

Week 19 Parent Sheet: David and Goliath

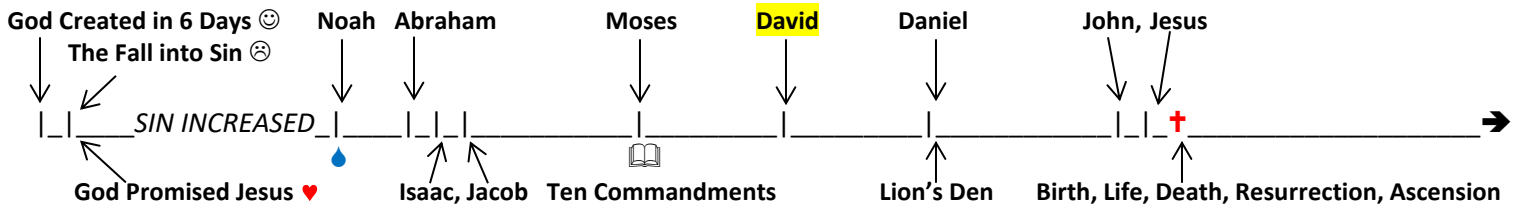
1 Samuel 17:1-51 NIV

Even though David was young and small, and Goliath was older and large, GOD gave David the victory!

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The Old Testament covers approximately 4,000 years; this timeline shows some key events:



Previous history: Saul was reigning as the first king of Israel, yet his lack of trust in the LORD and disobedience led the LORD to begin to raise-up David as the future king!

David and Goliath:

- The Situation:** ¹ Now the Philistines gathered their forces for war... ² Saul and the Israelites... drew up their battle line to meet the Philistines. ³ The Philistines occupied one hill and the Israelites another, with the valley between them.
- Goliath:** ⁴ A champion named Goliath... came out of the Philistine camp. His height was six cubits and a span [9 feet, 9 inches]. ⁵ He had a bronze helmet on his head and wore a coat of scale armor of bronze weighing five thousand shekels [125 lbs.]; ⁶ on his legs he wore bronze greaves [shin armor], and a bronze javelin was slung on his back. ⁷ His spear shaft was like a weaver's rod, and its iron point weighed six hundred shekels [14.5 lbs.]. His shield bearer went ahead of him.
- The Challenge:** ⁸ ...Choose a man and have him come down to me. ⁹ If he is able to fight and kill me, we will become your subjects; but if I overcome him and kill him, you will become our subjects and serve us." ... ¹¹ On hearing the Philistine's words, Saul and all the Israelites were dismayed and terrified.
- David:** ¹² Now David was the son of... Jesse, who was from Bethlehem in Judah. Jesse had eight sons... ¹³ Jesse's three oldest sons had followed Saul to the war... ¹⁴ David was the youngest [and] ¹⁵ ...went back and forth from Saul to tend his father's sheep at Bethlehem....
- David's Willingness to Fight:** ³² David said to Saul, "Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your

servant will go and fight him." ³³ Saul replied, "You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a young man, and he has been a warrior from his youth." ... ³⁶ Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God. ³⁷ The LORD who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine." Saul said to David, "Go, and the LORD be with you."

- The Fight:** ⁴⁰ Then he took his staff in his hand, chose five smooth stones from the stream, put them in the pouch of his shepherd's bag and, with his sling in his hand, approached the Philistine.... ⁴⁵ David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty... ⁴⁶ This day the LORD will deliver you into my hands... ⁴⁷ All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves... and he will give all of you into our hands." ⁴⁸ As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him. ⁴⁹ Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown on the ground. ⁵⁰ So David triumphed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone; without a sword in his hand he struck down the Philistine and killed him.

Thought: As David – an unlikely winner – defeated Goliath, so Jesus – an unlikely winner – defeated the devil! Now, through faith in Jesus as our Savior, we are sharing in Jesus' victory and will be blessed forevermore!