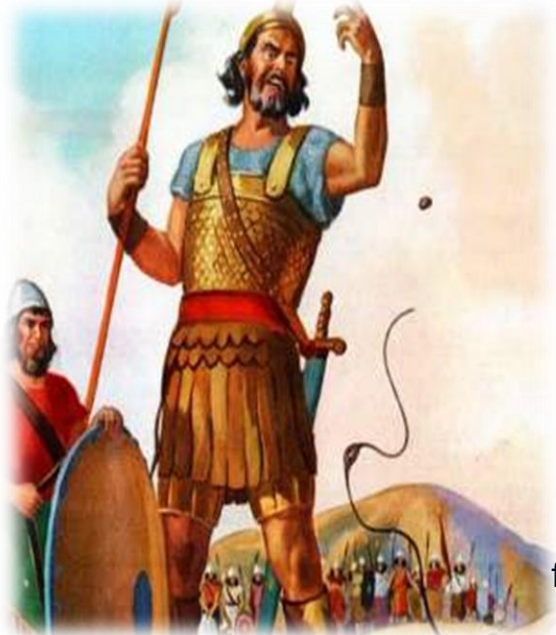


DAVID and GOLIATH

1st Samuel 17

All through the reign of Saul, there was constant war with the Philistines, who lived upon the lowlands west of Israel. At one time, when David was still with his sheep, a few years after he had been anointed by Samuel, the camps of the Philistines and the Israelites were set against each other on opposite sides of the valley of Elah. In the army of Israel were the three oldest brothers of David.

Every day a giant came out of the camp of the Philistines and dared some one to come from the Israelites' camp and fight with him. The giant's name was Goliath. He was nine feet high; and he wore armor from head to foot, and carried a spear twice as long and as heavy as any other man could hold; and his shield bearer walked before him. He came every day and called out across the little valley:



"I am a Philistine, and you are servants of Saul.

Now choose one of your men and let him come out and fight with me. If I kill him; then you shall submit to us; and if he kills me, then we will give up to you. Come, now, send out your man!" But no man in the army, not even King Saul, dared to go out and fight with the giant. Forty days the camps stood against each other, and the Philistine giant continued his call.

One day, Jesse, the father of David, sent David from Bethlehem to visit his three brothers in the army. David came, and spoke to his brothers; and while he was talking with them, Goliath the giant came out as before in front of the camp calling for some one to fight with him.

David's brother Eliab said to him:

"What are you doing here, leaving your sheep in the field? I know that you have come down just to see the battle."

But David did not care for his brother's words. He thought he saw a way to kill this boasting giant; and he said:

David's brothers and others said one to another, (in trying to coax somebody within the group to go out and fight Goliath),

"If any man will go out and kill this Philistine, the king will give him a great reward and a high rank; and the king's daughter shall be his wife."

Then David said to them, "Who is this man that speaks in this proud manner against the armies of the living God? Why does not some one go out and kill him?"

"If no one else will go, I will go out and fight with this enemy of the Lord's people."

They brought David before King Saul. (Some years had passed since Saul had met David, and he had grown from a boy to a young man), so that Saul did not know him as the shepherd who had played on the harp before him in other days.

Saul said to David:

"You cannot fight with this great giant. You are very young; and he is a man of war, trained from his youth."

And David answered King Saul:

"I am only a shepherd, but I have fought with lions and bears, when they have tried to steal my sheep. And I am not afraid to fight with this Philistine."

Then Saul put his own armor on David -- a helmet on his head, and a coat of mail on his body, and a sword at his waist. But Saul was almost a giant, and his armor was far too large for David. David said:

"I am not used to fighting with such weapons as these.

Let me fight in my own way." So David took off

Saul's armor. While everybody in the army had

been looking on the giant with fear, David had

been thinking out the best way for fighting him;

and God had given to David a plan. It was to

throw the giant off his guard, by appearing weak

and helpless; and while so far away that the giant could

not reach him with sword or spear, to strike him down with

a weapon which the giant would not expect and would not be prepared for.



David took his shepherd's staff in his hand, as though that were to be his weapon. But out of sight, in a bag under his mantle, he had five smooth stones carefully chosen, and a sling, -- the weapon that he knew how to use. Then he came out to meet the Philistine.

The giant looked down on the youth and despised him and laughed.

