

**From the book of 1 Samuel in the Bible**  
**1 Samuel 17, verses 40-50 (International Children's Bible)**



<sup>40</sup> David took his stick in his hand. And he chose five smooth stones from a stream. He put them in his pouch and held his sling in his hand. Then he went to meet Goliath.

<sup>41</sup> At the same time, the Philistine was coming closer to David. The man who held his shield walked in front of him. <sup>42</sup> Goliath looked at David. He saw that David was only a boy, tanned and handsome. He looked down at David with disgust. <sup>43</sup> He said, "Do you think I am a dog, that you come at me with a stick?" He used his gods' names to curse David. <sup>44</sup> He said to David, "Come here. I'll feed your body to the birds of the air and the wild animals!"

<sup>45</sup> But David said to him, "You come to me using a sword, a large spear and a small spear. But I come to you in the name of the Lord of heaven's armies. He's the God of the armies of Israel! You have spoken out against him. <sup>46</sup> Today the Lord will give you to me. I'll kill you, and I'll cut off your head. Today I'll feed the bodies of the Philistine soldiers to the birds of the air and the wild animals. Then all the world will know there is a God in Israel! <sup>47</sup> Everyone gathered here will know the Lord does not need swords or spears to save people. The battle belongs to him! And he will help us defeat all of you."

<sup>48</sup> As Goliath came near to attack him, David ran quickly to meet him. <sup>49</sup> He took a stone from his pouch. He put it into his sling and slung it. The stone hit the Philistine on his forehead and sank into it. Goliath fell facedown on the ground.

<sup>50</sup> So David defeated the Philistine with only a sling and a stone! He hit him and killed him. He did not even have a sword in his hand.