

David and Goliath

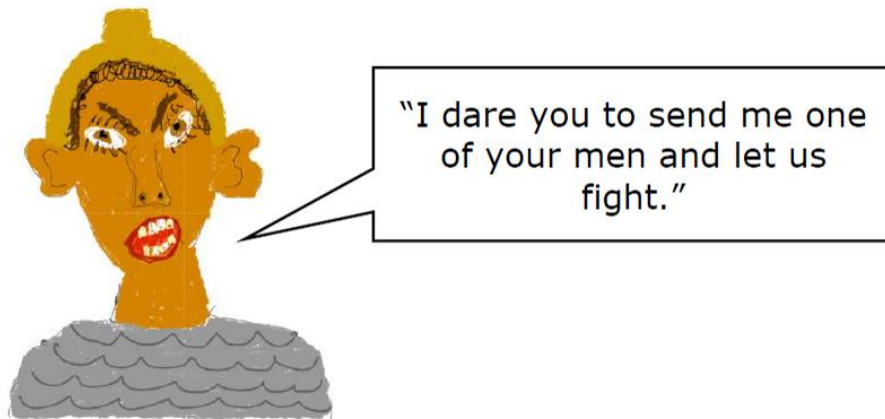
It is very easy to feel scared and upset about what is happening at the moment in this time of lockdown. You may feel stuck at home, you might worry about you or someone you love getting sick. In the Bible God tells us not to be afraid and not to worry and most importantly that God will never leave us alone; Jesus says he knows all the little birds who fly around and even the number of hairs on our heads.

"When birds are sold, five small birds cost only two pennies. But God does not forget any of them. 7 Yes, God even knows how many hairs you have on your head. Don't be afraid. You are worth much more than many birds. Luke 12: 6-7



This story of David and Goliath is from 1 Samuel 17 and is about a time when Israel's Army was very frightened indeed. They were being threatened by a giant, Philistine Soldier called Goliath. Goliath was over 9 feet tall (about 3 metres!). He had armour like the scales of a fish. He had a massive spear.

Every day Goliath went out in front of the Israeli Army and threatened them and teased them and challenged a soldier to fight him saying that if somebody could beat him, the Philistines would be Israel's slaves. He was also rude and unkind calling the Israeli soldiers cowards!



David was a Shepherd boy who looked after his family's flocks. He could kill a lion or a bear to protect his sheep. David offered to fight Goliath. He didn't go in front of Goliath threatening or being rude. He just said.....



David trusted in God to help him deal with Goliath. He couldn't fight with armour or use a big spear or sword. David knew what he could do and trusted in God. David was confident that he had some skills that would help him fight but most of all, David knew that God would help him fight Goliath. This is true for us today. Even with the difficulties of being in lockdown and the virus, God knows us and he even knows how many hairs there are on our heads. God knows us so well and we can turn to him when we are afraid. The Bible says many times do not be afraid. Can you learn to say...

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<http://www.freebibleimages.org/illustrations/ls-david-goliath/>

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https://youtu.be/J-vUC_MJE0U Heather reading the story

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<http://www.jigzone.com/puzzles/94118FAF1E6&m=15191AF.32899D12z=5&v=45887> This is an online jigsaw, you can make it easier or harder

Prayer:

Dear Lord,

Thank you that you promise us that you know all about us. You even know how many hairs are on our heads.

Help us to trust you, like David did, and to give you all our worries and fears every day.

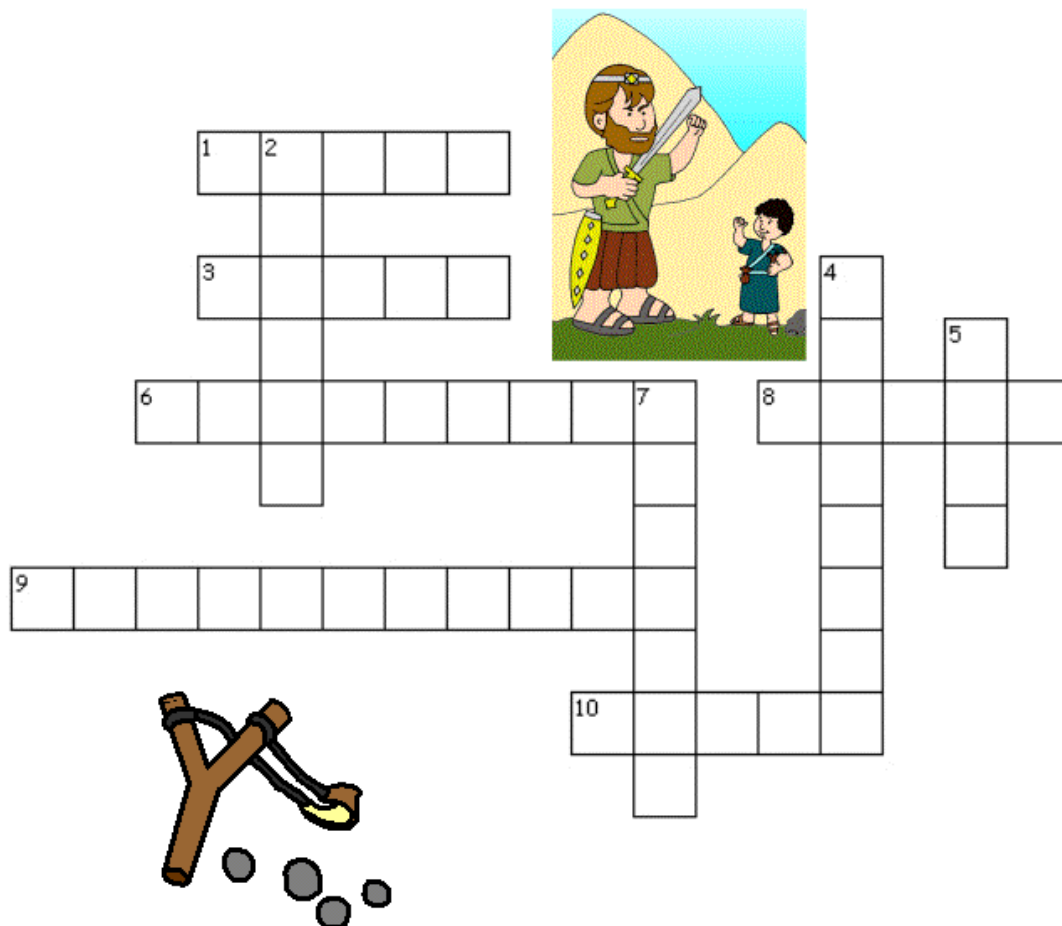
Amen

DAVID THE GIANT-SLAYER



The Philistines were at war with the Hebrews. They were led by a frightening giant called Goliath.

David and Goliath Crossword



Across

1. Samuel anointed this young shepherd to be king someday.
3. David chose not to wear this it, was too heavy and he trusted God.
6. This was David's main weapon for defeating Goliath.
8. While David would watch the sheep he would make this.
9. The Israelites didn't get along with these 'giant' people.
10. God didn't choose a king by his size but by his ____.

Down

2. All the men were ____ to fight the giant Goliath.
4. Out of eight brothers, David was the ____.
5. This is the number of smooth stones David picked out to fight Goliath.
7. David wasn't afraid to fight the giant because he ____ God to keep him safe.