"Am I a dog?" he said, "that this boy comes to me with a staff? I will give his body to the birds of the air, and the beasts of the field."

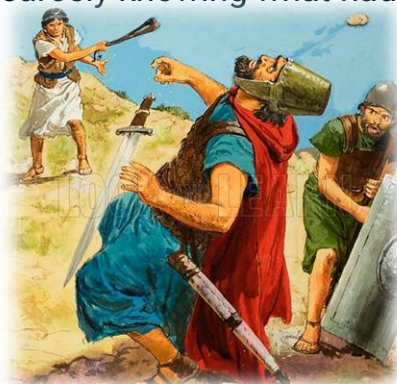
And the Philistine cursed David by the gods of his people. And David answered him:

"You come against me with a sword, and a spear, and a dart; but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel. This day will the Lord give you into my hand. I will strike you down, and take off your head, and the host of the Philistines shall be dead bodies, to be eaten by the birds and the beasts; so that all may know that there is a God in Israel, and that He can save in other ways besides with sword and spear."



And David ran toward the Philistine, as if to fight him with his shepherd's staff. But when he was just near enough for a good aim, he took out his sling, and hurled a stone aimed at the giant's forehead. David's aim was good; the stone struck the Philistine in his forehead. It stunned him, and he fell to the ground.

While the two armies stood wondering, and scarcely knowing what had caused the giant to fall so suddenly, David ran forward, the giant's own sword, and cut off his head. Philistines knew that their great warrior in they trusted was dead. They turned to flee own land; and the Israelites followed after and killed them by the hundred and the sand, even to the gates of their own city



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So in that day David won a great victory and stood before all the land as the one who had saved his people.

PROJECT

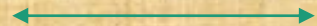
Your Project will be a cross-word puzzle that will be completed in class. **First** one (those in class) to finish it will receive **5 extra points**. The words will be the following:

Proverbs 3: 5-6

⁵ Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

⁶ In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

David
Goliath
Spear
Sword
Cutoff
Stones
Sling
Wife
Fight
Battle
Dog
Shepherd
Youth
Philistine
Israel
God



Test Questions

(Will be answered at home. Turn in when you arrive at Sunday school. These will be discussed in class.

Regular **4 points**.

