

Little Dwellers

Light in the Darkness

Week 4

Welcome to Light in the Darkness, week 4!! During week 3, did you get to practice your copycat prayers – where the adult starts and the Little Dweller copies what the adult says? Sometimes we call these “Pete Repeat” prayers too. This week we’re going to get our copycat prayers PERFECT! We’ll practice some more, copycatting Ms. Sarah. Then, we’ll make some of our own copy cat prayers. I hope you’re excited!!!

Have you enjoyed the dance parties and silly parts of the videos? If you’d like to be part of the fun, let us know! 281.723.0686 or smecoff@yahoo.com. (To protect the privacy of our Little Dwellers, the videos are “unlisted” on YouTube, meaning the general population cannot search to find our videos. You must have the link for access.)

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Topic: Kings and Exile

Day 1 – Deborah Leads the Way

- We will be mimicking Little Dwellers during our normal Sunday service. Please watch the video with your little dweller:
<https://youtu.be/PKO3Mz2qRZI> The images from The Beginner's Bible are listed on pages 7 – 8.
- Here are some questions you can ask your Little Dweller about today's bible story:
 - At the beginning of this story, were the Israelites obedient to God? **No, they did not honor God.**
 - When the Israelites asked God for help, who did God send? **God sent a female judge named Deborah.**
 - Who gave Deborah a plan to defeat the bad king? **God did.**
 - Did Deborah trust in God? **Yes**
 - Deborah told a man, named Barak, to go get 10,000 soldiers and wait on the hill. What did Barak do? **He begged Deborah, who was strong, to go to battle with them.**
 - Who won the battle? The Israelites!! How? **They trusted in God.**
- Craft: 26 – 27
- Song: <https://youtu.be/WuODF9Kbgnw>

Day 2 – Gideon's Battle

- Please watch the video with your little dweller:
<https://youtu.be/BuQcZb5GEyY> The images are on pages 9 – 11.

- Here are some questions you can ask your Little Dweller about today's bible story:
 - God sent an angel to tell Gideon that God chose Gideon to help his people. Did Gideon believe the angel? **No**. What did Gideon want God to do? **Send him a sign**.
 - What was the first sign? **Gideon put wool on the ground. If the wool is set and the ground is dry, Gideon would believe God**.
 - What was the second sign? **The wool would be dry and the ground wet**.
 - Did Gideon trust God then? **Yes**
 - God gave Gideon a battle plan. How did Gideon trick the enemy's camp? **Gideon's arm went out and held torches in the air, blew on trumpets, and smashed clay pots together**.
 - How did Gideon win the battle? **He trusted in God and followed God's directions**.
- Coloring page: 28
- Song: <https://youtu.be/WuODF9Kbgnw>

Day 3 – Samson

- Ask your little dweller what yesterday's story was about.
- Please watch the video with your little dweller: <https://youtu.be/nFI5EajRpfc> The images are on pages 12 – 14.
- Here are some questions you can ask your Little Dweller about today's bible story:
 - Who did God choose to help save the Israelites from the Philistines in this story? **Samson**
 - Who tried to find out where Samson's strength came from? **Samson's girlfriend Delilah**. Who was Delilah working for? **The Philistines, Samson's enemy**.
 - What did the Philistines tell Delilah to do to Samson's hair? **Cut it**.
 - What did the Philistines do to Samson? **Threw him in jail**.

- When Samson lost his strength what did he do on jail? **Samson prayed to God to give him his strength back and trusted that God would do it.**
- The Philistines threw a big party and brought Samson out of the jail to make fun of him. What did Samson do at the party? **Samson pushed against the pillars of the temple and the building fell down.**

- Coloring page: 29
- Song: <https://youtu.be/aDCTNhYqEko>

Day 4 – Israel’s First King

- Please watch the video with your little dweller <https://youtu.be/THlc95OleRI> The images are on pages 15 – 16.
- Questions to ask your Little Dweller about today’s bible story:
 - What did the people want? **A King**
 - God let them make Saul their king, but who was really their king and in charge of everything? **God**
- Prayer: Feel free to say your own or use the provided one below
 - Dear God (repeat), help us to be brave (repeat) like Saul (repeat). Give us the strength (repeat) to do your will (repeat), even if we’re scared (repeat) and want to hide (repeat) like Saul did (repeat) in today’s story (repeat). Amen (repeat).
- Coloring page: 30
- Song: <https://youtu.be/aDCTNhYqEko>
- Optional Reading: pages 34 – 36

Day 5 – David and Goliath

- Please watch the video with your little dweller: <https://youtu.be/jLXSCENVGYc> The images are on pages 17 – 20.
- Questions to ask your Little Dweller about today’s bible story:
 - What was the giant’s name? **Goliath.** What was the boy’s name? **David.**

- Who helped David beat Goliath and who helps us when we need help? **God**
- Prayer: Feel free to say your own or use the provided one below
 - Dear God (repeat), give us faith (repeat) like David (repeat) who was able to beat Goliath (repeat) even though Goliath (repeat) was bigger and stronger (repeat). David was the winner (repeat) because he believed in you (repeat). Amen (repeat).
- Coloring Page: 31
- Song: <https://youtu.be/aDCTNhYqEko>
- Optional reading: pages 37 – 40

