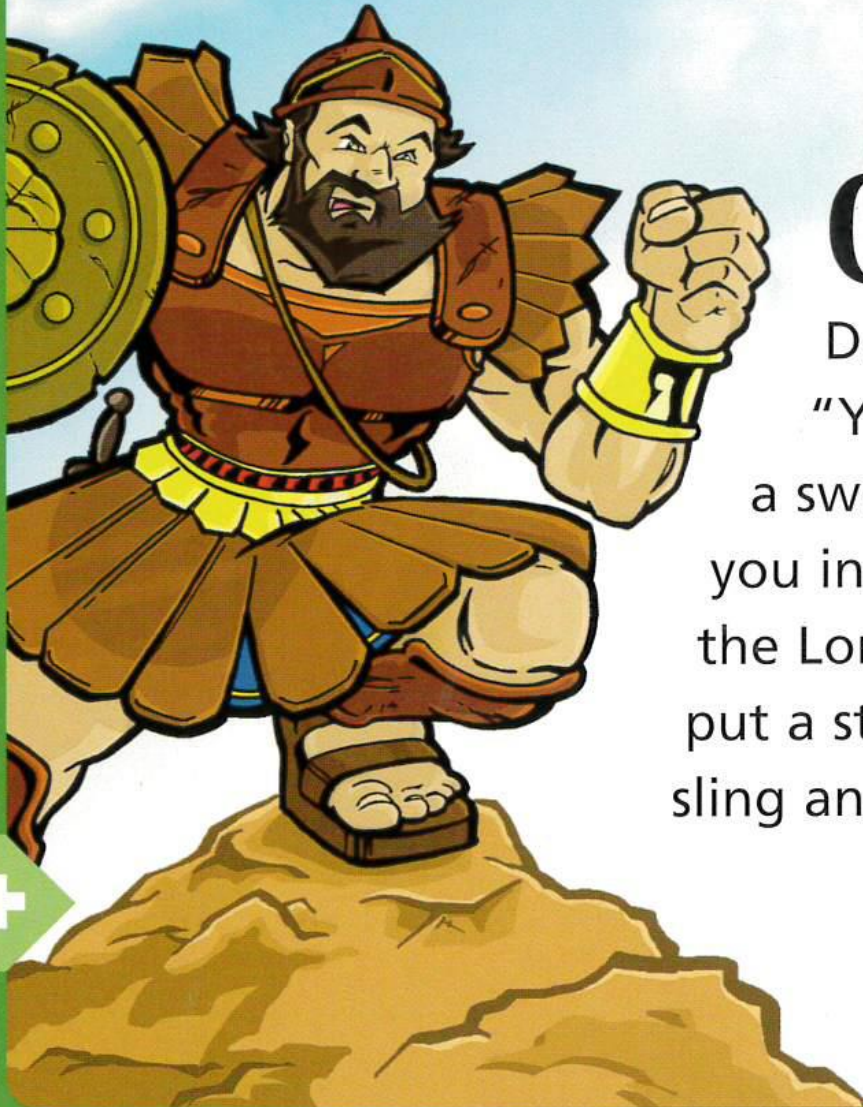
**D**avid took off the armor and picked up his shepherd's bag and sling. He collected five smooth stones from a stream and put them in his bag.

Shepherds always carried slings to scare off wild animals.

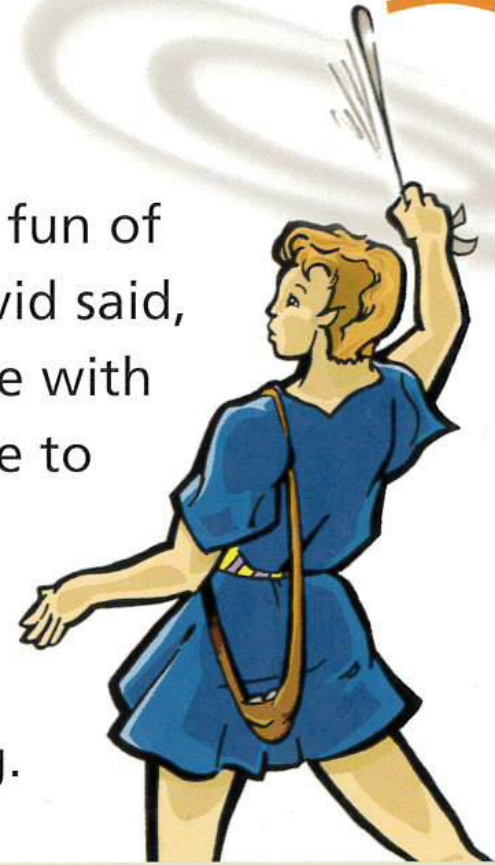




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**G**oliath made fun of David. Then David said, "You come to me with a sword, but I come to you in the name of the Lord." David put a stone in the sling and sent it flying.