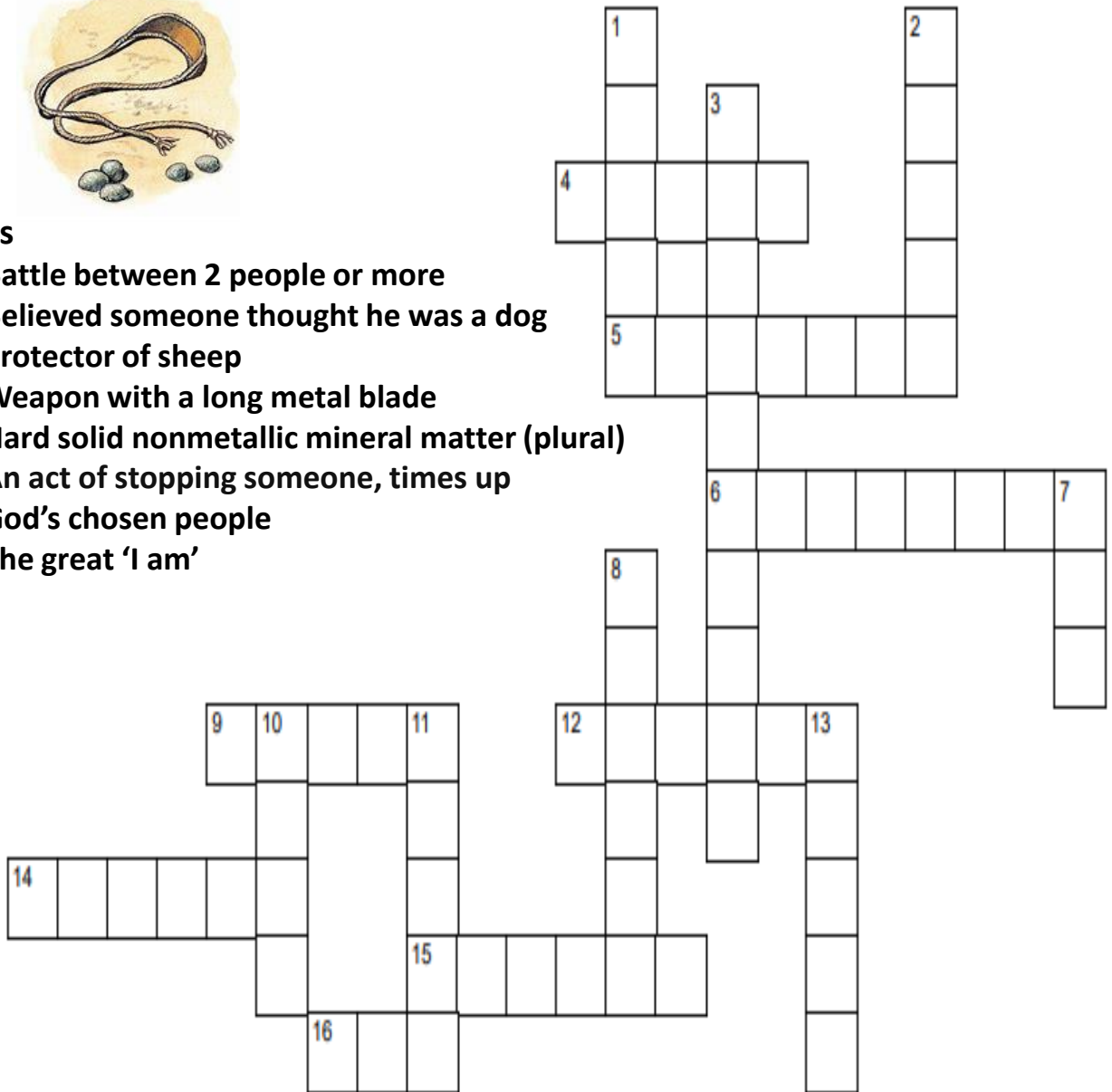
- Was David well liked by his brothers?
- Was David the oldest or the youngest son of Jesse?
- When did David 1st see Goliath?
- How tall was Goliath?
- Where was David's help and strength coming from?
- What was promised to the man who would kill Goliath?
- Why had no one gone out to fight Goliath?
- Why did Goliath believe that he could win the battle against David?
- Why did David believe that he could win the battle against Goliath?
- David was a man after God's own heart', what does this mean?
- Why didn't Saul recognize David?
- How long had Israel and the Philistines been in the battle when David arrived.

David and Goliath – Week 4



Across

4. Battle between 2 people or more
5. Believed someone thought he was a dog
6. Protector of sheep
9. Weapon with a long metal blade
12. Hard solid nonmetallic mineral matter (plural)
14. An act of stopping someone, times up
15. God's chosen people
16. The great 'I am'



Words are in your study guide that was given out this week

Down

1. Simple weapon in the form of a strap or loop
2. Period between childhood and adult age
3. Enemy of the Children of Israel
7. Four-legged animal, Woof, Woof
8. Fight between 2 people or more
10. Married woman
11. After God's own heart
13. Weapon with a long shaft and a pointed tip



DAVID and Goliath

1st Samuel 17

The Israelites were at war with the Philistines, who had a giant warrior named Goliath fighting for them. Day after day, Goliath mocked the Israelites. He shouted: 'Send me a man who will fight me. If he wins, we will be your slaves. But if I win, you will be our slaves.'

David came to the Israelite army camp with food for his brothers who were soldiers. He heard Goliath and said:

'I will fight him!' King Saul said: 'But you are just a boy.' David replied: 'Jehovah will help me.'

Saul tried to let David use his armor, but David said:

'I can't fight in this armor.' David took his sling

and went to a stream. He chose five smooth

stones and put them in a pouch. Then David

ran toward Goliath. The giant shouted: 'Come

here, little boy. I will feed you to the birds of

the sky and to the wild animals.' David wasn't afraid. He shouted back:

'You come with a sword and a spear, but I come in the name of Jehovah.

You are not fighting against us; you are fighting against God. Everyone

here will see that Jehovah is more powerful than a sword or a spear. He

will give all of you into our hand.'



David slipped a stone into his sling and swung it as hard as he could. With Jehovah's help, the stone shot out and sank into Goliath's forehead. The giant fell dead to the ground. Then the Philistines ran for their lives. Do you trust in God, as David did?

“And Jesus looking upon them saith, **With men *it is impossible,* but not with God: for with God all things are possible.**” [Mark 10:27](#)

Children

