

David and Goliath



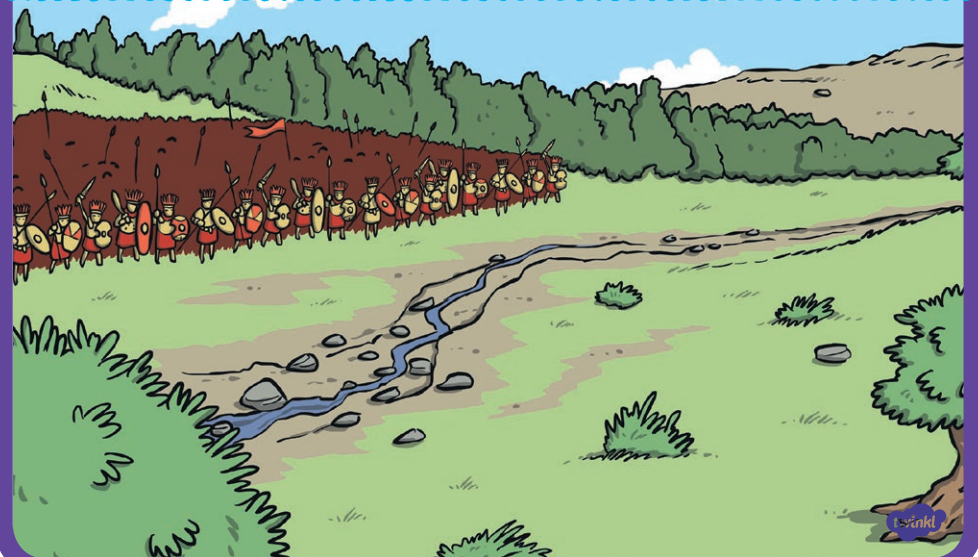
David was a shepherd boy. He protected his sheep from wolves.



King Saul was the King of Israel.



The Israelites and the Philistines were enemies.
The two armies were ordered to prepare for battle.



The Philistines had a huge army. They also had a huge man in their army. His name was Goliath.

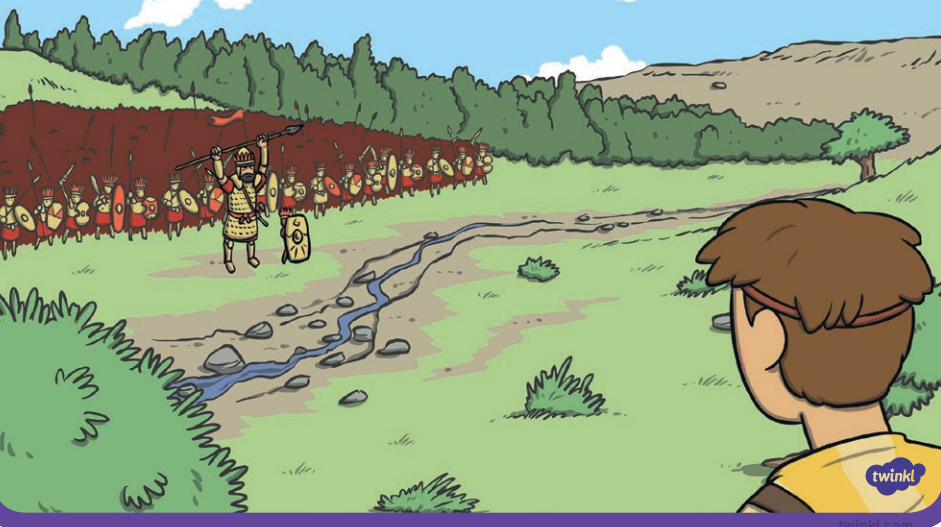


Goliath was 9 feet tall! (That's taller than your classroom door!) He had a bronze helmet on his head and wore bronze armour over his body. He had a javelin slung across his back and held a tall spear in his hand. Everyday, for 40 days, Goliath would shout to the Israelites,



Choose a man to fight me! If I win, you will be our slaves.
If you win, we will be your slaves!

So David left his sheep with another shepherd, and went to see his brothers. David's brothers were in the Israelite army. David was sent to his brothers, to give them some food.



While he was with his brothers, David saw the giant Goliath and heard what he was shouting. David said to King Saul "I will fight the giant! I protect my sheep from wolves, so I can fight this man! God will keep me safe."



Saul agreed and said to David, "Go, and the Lord be with you". Saul put armour on David, and a bronze helmet. But it was all too heavy and David couldn't move! David took it all off again.



David chose five smooth stones from the river and put them in his shepherd's bag. He held his sling (like a catapult) in his hand.



When Goliath saw the boy coming towards him, he laughed out loud and shouted,



He put a stone into the sling, swung it around his head, and let the stone go. The stone hit Goliath on the forehead and he fell down, dead!



The Israelites cheered! David the shepherd boy was a hero and, with God on his side, had saved them from slavery.

