



Grades 4–5 • Lesson 77

David Defeats Goliath

1 Samuel 17 (selected verses)

The evidence from the account in 1 Samuel 17 has been mixed up! Read each statement and then write the letter of the person each piece of evidence points to.

1. Wore bronze armor. _____
2. Leader of the Israelites. _____
3. Would become slaves if champion lost the battle. _____
4. Carried a sword, shield, and spear. _____
5. Brought bread and cheese to the Israelites' camp. _____
6. Focused on the outward appearance. _____
7. Champion of the Philistine army. _____
8. Fled when challenged. _____
9. Offended by the Philistine's mocking of God. _____
10. Offered armor to the Israelite challenger. _____
11. Courageously offered to fight a giant. _____
12. Height of six cubits and a span (over 9 feet). _____
13. Took a staff, sling, and five stones into battle. _____
14. Defied the armies of Israel. _____
15. Trusted God for victory. _____
16. Defeated by a stone to his forehead. _____

A. DAVID



C. SAUL



TOP SECRET
Suspects
B. GOLIATH



D. ISRAELITES



Name _____

Memory Verse

Unscramble the words to complete the memory verse.

If we say we have no _____ (nis), we _____ (eivdeec) ourselves, and the _____ (urtth) is not in us.

If we _____ (fcsoesn) our sins, he is faithful and _____ (stju) to _____ (igvoerf)

us our sins and to _____ (necastle) us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8–9

What You Heard *In the Word*

- David had absolute faith that God would fight for him. He trusted God for the results of the battle. Saul's soldiers were afraid because they focused on Goliath and did not trust in God.
- David defeated Goliath with his sling, a stone, and the power of God.

OutWord *For Family Discussion*

What if your friend said he just couldn't believe the account of David and Goliath in the Bible?

There are no such thing as giants! **What could you say?**

The Bible is true, including the account of David and Goliath, because it is the Word of God. In the Bible, Goliath is described as over nine feet tall. That is really tall! If I saw a man that size coming at me, I'd think of him as a giant. Even modern records show people known to be 7, 8, and 9 feet tall. God's Word is accurate when it records Goliath's height. He was a giant compared to David, and yet David killed him with a sling and a stone. That's what the Bible says, and I believe it. God doesn't lie!

HomeWord *For Parents*

David was anointed to be the next king of Israel (1 Samuel 16:11–13). In the meantime, God brought David into the service of King Saul as a musician to soothe Saul's harmful spirit (1 Samuel 16:17). Saul loved David and made him his armor-bearer (1 Samuel 16:21). However, Saul soon became jealous, beginning with David's defeat over Goliath, the Philistine champion from Gath. The entire army of Israel fled in fear from this giant and his challenge to fight (1 Samuel 17:8–11). The Israelite soldiers had no courage because their confidence was in their own strength. But David responded with courage when he volunteered to fight Goliath (1 Samuel 17:32).

David was not used to the armor that Saul offered him (1 Samuel 17:39), so he went into battle armed only with his familiar shepherd's weapons and trust in God (1 Samuel 17:40, 45). His purpose was not glory and riches for himself but a desire to display that God's power alone can save (1 Samuel 17:47). David was blessed with a Spirit from the Lord. This gave him the strength, courage, confidence, and trust to stand against a formidable foe in the name of the Lord. God rewarded David's faith by giving him victory over Goliath, and the Philistine army fled before Israel (1 Samuel 17:51–52).

Throughout history, we see God using people to accomplish his plans. In this account, we see that because the entire Israelite army feared one Philistine, a God-fearing young man came forward to kill the enemy. From this young man, David, would come the Messiah, Jesus Christ, to provide forgiveness, mercy, and grace to sinners—and the promise of eternal life.

