

Courage



MEMORY VERSE: **Do not be afraid for I am with you.** Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand.

Isaiah 41:10



1 SAMUEL 17:8-11 God's Children Face a Giant

1. If you have ever been bullied, how did it make you feel? Why do you think bullies have so much power and influence?
2. What kind of deal did Goliath want to make with the army of Israel?
3. The Israelites were terrified. What kind of person do you think they were looking for to go fight against Goliath?



1 SAMUEL 17:32-39 David Offers to Fight Goliath

4. What was David's plan? Why did King Saul think this was a bad idea?
5. Why did David think he could defeat Goliath? What did David believe that helped make him brave and courageous?

6. Saul told David to use his armor to be like a soldier, but it wasn't right for David. What did David do instead?



1 SAMUEL 17:40-50 The Lord Gives David Victory

7. How did Goliath react to David and his choice of weapons? How do you think the other soldiers might have felt about this?

8. In verses 45-47, underline every time David mentions God in some way. How many did you find? What does this tell you about what David believed?

9. What do you learn from David that can help you when you face Goliath's in your own life?

BELIEVE THE TRUTH

Sometimes it takes a lot of bravery or courage to do the right thing. David was brave because he trusted in God, while Goliath trusted in his own strength. When God wants us to serve Him by doing something hard or scary, He promises to give us courage. We just have to ask Him to help us and trust Him to keep His promise. He will do it!

PRAY THE TRUTH

Lord God, you are awesome and powerful! Help me to remember to trust in you when I am afraid of what you want me to do. Thank you that you can use me just as I am, no matter how difficult something is, because You are always with me. Give me the courage I need to be Your servant and do your will. Amen.

WALK IN TRUTH



Have you ever tried to do something someone else's way instead of trusting the way God made you?

1 Samuel 17:8-50

The army of Israel was camped across from the Philistine army. Goliath, a nine-foot tall giant was their best soldier. He came out to tease the men of Israel every day for forty days! Then young David came to visit.

1 Samuel 17:8-11

8 Goliath stood and shouted a taunt across to the Israelites. "Why are you all coming out to fight?" he called. "I am the Philistine champion, but you are only the servants of Saul. Choose one man to come down here and fight me! 9 If he kills me, then we will be your slaves. But if I kill him, you will be our slaves! 10 I defy the armies of Israel today! Send me a man who will fight me!" 11 When Saul and the Israelites heard this, they were terrified and deeply shaken.

1 Samuel 17:32-39

32 "Don't worry about this Philistine," David told Saul. "I'll go fight him!" 33 "Don't be ridiculous!" Saul replied. "There's no way you can fight this Philistine and possibly win! You're only a boy, and he's been a man of war since his youth." 34 But David persisted. "I have been taking care of my father's sheep and goats," he said. "When a lion or a bear comes to steal a lamb from the flock, 35 I go after it with a club and rescue the lamb from its mouth. If the animal turns on me, I catch it by the jaw and club it to death. 36 I have done this to both lions and bears, and I'll do it to this pagan Philistine, too, for he has defied the armies of the living God! 37 The Lord who rescued me from the claws of the lion and the bear will rescue me from this Philistine!" Saul finally consented. "All right, go ahead," he said. "And may the LORD be with you!" 38 Then Saul gave David his own armor—a bronze helmet and a coat of mail. 39 David put it on, strapped the sword over it, and took a step or two to see what it was like, for he had never worn such things before. "I can't go in these," he protested to Saul. "I'm not used to them." So David took them off again.

1 Samuel 17:40-50

40 He picked up five smooth stones from a stream and put them into his shepherd's bag. Then, armed only with his shepherd's staff and sling, he started across the valley to fight the Philistine. 41 Goliath walked out toward David with his shield bearer ahead of him, 42 sneering in contempt at this ruddy-faced boy. 43 "Am I a dog," he roared at David, "that you come at me with a stick?" And he cursed David by the names of his gods. 44 "Come over here, and I'll give your flesh to the birds and wild animals!" Goliath yelled. 45 David replied to the Philistine, "You come to me with sword, spear, and javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD of Heaven's Armies — the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. 46 Today the LORD will conquer you, and I will kill you and cut off your head. And then I will give the dead bodies of your men to the birds and wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel! 47 And everyone assembled here will know that the LORD rescues his people, but not with sword and spear. This is the LORD'S battle, and he will give you to us!" 48 As Goliath moved closer to attack, David quickly ran out to meet him. 49 Reaching into his shepherd's bag and taking out a stone, he hurled it with his sling and hit the Philistine in the forehead. The stone sank in, and Goliath stumbled and fell face down on the ground. 50 So David triumphed over the Philistine with only a sling and a stone, for he had no sword.

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