Goliath the Giant

The Israelites were a group of people who loved God. Other people were always trying to fight the Israelites, but God protected them from other people because He loved the Israelites and had a special plan for them. One day, the Philistine army was planning to start a battle with the Israelites. The Philistines did not love God. They worshipped fake gods, but they had a big strong army and a secret weapon. They had a giant soldier named Goliath. Goliath was over 9 feet tall and very strong and very scary. The Philistines sent Goliath out on the battlefield, and he yelled, "Send out your strongest soldier to fight me. If your soldier wins, we will be your slaves. If I win, the Israelites will become our slaves." No one wanted to fight Goliath, he was way bigger than anyone in the Israelite army. He was too big.

Then one day a small boy named David walked into the army camp of the Israelites. David was too young to be a soldier, but his older brothers were in the army. David's job was to take care of their family's sheep but on this day, David's father told him to leave his sheep and take food to his brothers. While David was there delivering the food, he heard the other soldiers talking about Goliath. They were scared of who might be picked to fight him and what would happen if Goliath won. David didn't understand why all the men were afraid. He knew that God

was bigger than Goliath and with God on their side they would for sure win the fight. David volunteered to fight Goliath himself. At first, King Saul thought that was a horrible idea because David was just a boy, but then David told the king that he was brave enough to have fought lions and bears to save his sheep and he knew God would help him fight the giant. King Saul agreed to let David fight. He gave David the best armor he had. David tried to wear the helmet, and the suit. He tried to hold the sword and the shield but none of it was kid size, and he wasn't used to fighting with such heavy armor, so he took it off. He didn't need all that fancy stuff because he knew God would protect him. David went to the brook and found 5 smooth stones and put them in his shepherd's bag with his slingshot and then he went to fight the giant.

When David walked out onto the battlefield, Goliath walked out to greet him. Goliath was huge, way bigger than David, but David wasn't scared. Goliath started to laugh at the idea that a little boy could win in a battle against him and then he started walking towards David. David pulled out his sling and a stone and shot it at Goliath. That stone flew all the way up to Goliath's face and hit him right between his eyes and sunk in his forehead. Goliath fell straight to the ground and died. When the Philistine army saw what had happened, they ran away afraid of what might happen to them. God helped

David beat the giant with only one small stone and all the Israelites people were safe.

1. What group of people wanted to fight the Israelites?
2. Who was their secret weapon?
3. How tall was Goliath?
4. What was the challenge that Goliath gave the Israelite army?
5. Why was David in the army camp?
6. Why was David not afraid of Goliath?
7. Why didn't the king want David to fight Goliath?
8. Why didn't David use the armor the king had given him?
9. How many stones did David get from the brook?
10. What did Goliath do when he saw David come out to fight him?
11. Where did the rock hit Goliath?
12. What did the Philistine army do when they saw that God had helped David beat the giant?

The Lord, he is the God, the Lord, he is the God. 1 Kings 18:39