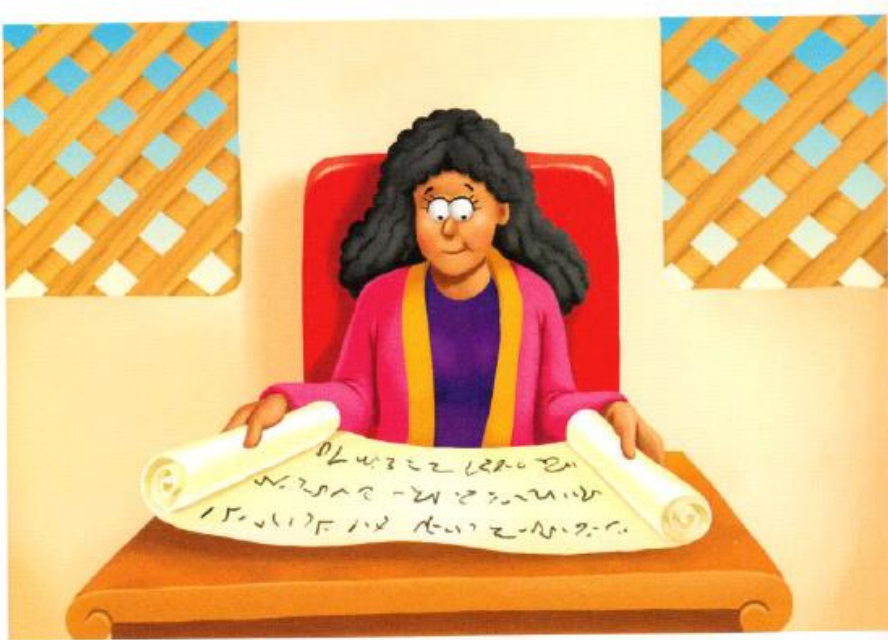
Day 6 – Best Friends

- Please watch the video with your little dweller: <https://youtu.be/g6DiHh77V-g> The images are on pages 21 – 23.
- Questions to ask your Little Dweller about today's bible story:
 - Why did David have to run away and leave his best friend Jonathan? **King Saul wanted to hurt him.**
 - Sometimes we are sad when we can't see our friends but who is always with us? **God**
- Prayer: Feel free to say your own or use the provided one below
 - Dear God (repeat), thank you (repeat) for giving us friends (repeat) like David and Jonathan were friends (repeat). Help all of our friends (repeat) to be safe and not get sick (repeat). Amen (repeat).
- Coloring page: 32
- Song: <https://youtu.be/lijsESdEnZg>

Day 7 – King David

- Please watch the video with your little dweller: <https://youtu.be/vRGFUATmv3U> The images are listed on pages 24 – 25.
- Questions to ask your Little Dweller about today's bible story:
 - After King Saul died who was the new king? **David**

- What was something King David did to tell God he loved Him?
He wrote songs about God. **These are the Psalms in the Bible.**
- Prayer: Feel free to say your own or use the provided one below
 - Dear God (repeat), help us (repeat) to be strong (repeat) and to obey you (repeat) like David told Solomon to do (repeat). Amen (repeat).
- Coloring page: 33
- Song: <https://youtu.be/lijsESdEnZg>



Deborah Leads the Way

Judges 4

The Israelites lived in the promised land for many years. But they forgot about God. A bad king from another land ruled over them. The Israelites asked God for help.

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God sent them a judge named Deborah. She loved God very much. God gave her a plan to defeat the bad king. She sent for a man named Barak and told him, “God wants you to take 10,000 soldiers and wait on the hill.”

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The Israelites were not as strong as their enemies. Barak begged Deborah to go with them. She was a strong leader. She agreed.

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When the Israelites met face to face with the king's army, Deborah exclaimed, "Go! Attack them now! God is with us!" The Israelites obeyed and won the battle.

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Gideon's Battle

Judges 6-7

God's people kept disobeying his rules. So God allowed their enemies to take all their food away. Again, the Israelites turned to God for help. Again, God answered their prayers.

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God chose a man named Gideon to help his people. God sent an angel to Gideon. "You are a mighty warrior," said the angel. "You will save God's people." Gideon said, "But I'm from a family that isn't rich or important."

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Then Gideon prayed to God. “I need a sign from you. I will put some wool on the floor. Tomorrow, if the wool is wet and the ground is dry, I will believe you.” The next morning, the wool was wet and the ground was dry.

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But Gideon wanted another sign. He said to God, “Now if the wool is *dry* and the ground is *wet*, I will be sure you have chosen me.” The next morning, God made the wool dry and the ground wet. Now Gideon was sure. He said, “God, I will do whatever you say.”

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Over 30,000 men wanted to join Gideon's army. "That is too many," God said. He showed Gideon how to win with only 300 men! The plan sounded strange, but Gideon trusted God.



During the night, Gideon and his men surrounded the enemy camp. They blew trumpets and smashed clay jars. They waved burning torches in the air. Their enemies were frightened. *This must be a huge army!* they thought. So they ran away. God's people won!



Samson

Judges 13; 16

The Israelites were in trouble again. Along came a very strong man named Samson. God had chosen him to save the Israelites from their enemies, the Philistines.



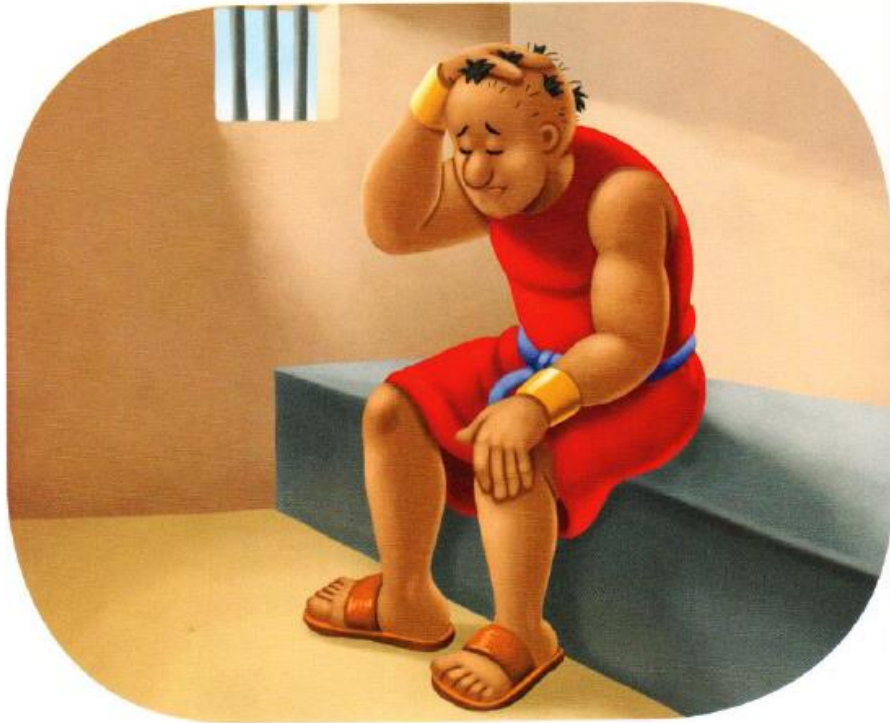
Samson knew that as long as he did not cut his hair, he would always be very strong.



Samson was in love with Delilah. The Philistines told Delilah they would pay her if she found out what made Samson so strong. At first, Samson lied to her.



“If you tie me up with ropes,” Samson said, “I will lose my strength.” That night while Samson slept, Delilah tied him up. Then she shouted, “The Philistines are coming!” Samson jumped up and broke the ropes. Delilah kissed him and asked, “Won’t you tell me your secret?”



Samson gave in and told her,
“My strength is in my long hair.”
When Samson was asleep,
Delilah had all his hair cut off.
Samson’s strength was gone!
The Philistines grabbed him
and put him in jail.



A while later, the Philistines were having
a big party. They brought Samson in
and made fun of him.
Samson prayed to God to make him
strong one last time. God did.
Samson pushed the pillars with all his
might. The temple came crashing down,
and Samson defeated the Philistines.



Israel's First King

1 Samuel 8-10

When Samuel was an old man,
God's people said,
"We want a king to rule over us."
Samuel asked God for help.
God told Samuel to warn the people
about all the trouble a king could bring.

