

## Chapter 17

The Philistine and Israelite armies prepared for battle.  
The Philistines were on one hill,  
the Israelites on an opposite hill, with a valley between them.

The Philistines produced a giant warrior, Goliath,  
who challenged the Israelites to find one man to fight him.

Goliath said: "If I win, you become our slaves;  
if I am killed, we will become your slaves."

For many weeks Goliath issued his challenge,  
but no Israelite soldier was brave enough to fight Goliath.

Then David visited the army camp and heard Goliath's words.  
He offered to fight Goliath.

Some people made fun of David,  
but David knew he would be helped by the Lord.

David took 5 smooth stones from the river bed  
and with his sling in his hand he went to fight Goliath.

When Goliath saw the young boy David,  
Goliath insulted and ridiculed him.

But David took out one of his stones and slung it at Goliath.

The stone hit Goliath on the forehead  
and he dropped to the ground.

David then used Goliath's sword  
to kill him and cut off his head.

When the Philistines saw that their champion was dead,  
they fled in fear, chased by the Israelites who defeated them.

Saul put David in charge of his army  
and David had many victories.

David and Saul's son Jonathan became good friends.

Dear God, please help me just as you helped David