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But David replied “I have been keeping my father’s sheep.

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When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it. Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God.

The Lord who delivered me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine.”

Saul, seeing how determined David was decided to let him fight Goliath. “Go,” he said and the Lord be with you.”

King Saul dressed David in his own tunic. He put a coat of armor on him and a bronze helmet on his head. David fastened on his sword over the tunic and tried walking around, because he was not used to wearing it.

“I cannot go in these,” he said to Saul, “because I am not used to them.” So he took them off.

He then took his staff in his hand, chose five smooth stones from the stream, put them in the pouch of his shepherd’s bag and, with his sling in his hand, approached the Philistine; Goliath.

When Goliath saw David coming, he made fun of him.

He shouted all kinds of bad things at little David.

But David was not afraid. David replied back to the Philistine, “You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you defied. This day the Lord will hand you over to me, and I’ll strike you down and cut off your head.”

As Goliath came close, David ran toward the battle line to meet him.

Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck Goliath on the forehead.

When the stone hit Goliath on the forehead, he fell facedown on the ground....dead.

When the Philistine army saw that David had won, they picked up their weapons and started to run.

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(Read as if reading a poem)

**A time long ago in a land far away,
Israel's king was filled with dismay.
(Put hands to cheeks.)**

**He said, "That Goliath, the fighting machine,
has worried my troops. Oh, he's awfully
mean.**

**He's taller than buildings, he's taller than
trees!**

**(Look and point up)
I feel like I only come up to his knees.**

**Each day he comes out with his heavy, bronze
spear**

**(Cup hands around mouth)
and shouts out loud insults the whole world
can hear.**

**"Morning and evening, day in and day out, he
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**“Why won’t you fight me?” he asks, “Are you
scared?”**

**Send out your best man! Come fight, if you
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**The king told his men, “This is really not
funny. I’m willing to offer a whole lot of
money**

**To be rid of that giant---now who’ll
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**But the king’s men just looked at him,
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**But the soldiers relied, “We won’t fight him
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(Pretend to pass out food)

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(Put up fists)

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**"I know God protects me from dangers
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(Fold arms and look up)
And the Lord God will save me from this
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**The king gave his armor to make David
strong.
(Flex muscles)
But the shield was too big, and the sword was
too long.**

**With each step he took, the king's helmet
would rattle.**

**He'd surely fall down if he wore that to
battle.**

David looked at the armor all polished and shiny.

(Pretend to polish armor)

But the armor was huge, and David was tiny.

Now how do you feel in too-big-for you clothes?

That's probably how David felt, too, I suppose.

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(pretend to pick up stones)

He put one in his sling and then went out alone.

He whirled 'round that sling and then let the stone fly.

(Pretend to twirl a sling)

It shot like a rock up into the sky.

**And when that small stone hit the giant's
huge head,
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**When the Philistines saw that young David
had won, they picked up their weapons and
started to run.**

**News of the victory soon spread all around.
(Cup hands around mouth)
Young David was known as a hero in town.
Young David won, even though he was small.
With God, giants fall with no trouble at all.
(Point finger upwards)**

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1 Samuel 17:1-58

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Supplies-

Masking Tape

5 Flat stones per child (to represent the 5 stones of David's.)

1 Larger flat stone to represent Goliath

Place Goliath in the center of the circle and allow the children to take turns pushing their stones across the floor and trying to push Goliath outside of the circle.

Using Masking Tape, Mark off a large circle on the floor. (Make sure to select a surface that will allow the stones to move across the floor easily)

David's Stone Bag

Need:

1 large circle template

Fabric

Hemp

5 flat, smooth rocks per child

Using a piece of fabric, cut out one large fabric circle for each child.

Cut a piece of hemp string for each child. Approximately 12" in length.

Have each child select 5 stones and place in the center of their fabric circle.

Draw the ends of the fabric up and around the stones.

Tie the string around the top of the fabric.

Jesus is my rock necklace

For this craft, you will need small rocks, plastic hearts that open, paint, scotch tape, and hemp

Instructions:

Write “Jesus is my rock” on the outside of the clear plastic heart. Place a small rock inside the heart.

Next part is optional

Squirt 3 or 4 small drops of paint inside the heart. (Different colors if you wish)

Tape the heart shut– securely.

Allow the children to shake their hearts to distribute the paint around on the inside of the heart.