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A king would make the young men
join his army, and the people would
have to give the best things they
owned to support the king.
Samuel warned the people,
but they still would not listen.
Then God told Samuel to give them a king.

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God led Samuel to a man named Saul.
Samuel poured oil on Saul's head.
This was a sign that Saul was God's
choice for their new king.
Saul hid because he was shy.

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The people found him. Then
Samuel said, "Here is your king."
Everyone cheered and shouted,
"Long live the king!"

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David and Goliath

1 Samuel 17:1-51

The Philistines were enemies of God. Their army came to fight King Saul's army. A giant soldier named Goliath yelled, "Bring out your best soldier to fight me!"

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"If your strongest soldier defeats me, we will be your slaves!" he boomed. "If I defeat him, you will be our slaves!" King Saul's soldiers were afraid. They did not want to fight the giant.

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Meanwhile, young David was taking food to his brothers. They were soldiers in King Saul's army. When David reached the camp, he saw Goliath. David heard the giant's challenge.

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"I am not afraid to fight the giant," said David. King Saul called for David and told him, "You cannot fight the giant. You are too young." David replied, "God will be with me."

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King Saul gave his *armor* to David,
but it was big and heavy.
David wasn't used to wearing armor.



David went to a nearby stream
and picked up five stones.
He stood before Goliath.
The giant laughed at him, but
David didn't care. He said,
"I come before you in the name
of the LORD who rules over all."



David put a stone in his sling
and ran toward the giant.
Then he let the stone fly.

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It hit Goliath's forehead,
and he fell to the ground!
The Philistines saw that their hero
was dead. They ran away.

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Best Friends

1 Samuel 16:14-23; 18-20

King Saul became grumpy. His servants asked David to play his harp for the king. The music cheered him up, so the king invited David to live in the palace.

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David became friends with King Saul's son, Prince Jonathan, and Jonathan's sister, Michal.

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David won many battles for the king. The people said David was a better fighter than the king. This made King Saul very angry and jealous. *Everyone likes David more than me*, he thought.

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King Saul became so angry that he threw a spear at David, but David escaped.

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Then one day, Prince Jonathan warned David, “You must run far away.” They promised to always be best friends.



King David

2 Samuel 1:1–2:4; 1 Kings 2:1–3

Saul chased David, but he never caught him. God watched over David. Then one day, David heard some sad news. King Saul and Prince Jonathan had died in battle.

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The people remembered what God had told them, and they went to find David. “David, you are now our king!” they exclaimed.

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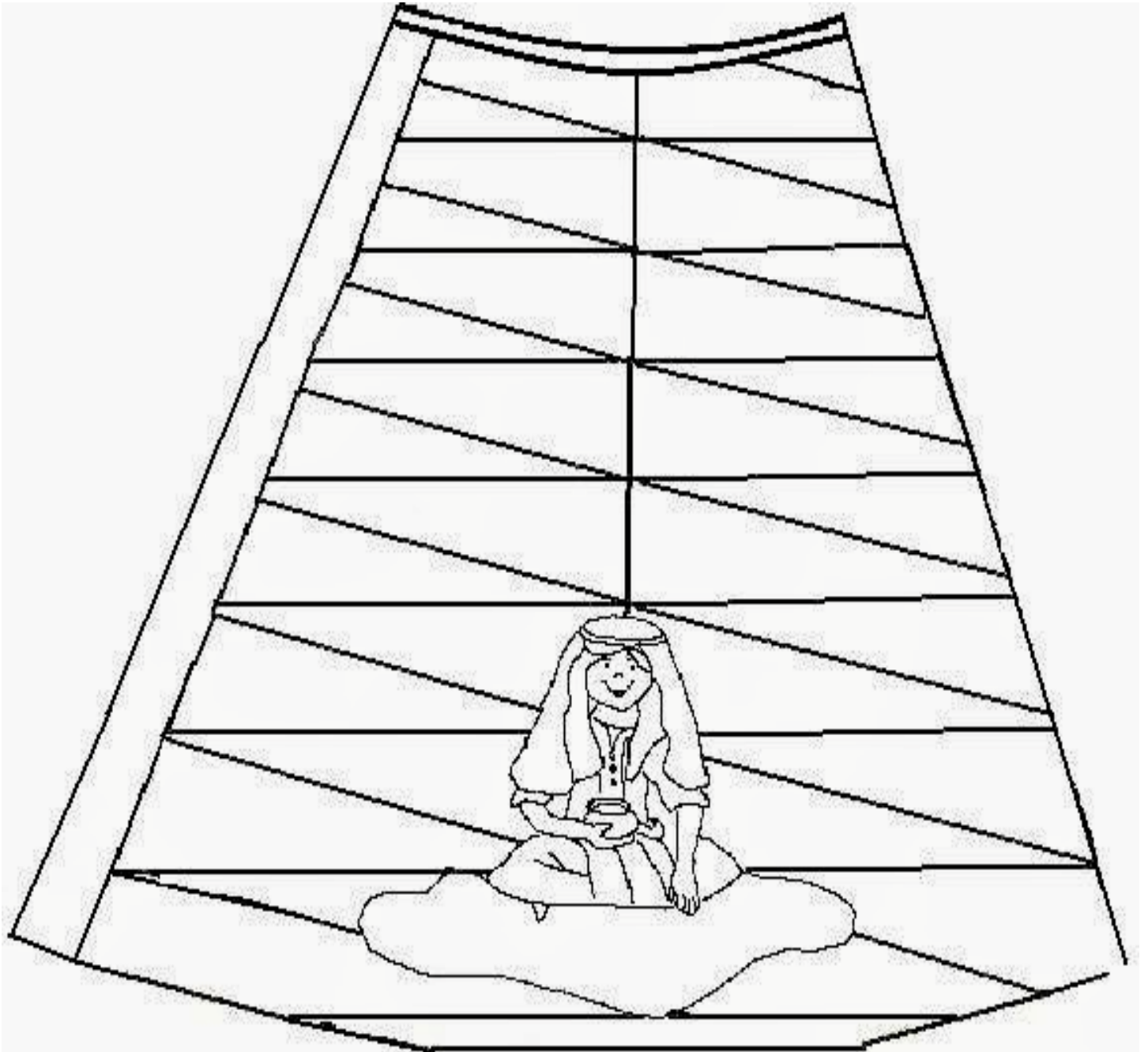


