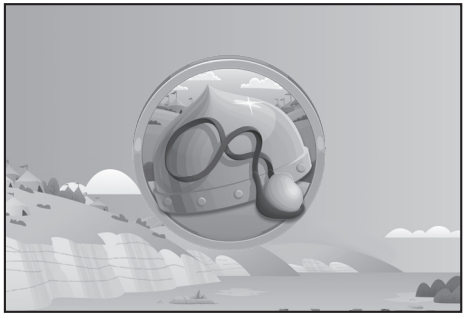
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David and Goliath
1 Samuel 16-17



Israel's first king was named Saul. King Saul did not obey God. So God said to Samuel, the prophet, "Find a man named Jesse, one of his sons will be the new king."





Samuel found Jesse in Bethlehem. He looked at seven of Jesse's sons. They looked handsome and strong. "Not them," God said. "I don't care about looks. I care about what's in a person's heart."





Jesse sent for his youngest son, David, who was tending sheep in the fields. Samuel saw him and God said, "He is the one!" So David was anointed the new king.





Some time later, Israel fought the Philistines. A giant Philistine soldier called Goliath challenged the Israelites to send a champion to fight him. But the Israelites were all too afraid.





David brought food to his brothers in the army. He heard Goliath's challenge and was not afraid. "How dare he defy God's army?" asked David. "I will fight him!"





Surprised, King Saul offered David his armor. "No," said David. "God helped me kill wild beasts. He will help me against Goliath, too!" David took five stones and a sling.





"Am I a dog?" Goliath roared. "You send this stick of a boy to fight me!" "You have a spear," said David, "but I have the help of Israel's God!"





David put a stone into the sling and threw it. It struck Goliath's forehead and knocked him down. The Israelites defeated the Philistines. With God's help, David was a hero!

