



4.06 THE GIANT SLAYER

1 SAMUEL 17

“David was a young boy who took care of his father’s farm animals, and he loved God very much. God gave him the power to do things that normal people thought were impossible. David had seven brothers who were far away fighting a war against an enemy country. David’s father sent him to take some special food to his brothers. When he arrived at the army camp to visit his brothers, he noticed that nobody was fighting; they were sitting around looking terrified. A very scary man was shouting from the top of a hill. “Send your bravest and strongest hero to come fight me,” shouted the giant man called, Goliath. “If your mighty soldier defeats me, then my army will become your slaves. But, if I win the battle, all of you will become the slaves of our army,” Goliath declared.

David heard the giant and saw how scared everyone was. Every soldier was afraid of the enemy’s army with Goliath on their side! When no one else in Saul’s army volunteered, David decided to fight the giant. King Saul met with David and tried to warn him that fighting Goliath was very dangerous. Saul even offered his own armor for David to wear into battle. David felt confident that God was on his side, so he didn’t wear King Saul’s armor; besides, it was too big and didn’t fit his small body.

Young David went out of the camp to meet Goliath and the big giant roared with laughter. David was not afraid as he searched on the ground by the stream for five smooth stones to put into his pouch. “You are just a boy. You can’t defeat me!” Goliath kept laughing. David felt God making him brave deep down inside his spirit and he shouted back at Goliath, “You are coming to fight against me with a sword and a spear. But I am coming against you in the name of the Lord who rules over all. He is the God of the armies of Israel. He is the one you have dared to fight against.”

David pulled one of the smooth stone from his pouch and put it into his sling. It’s called a sling because a skillful person can sling a stone with great speed and power. This was the same sling he had used to fight off wild animals that tried to attack his sheep when he worked as a shepherd in the fields. Round and round and round, David swung his sling high into the sky and the rock flew straight into Goliath’s forehead. The giant was knocked to the ground and David won the battle!” David did not win because he was bigger. David did not win because he had better weapons. David did not win because he wore strong armor. David won because he trusted the Lord.

When the Philistines saw that their champion was defeated, they ran away. The Israelites shouted and chased them. God gave Israel a great victory that day. David was young, but he trusted God. He believed God was stronger than the giant. He called on the name of the Lord, and God helped him.

When we face hard or scary things, we can trust God too. God is greater than every giant we face.

KEY SCRIPTURE ROMANS 10:13 “For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

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HIGHLIGHTS:

- 1) David was a young boy who loved God very much. God gave David power to do things that normal people weren't able to do.
- 2) David's brothers were in the army fighting their enemies. One of these enemies was a giant named Goliath. Goliath said he wanted to fight a battle. If he won, then they would all become his slaves.
- 3) David told King Saul he wanted to fight Goliath. King Saul wanted David to wear his special armor, but David said he knew God was on his side and he didn't need the king's armor.
- 4) David went to meet Goliath. Goliath laughed at him. "You are just a boy! You can't defeat me," said Goliath. David told Goliath he was coming to fight in the name of the Lord, the God of the armies of Israel.
- 5) David used a smooth stone from his pouch and put it into his sling. He swung his sling high and the stone flew straight into Goliath's forehead. David won the battle!

QUESTIONS:

- 1) Who is this story about?
- 2) How did David get his special power?
- 3) What was the giant's name who wanted to fight?
- 4) Did David need King Saul's armor?
- 5) What did David say to Goliath?
- 6) What did David do to win the battle?

ANSWERS:

- 1) This story is about a boy named David, who loved God.
- 2) God gave David special power.
- 3) The giant's name was Goliath.
- 4) David did not need King Saul's armor. David knew God was on his side.
- 5) David told Goliath, "I come to you in the name of the Lord."
- 6) David put a stone into his sling and swung it at Goliath. The stone hit Goliath's forehead.

David faced a giant named Goliath, but he was not afraid because he trusted the Lord. David did not need Saul's armor because his confidence was in God. With one stone and a sling, David defeated Goliath, and God gave Israel victory.

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