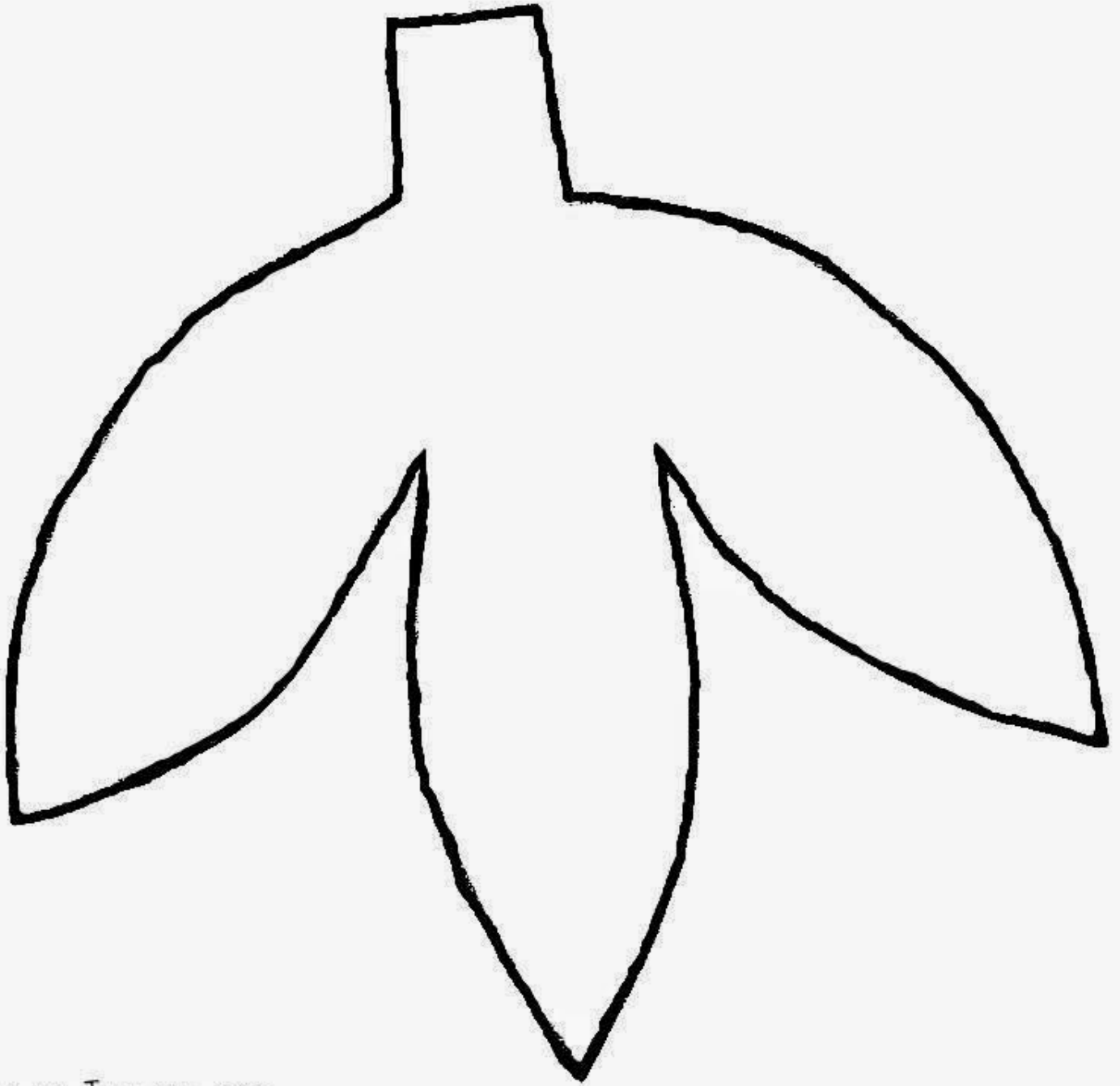
King David ruled over Israel for 40 years. He wrote many songs about God, called *psalms*. He even had plans to build a temple for God. David was a man who was dear to God's heart.



When King David was old, he told his son Solomon, "You will be the next king of Israel. Be strong and obey God with all your heart. Then he will bless you."

