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# SIZE DOSEN'T MATTER



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Here is a story about someone who proved that with God's help, you can overcome big obstacles.

Once there were two armies. One belonged to people called Philistines, the other to the Israelites. The Philistines marched their army into the land of the Israelites and challenged them to fight. But the battle didn't begin immediately. The Philistines had a secret weapon – a man who was nearly 9ft tall who they sent out first to challenge the Israelites to send someone to fight him, one to one. His name was Goliath. He was so frightening that none of the Israelite soldiers dared to face him.

A young shepherd boy called David went to the Israelite camp to take food to his brothers who were soldiers in the army. When he heard about Goliath shouting for someone to go and fight him, he said he would do it. Everyone laughed at the thought of this young boy facing Goliath. When their King, Saul, heard about David he wanted to give him his own armour. But it was much too heavy for David. He told them about how he looked after his family's flock of sheep, keeping them safe from wild animals with the help of God's strength, and the use of his sling.



So he went to the stream and picked up 5 stones for the sling he used to scare off the wild animals, and went out to face Goliath

Goliath jeered the Israelite army for sending such a weak opponent out to face him, but calmly David fitted one of the stones into his sling as he prayed for God's help. Carefully he aimed, fired, and the stone hit Goliath in the middle of his forehead, killing him instantly. With that the Philistine army fled. David had won with God's strength.

Our own faith (trust) in God could help us all when we have to face difficulties in our lives.





**Make David & Goliath finger puppets** using toilet roll tube for David and kitchen roll tube for Goliath (or draw on sheet of paper then curl round to make tubes). You could use one of the illustration as a guide, or draw your own figures. When finished you could make them into finger puppets using two fingers to hold Goliath and one for David. Then you could play at Defeating the Giant with a paper cup sling shot and your Goliath puppet.



- To make your sling shot you will need:  
 A fairly strong paper cup.  
 A balloon just big enough to stretch around base of cup.
1. Tie a knot at the end of the balloon.
  2. Cut off the tip of the balloon (the cut-out portion should be around half the size of the bottom of your paper cup)
  3. Cut away the bottom of a sturdy paper cup.
  4. Gently stretch the balloon over the bottom of the paper cup. Pull up the balloon as far as possible. If your balloon does not fit the paper cup very well, you may need to secure it with sticky tape.
  5. Make ammunition from screwed up paper (or you could use marshmallows!)
- To shoot, simply place a paper ball in the cup and hold it up; pull the end of the balloon and release.  
 Tip: The more upright you hold the cup, the higher the ammunition will fly.

The story of David & Goliath is found in 1 Samuel chapter 17. It's rather long but verses 4-10 give a description of Goliath, and verses 48-50 tell how David defeated him.

**Trace a path for David's stone to hit Goliath.**

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 J B S T H S G S K H M I K A O  
 P U O A T N D M I U R L D R R  
 R G O B O L D K N C X I G M D  
 N W P V X W E P G X D S M I R  
 A J O M M D X Z S J Z T S E R  
 M E N O F I S R A E L I L S F  
 E Q L B C L T Y U J Q N I Y H  
 D R L Z M B W F L Y Q E N S W  
 T R V Q Y U D X N G T S G H P  
 Q S E R V A N T J J B M W Z I  
 A O G Z E F U Y F J L W D H G  
 L C S T O N E G A R M O R C U  
 H T P E Q G I A N T V U H Y S

- GIANT
- BATTLE
- SLING
- ARMIES
- PHILISTINES
- MEN OF ISRAEL
- STONE
- SWORD
- STAFF
- KING SAUL
- SERVANT
- ARMOR