



## David's Fight with Goliath: Not by Might or Power (1 Sam 17)

*Questions: Week Nine*

### David and Goliath - [1 Samuel 17:1-58](#)<sup>1</sup>

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#### Open It

1. What is your image of a totally intimidating person?
2. \*When will people root for the underdog, even when there is little or no chance of victory?

#### Explore It

3. What was the placement of the Philistine and Israelite armies at the beginning of the story? ([17:3](#))
4. What were the superhuman characteristics of Goliath? ([17:4-7](#))
5. What was Goliath's challenge to the Israelites? ([17:8-9](#))
6. How did Saul's army react to the challenge? ([17:11](#))
7. What was David's position among Jesse's sons? ([17:13-15](#))
8. How long had Goliath been coming forward with his daily challenge? ([17:16](#))
9. How did David happen to be going to the front lines? ([17:17-20](#))
10. What was happening just as David arrived where the army was camped? ([17:20-23](#))
11. What reward had the king promised to the man who would kill Goliath? ([17:25](#))
12. \*In David's view, why should the Israelites not have been intimidated by Goliath? ([17:26](#))
13. What was Eliab's reaction when he found David asking about the reward? ([17:28](#))

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1. *Adult Questions for LESSONMaker*, (Austin, TX: Wordsearch, 1992), WORDsearch CROSS e-book, Under: "David and Goliath - 1 Samuel 17:1-58".

14. How did David come to meet with Saul? ([17:31](#))
15. \*How confident was young David when he met the king? ([17:32](#))
16. Why was Saul skeptical about David's ability to defeat Goliath? ([17:33](#))
17. What experiences helped David to believe that God would deliver him? ([17:34-37](#))
18. What happened when David tried on Saul's armor? ([17:38-39](#))
19. How did David end up arming himself for the confrontation with Goliath? ([17:40](#))
20. How did Goliath react when he saw David approaching? ([17:42-44](#))
21. \*What was David's answer to the Philistine champion's taunts? ([17:45-47](#))
22. What was David's weapon of choice? ([17:48-49](#))
23. What action did David take after he had felled the giant? ([17:51](#))
24. How did the Philistines react to the defeat of their hero? ([17:51-52](#))
25. How did the Israelite army follow up David's victory? ([17:52-54](#))

### **Get It**

26. What part do words and posturing play in intimidation?
27. Why was the Israelite army paralyzed at the Valley of Elah?
28. Why was it so surprising that David took an interest in confronting the giant Goliath?
29. What circumstances can make a group of people lose heart?
30. In what sense is there a fine line between bravery and stupidity?
31. \*What viewpoint on spiritual warfare can give courage to the seemingly helpless?
32. \*In the story of David and Goliath, what "weapons" were the most powerful?

### **Apply It**

33. How can you move from cowering to courage the next time you find yourself the underdog?
34. \*In what concrete way can you confront a "giant" problem or trouble with faith?