



Session 4: David

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Bible Story

Today's story is one of the best known stories in the whole Bible. It's about a Kingdom kid who grew up to be an important Kingdom king. There's lots we can learn from when he was a boy.

Background

- ◆ In 1 Samuel 16, we read about Samuel (from Session 1) going to Bethlehem to anoint a new king - someone who God was choosing to replace Saul and help lead people back to God. God sent Samuel to the home of a man called Jesse - who had lots of sons. Seven of them were big and strong, but God didn't choose them to be His king. God chose their younger brother, David.
- ◆ King Saul was very unhappy and troubled, but he heard that David was really good at playing the lyre - a musical instrument that is a bit like a harp. So King Saul sent for David to come and stay with him in the palace and play music for him. This made Saul feel much happier and calmer.
- ◆ Soon after this, the Philistines - a tribe from a neighbouring country - declared war on the Israelites. Saul and his army went to fight them, but the Philistines had a huge, strong champion named Goliath - and everyone was too afraid to fight him. David's brothers were part of the army. So, Jesse (their dad) sent David to them with some food...

Bible Passage - Read 1 Samuel 17:20-50

Read the passage and/or watch an animated version of the story (links below and on web page).

The story continues...

- ◆ Many years after this story, David eventually became king over Israel and helped lead people back to God.
- ◆ He wasn't a perfect king and he made some bad mistakes that let God down - but he was someone who loved God and did his best to serve God.
- ◆ David wrote a lot of songs and poems that we can read in the book of Psalms.
- ◆ David believed that God was always with him and that he didn't need to be afraid of what other people said about him or did to him.

Animated Bible Story

If you'd like to watch an animated version of today's Bible story, you may want to click on either of the following links. Both will take you to external sites with suitable versions of the stories. (CMSI bears no responsibility for the content on these pages).

Saddleback Kids Animation: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NuedVFB8-7Y>

Crossroad Kids - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7zLAcUZkxHA>

Flipbuilder Story Book: <https://online.flipbuilder.com/zrww/uoza/>



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20 Early in the morning David left the sheep with another shepherd. He took the food and left as Jesse had told him. When David arrived at the camp, the army was leaving. They were going out to their battle positions. The soldiers were shouting their war cry. **21** The Israelites and Philistines were lining up their men to face each other in battle.

22 David left the food with the man who kept the supplies. Then he ran to the battle line and talked to his brothers.

23 While he was talking with them, Goliath came out. He was the Philistine champion from Gath. He shouted things against Israel as usual, and David heard it. **24** When the Israelites saw Goliath, they were very much afraid and ran away.

25 They said, "Look at this man Goliath. He keeps coming out to speak against Israel. The king will give much money to the man who kills Goliath. He will also give his daughter in marriage to whoever kills him. And his father's family will not have to pay taxes in Israel."

26 David asked the men who stood near him, "What will be done to reward the man who kills this Philistine? What will be done for whoever takes away the shame from Israel? Goliath is a Philistine. He is not circumcised. Why does he think he can speak against the armies of the living God?"

27 The Israelites told David what they had been saying. They said, "This is what will be done for the man who kills Goliath."

28 David's oldest brother Eliab heard David talking with the soldiers. He became angry with David. He asked David, "Why did you come here? Who's taking care of those few sheep of yours in the desert? I know you are proud. Your attitude is very bad. You came down here just to watch the battle!"

29 David asked, "Now what have I done wrong? Can't I even talk?" **30** He then turned to other people and asked the same questions. And they gave him the same answer as before. **31** Some men heard what David said and told Saul. Then Saul ordered David to be sent to him.

32 David said to Saul, "Don't let anyone be discouraged. I, your servant, will go and fight this Philistine!"

33 Saul answered, "You can't go out against this Philistine and fight him. You're only a boy. Goliath has been a warrior since he was a young man."

34 But David said to Saul, "I, your servant, have been keeping my father's sheep. When a lion or bear came and took a sheep from the flock, **35** I would chase it. I would attack it and save the sheep from its mouth. When it attacked me, I caught it by its fur. I would hit it and kill it. **36** I, your servant, have killed both a lion and a bear! Goliath, the Philistine who is not circumcised, will be like the lion or bear I killed. He will die because he has stood against the armies of the living God.

37 The Lord saved me from a lion and a bear. He will also save me from this Philistine." Saul said to David, "Go, and may the Lord be with you." **38** Saul put his own clothes on David. He put a bronze helmet on David's head and armour on his body. **39** David put on Saul's sword and tried to walk around. But he was not used to all the armour Saul had put on him. He said to Saul, "I can't go in this. I'm not used to it." Then David took it all off. **40** He took his stick in his hand. And he chose five smooth stones from a stream. He put them in his pouch and held his sling in his hand. Then he went to meet Goliath.

41 At the same time, the Philistine was coming closer to David. The man who held his shield walked in front of him.

42 Goliath looked at David. He saw that David was only a boy, tanned and handsome. He looked down at David with disgust. **43** He said, "Do you think I am a dog, that you come at me with a stick?" He used his gods' names to curse David.

44 He said to David, "Come here. I'll feed your body to the birds of the air and the wild animals!"

45 But David said to him, "You come to me using a sword, a large spear and a small spear. But I come to you in the name of the Lord of heaven's armies. He's the God of the armies of Israel! You have spoken out against him. **46** Today the Lord will give you to me. I'll kill you, and I'll cut off your head. Today I'll feed the bodies of the Philistine soldiers to the birds of the air and the wild animals. Then all the world will know there is a God in Israel! **47** Everyone gathered here will know the Lord does not need swords or spears to save people. The battle belongs to him! And he will help us defeat all of you."

48 As Goliath came near to attack him, David ran quickly to meet him. **49** He took a stone from his pouch. He put it into his sling and slung it. The stone hit the Philistine on his forehead and sank into it. Goliath fell facedown on the ground.

50 So David defeated the Philistine with only a sling and a stone! He hit him and killed him. He did not even have a sword in his hand.