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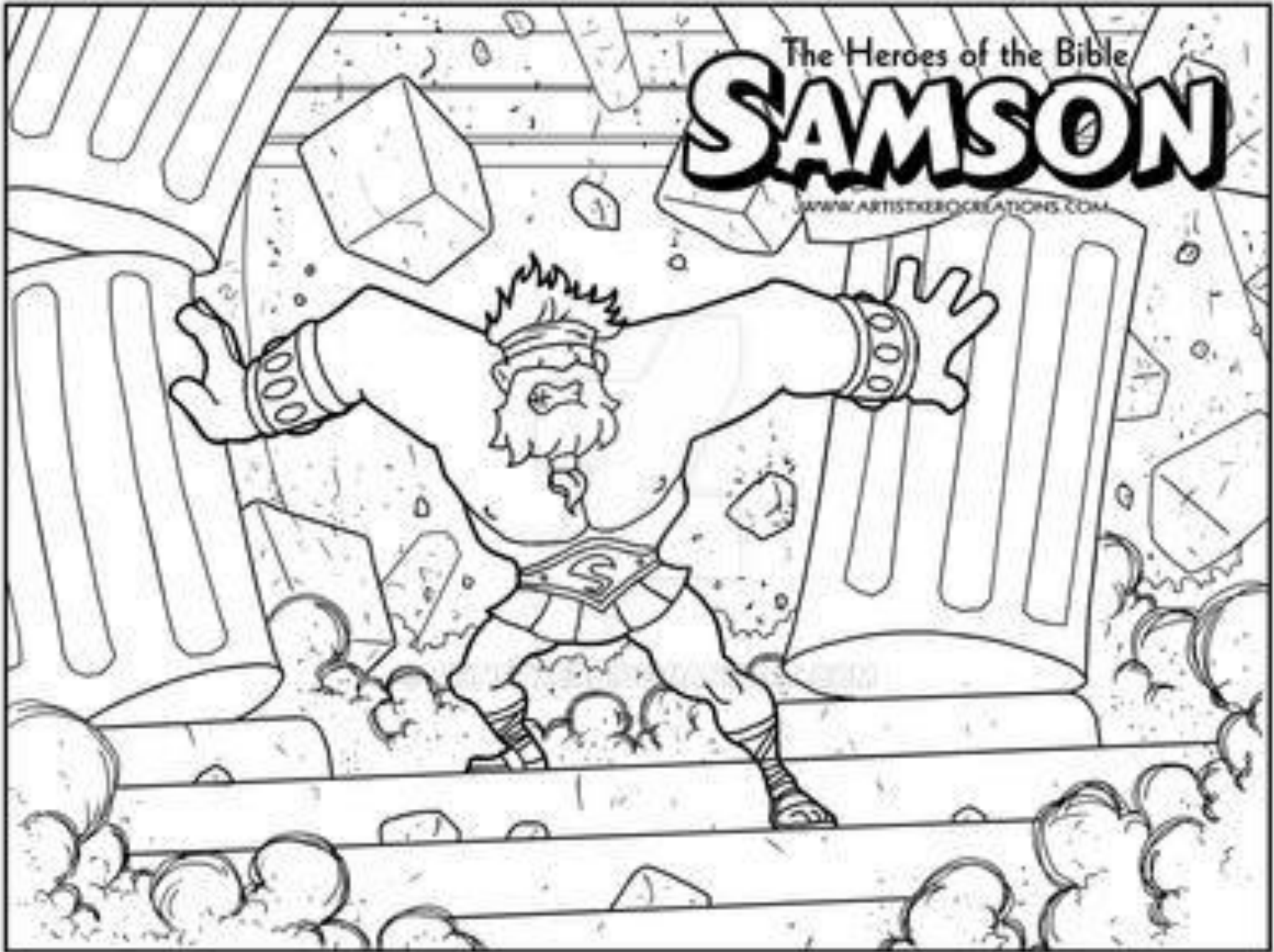
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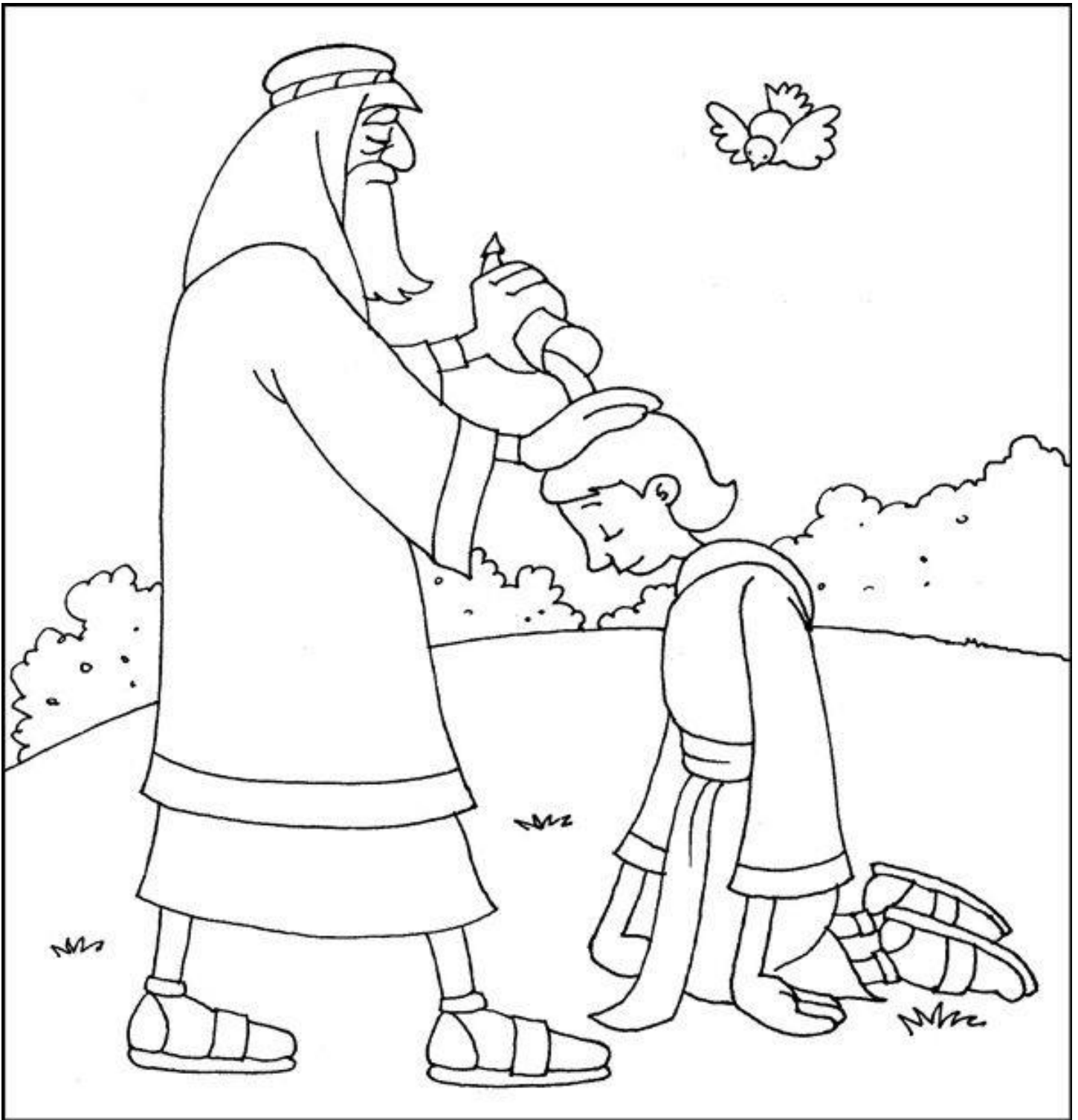
God Gave Gideon Courage Color by Number

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2. Light Green
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4. Dark Blue
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6. Skin
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8. Gray
9. Orange
10. Purple
11. Tan





Samuel poured oil on Saul's head. This was a sign that Saul was God's choice for their new king.



David & Goliath



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DAVID AND JONATHAN'S FRIENDSHIP

King David



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Optional Readings from The Jesus Storybook Bible

The teeny, weenie ... true king

Samuel anoints David, from 1 Samuel 16

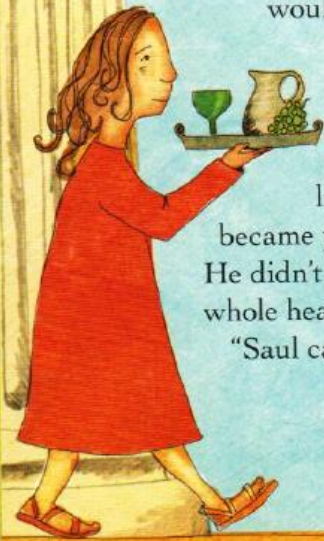
GOD'S PEOPLE had a new land. Now they wanted a king.

"But God is your King," Samuel told them. "He is the one who looks after you best."

"We want a real king!" they said. "One we can see!" God knew that a king might not be kind to his people or look after them as well as he would. But God's people didn't care; they wanted a king and they wanted him now!