David was brave because he knew God was with him.



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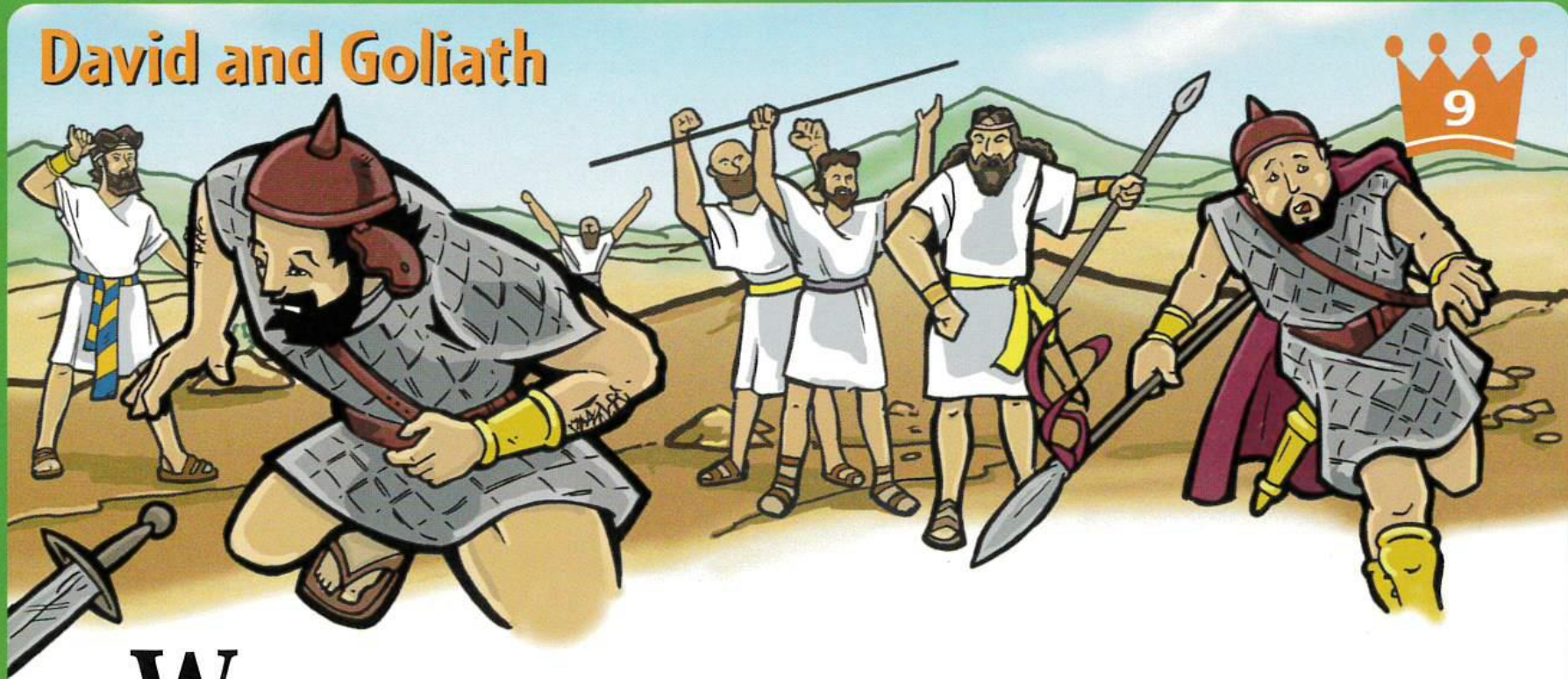
**T**he stone struck Goliath on his forehead. The giant fell to the ground and did not move. David ran and stood over the slain giant.



Slings are not toys. You can hurt someone with a sling and by throwing stones.



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**W**hen the Philistines saw what happened, they ran away in fear. The Israelites chased after them.

David had defeated the mighty giant Goliath. He had saved the Israelites. He was a hero.

Remember that bravery is not about how big you are, but how much you believe in yourself.