

David & the big bully

This is a join-in version of the story, with words in the story that trigger some actions: use as many or as few as you like, but at least do the actions for David and for Goliath. There are a few extra actions within the story for the animals!

Word(s)	Action(s)
David	Say "Hurray!" and punch hand in the air
Goliath	Say "You big bully!" and wag your finger, as if telling off
God	Point upwards
soldiers	Salute and say "Sir! Yes sir!"
five small stones	Sing '1,2,3,4,5', & count on fingers, as in the nursery rhyme

David was a young boy, a boy who looked after sheep [baa!] but a boy who listened to **God** and knew that He would use him in very special ways.

His brothers were all big and strong, and were **soldiers** in King Saul's army. **David** was only a shepherd boy, so wasn't allowed to go to fight, but every day would go out with his small shepherd's bag and his slingshot to do whatever it would take to keep his sheep [baa!] safe.

King Saul's **soldiers** were powerful and strong, but the enemy army was *enormous* and wherever they went, everyone was afraid of them. The Philistines' champion was a giant named **Goliath** who each day stood on top of the hillside and made fun of King Saul's **soldiers**. 'You think you're stronger than me?! You puny little Israelites!' **Goliath** jeered. 'Send your mightiest **soldier** out to face me and you'll see who's the champion! And when we win, you will *all* be our slaves!!!!'

Before long, the Israelite army were cowering in their tents, worn down by the taunts of **Goliath**, and believing that he was indeed unbeatable.

One day, **David** was sent out to the battlefield with food for his brothers and he saw **Goliath** standing on the hilltop, jeering and laughing at the frightened army of King Saul. **David** couldn't believe what he saw and said to King Saul – 'Don't you know who we are? We are the army of the mighty **God**, who fights on our side.

Goliath is no match for our **God**! Can't you see he's just a big bully?! So I, **David**, will fight him. The **God** who has helped me protect my sheep [baa!] against the bear [ggrr!] and the lion [roar!] will give me **courage** and fight with me against this bully.'

He took his slingshot from his small shepherd's bag and went to the bubbling brook to select **five small stones**. Then **David** walked right up to **Goliath** with only his sling and **five small stones** as his weapon.

When **Goliath** saw him, he laughed out loud at how small and ridiculous **David** looked: 'What use are those stones going to be against my mighty sword?!' he jeered. But **David** took no notice and put one of his **five small stones** into his sling. As **Goliath** laughed on, **David** swung the sling around his head and let the small stone fly. It flew across the battlefield towards **Goliath** and struck him right between the eyes [donk!]. Then **Goliath** fell to the ground, dead.

The Israelites were victorious – and all because a young boy, whose name was **David**, knew that **God** helps those who need **courage** to stand against injustice.