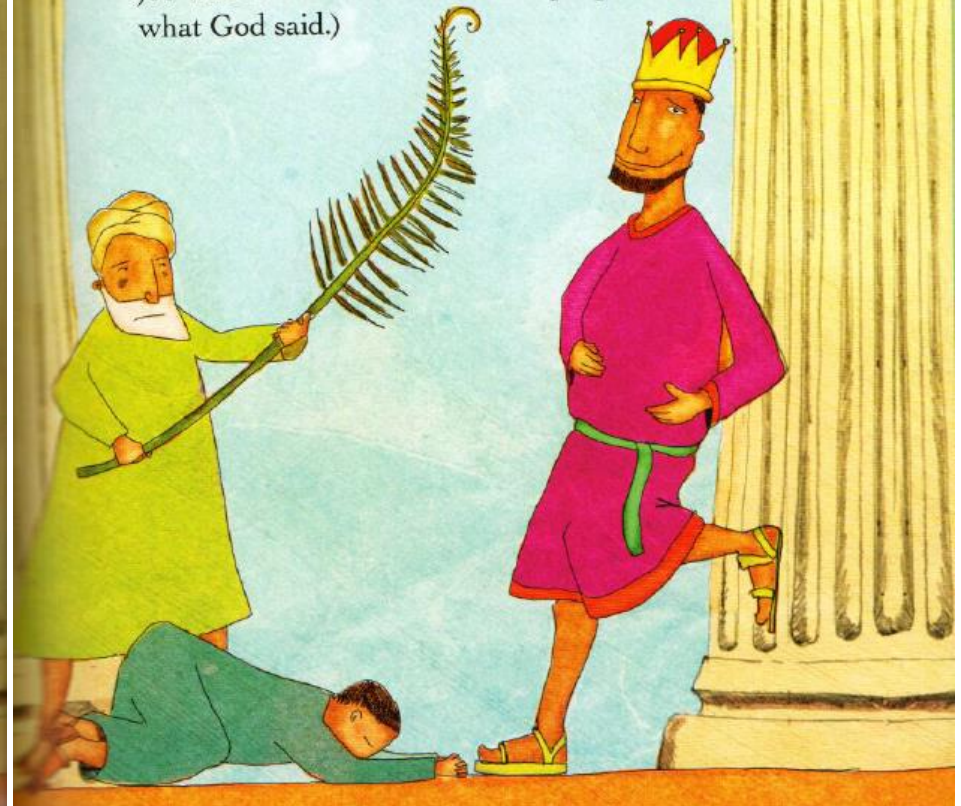
So God gave them a king. He was called Saul and he seemed like a good king — at first. But he became proud and stopped listening to God. He didn't obey God. Or love God with his whole heart.

"Saul can't help me with my plan," God said.



"I need a king who loves me and will teach my people to love me. I need a true king." God had just the one in mind.

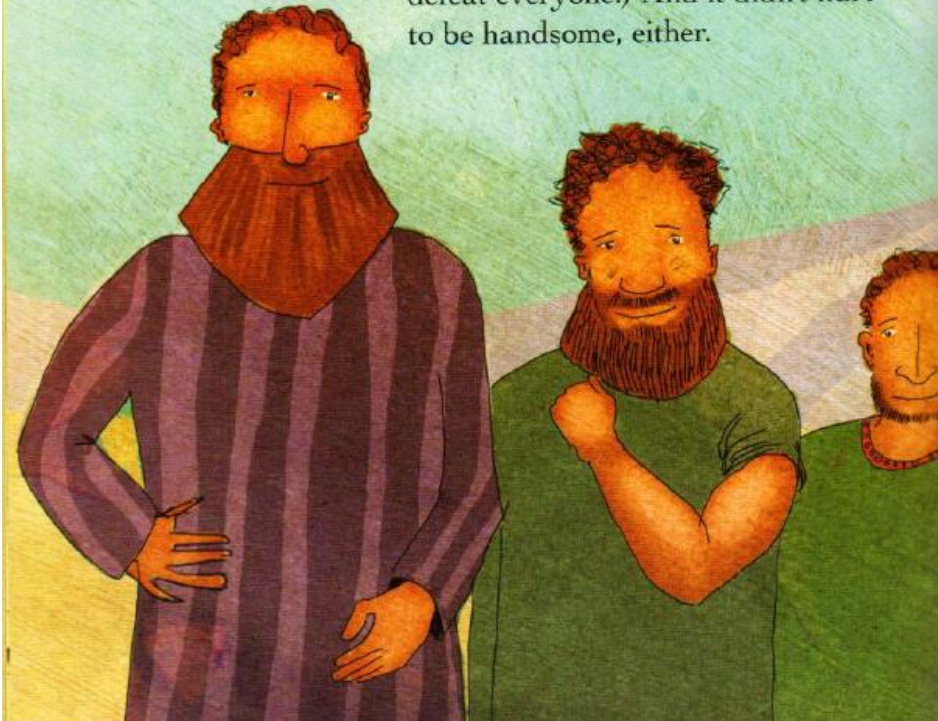
"Go to Bethlehem," God told Samuel. "You'll find the new king there." (Samuel's job was to listen to God and tell people what God said.)



So Samuel went to the little town of Bethlehem. God told Samuel to go to Jesse's house. God was going to choose one of Jesse's sons to be the new king.

Jesse had seven strong sons.

Now in those days if you were going to be the king, you didn't have to be the richest or the cleverest (although that was always nice). You had to look like a king, which meant you had to be the tallest and the strongest. (So you could carry the longest swords and biggest armor and defeat everyone.) And it didn't hurt to be handsome, either.



Samuel asked Jesse to bring him each son in turn. So Jesse brought the oldest, tallest, strongest son. *This must be the new king, Samuel thought. He looks like a king.*

But God didn't choose him. "You're thinking about what he looks like on the outside," God told Samuel. "But I am looking at his heart, what he's like on the inside."

So Jesse showed Samuel his next oldest, tallest, strongest son. But God didn't choose him either. In fact, God didn't choose any of the seven sons.

Samuel said, "Is that all?"

Jesse laughed. "Oh, well, there's the youngest one, but he's just the weakling of the family, he's only teeny —"

"Bring him," said Samuel.





Jesse's youngest son came running up, and God spoke quietly to Samuel, "This is the one!"

His name was David.

