

David & Goliath Drama Workshop Script

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Drama for children and youth

At the camp of the army of Israel

3 “brothers” (the eldest sons of Jesse and oldest brothers of David) sitting around talking at the army campfire

Eliab “Eli”: I suppose our youngest brother David is off guarding the sheep; that doesn’t sound as scary as waiting for the Philistine army to strike, like we have to do! Those guys are HUGE!

Abinadab “Abe”: Oh, I dunno. David has to fight off some pretty big animals that come after his sheep. I heard the other day that he brought down a coyote and a bear in the same night.

Shammah (Sam) : How did he do that?

Abe: Oh, he made a slingshot and gathered up some river stones. Then he started swinging the slingshot and hurled those stones at the beasts. Brought ‘em down with one stone apiece!

Eli: There’s something special about that kid...at least that’s what they say.

Sam: Hey! here he comes now. Looks like Dad has sent us another care package. Sure beats army food.

David approaches with a servant girl carrying a basket of bread and cheeses

Abe: Peace, brother! Looks like you come bearing gifts.

David: May God be with you! Dad sends his best...and Sarah has brought some fresh bread from our father, too.

Sam: Thanks, David. And Sarah! peace be with you.

Sarah: And with you. Greetings from your father. He has sent some food to give you strength.

The brothers chow down on the bread.

Sam: *Talking with his mouth full.* We need all the strength we can muster, ‘cause the enemy is a bunch of bad dudes. Plus, they are led by this giant guy named Goliath, who keeps yelling and threatening us.

Eli: Little brother, this is no place for you. You’re out of your league. This Goliath is a real threat to us.

David: Come on, Eli, you know that God is with us. Don’t let some big old warrior take away your faith. I bet I could take him on!

Sam (quietly says to his brothers): Yep! That’s our little brother. Thinks he has the hand of God to guide him.

Up ahead, the giant Goliath steps up and starts to roar.

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Goliath: Army of Israel! You're a bunch of punks! Look at my armor! Check out these muscles! Who do you think can defeat me? Send out a soldier to face me and fight me. If he wins, we are yours.

The older brothers shudder in fear. King Saul approaches the brothers. As David sees him coming near, he rushes up to him.

David: Sir, um, Saul, sir...it seems that your army is too afraid to fight this giant and bring down his army. Let me go! I will bring him down.

Saul (*looks in amazement and disdain*): son, you're just a kid. There's no way I'm sending you out there! Goliath has been a warrior since the day he was born and he's three times your size.

David: But he is insulting you, your army, and our God!

Saul: What makes you so sure you can defeat him?

David: with God's help, I have saved my sheep from bears and lions. I know God will protect me as I go up against THIS beast!

Saul: Go, my son, and may God be with you. Here is your armor, and a helmet to protect you.

David tries the armor on and stumbles under its weight.

David: I can't fight him with this heavy metal weighing me down. I'll use the weapons I'm used to, my slingshot and my faith in God.

David approaches the giant and Goliath laughs at him.

Goliath: Am I a dog, that you come at me with sticks?"

David: You come at me with a sword and a javelin, but I come against you in the name of the God of Israel. Once I defeat you, all the world will know that our God is great.

David swings his sling of stones, hits Goliath in the head. Goliath falls to the ground and dies. The Philistine soldiers run away. David comes before Saul.

Saul: And now who are you, son, who has defeated the enemy in God's name?

David: I am David, the son of Jesse of Bethlehem. And this isn't the last you'll hear of me.

[If Austin is there and wants to wear the fire fighter helmet: David turns to the firefighter who is putting out the fire in the Israelites' camp.

David: Remember those names: Jesse, David and Bethlehem!

Firefighter: I think they may come up again...this Christmas!]