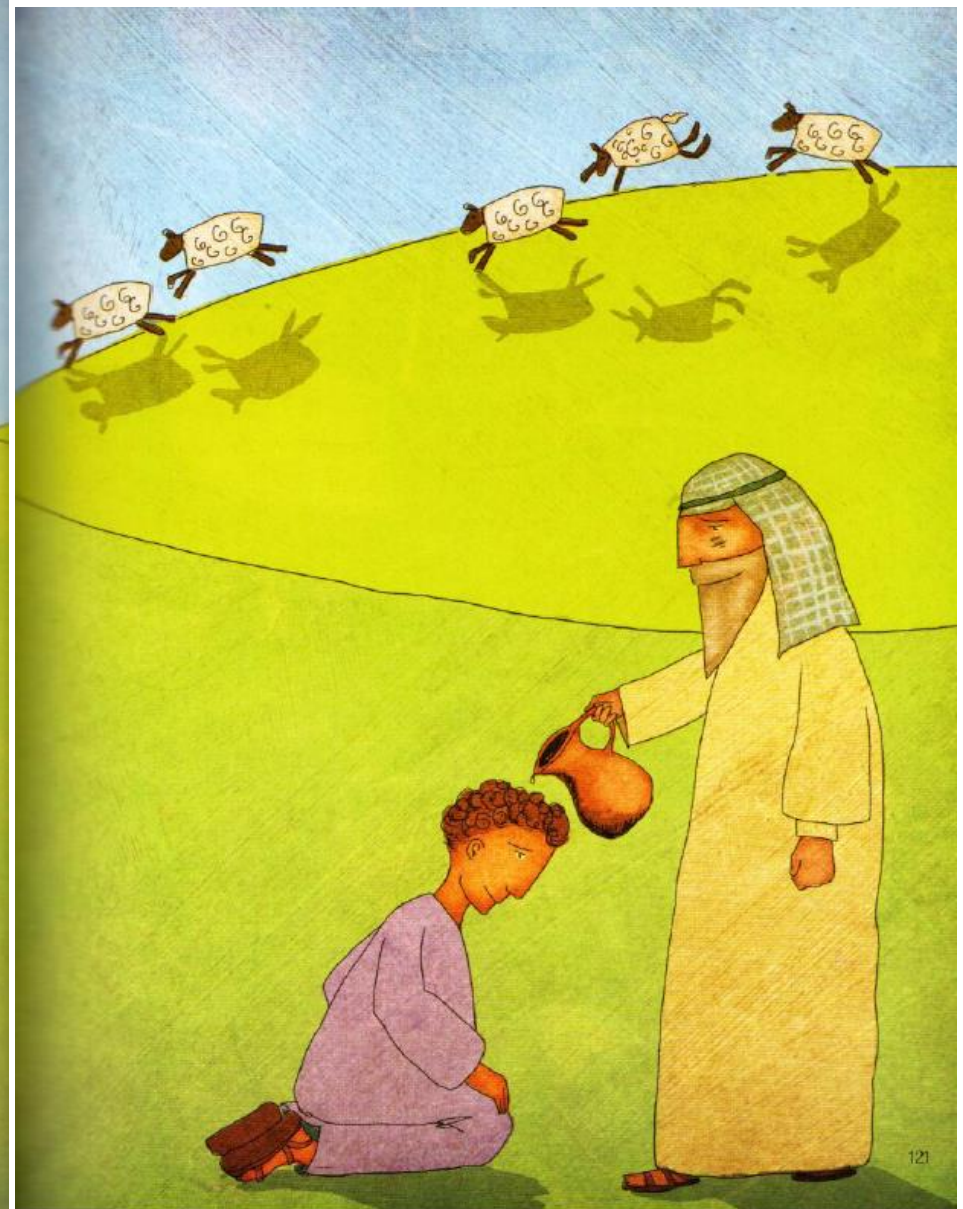
"He has a heart like mine," God said. "It is full of love. He will help me with my Secret Rescue Plan. And one of his children's children's children will be the King. And that King will rule the world forever."

Samuel anointed David's head with oil — which was a special way to show that you are God's chosen king. "You will be the new king one day," Samuel told him.

And, sure enough, when he grew up, David became king.


God chose David to be king because God was getting his people ready for an even greater King who was coming.

Once again, God would say, "Go to Bethlehem. You'll find the new King there." And there, one starry night in Bethlehem, in the town of David, three Wise Men would find him.



The young hero and the horrible giant


David and Goliath, from 1 Samuel 17



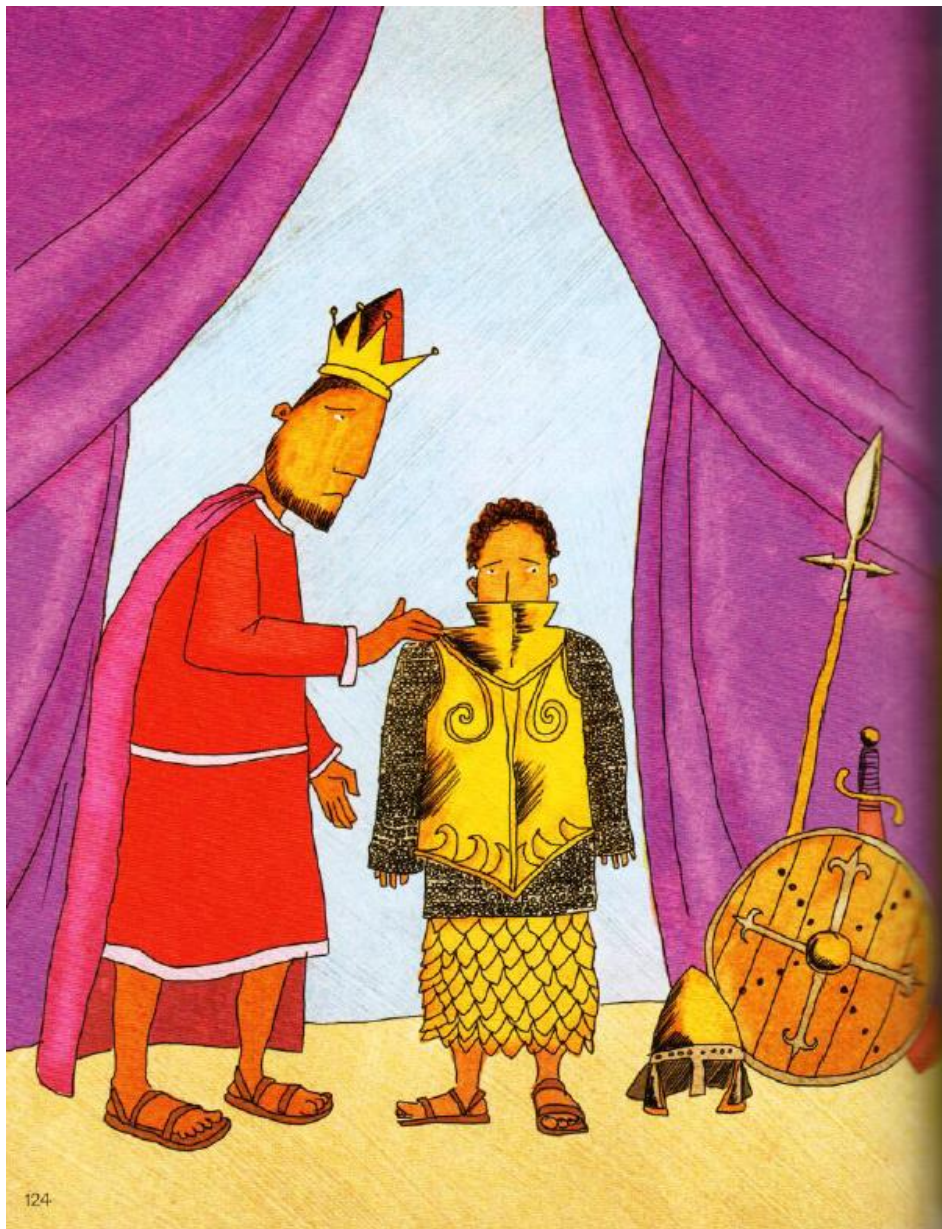
GOD'S PEOPLE HAD SOME scary enemies, but the Philistines were the scariest of them all. And now the Philistines had come to fight them.

The Philistines had a secret weapon, called "Goliath." Goliath was a terrifying soldier, and — worst of all — a GIANT! A giant so strong, and so tall, and so scary that no one had ever been able to fight him — and live to tell the tale.

So, there they were: the Philistines standing on the top of one hill; God's people standing on top of the other. Every day, Goliath came out and shouted, "Send your best soldier to fight me! If he wins, we will be your slaves. But if I win, you will be our slaves!" No one spoke. No one moved.



"Chickens!" Goliath bellowed. "Your God can't save you! I'll rip your heads off and have you on toast!" His beady, greedy eyes glowered at them hungrily from under his horrible helmet — as if any minute he really might just gobble them all up. And he laughed his terrible laugh. "Ha-Ha-Ha-Ha" it boomed, echoing horribly around and around the dry, dry valley.



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Well, Goliath might just as well have been a green, slimy monster with three heads because God's people froze with fear. Their eyes glazed over, and they turned deathly pale. They knew if someone didn't do something quick, if someone didn't save them —

But God would do something. He would send someone to save them.

Now, you remember that David was the youngest son of Jesse? Well his brothers were soldiers in the army. One day, when David brought his brothers their lunches, he saw Goliath — and he saw how scared everyone was.

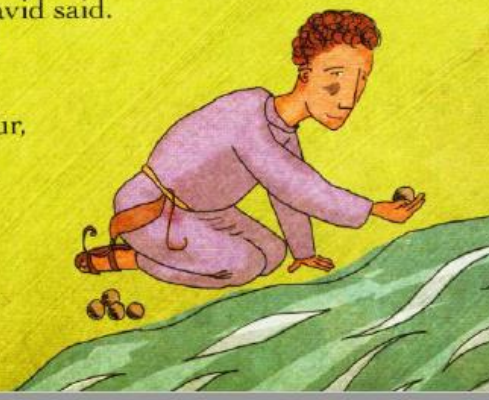
"Don't be afraid!" David said. "I'll fight him for you!"

"You're only a little shepherd boy," the king said, "and Goliath is a great soldier. How will you fight him?"

"God will help me!" David said.

So the king gave David his royal armor to wear, but it was too heavy and too big and David couldn't even walk. "I won't need this," David said.

Instead, David picked out five smooth stones from the stream — one, two, three, four, five — took his slingshot and walked towards Goliath. Step. Step. Step.



Goliath walked towards David. THUD. THUD. THUD. THUD. "You?" Goliath peered down at the small boy. "I'm little!" David shouted up to him. "But God is great!"

Goliath laughed an even terribler laugh than usual. "HAAAA-HA-HA-HAAAA!" it went.

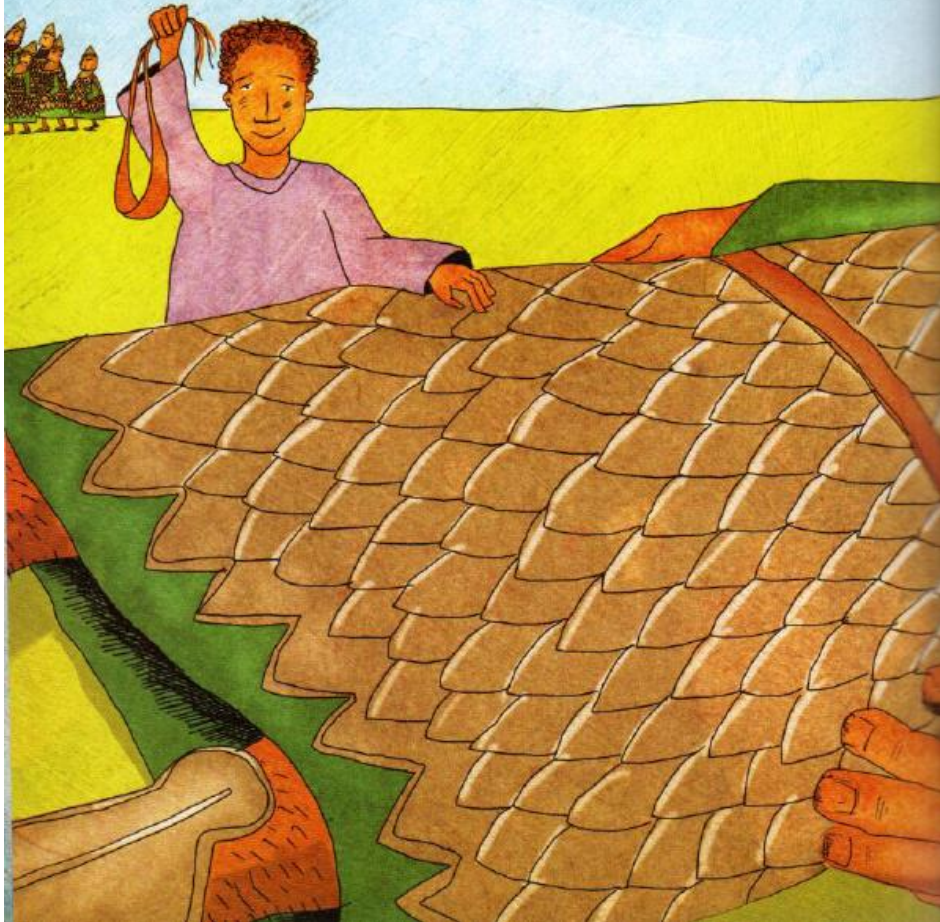
With just one swing of his giant sword, Goliath could finish the boy off.

But David kept going, "It isn't how strong you are or how many swords and spears you have that will save you — it is God who saves you! This is God's battle. And God always wins his battles!"

David put a stone in his sling, swung it around — and let it go. The little stone flew WHIZZ like a bullet through the air and struck Goliath THUD right between the eyes. Goliath stopped laughing ...



He stumbled ... and staggered ... and CRASH! fell dead.
When the Philistines saw Goliath was dead, they ran away. And when God's people saw them running away, they cheered. God had saved his people. David was a hero!



Many years later, God would send his people another young Hero to fight for them. And to save them.
But this Hero would fight the greatest battle the world has ever known.

