

# David



God chose David to be the next king of Israel. He chose David even though he was the smallest in his family and Saul was tall handsome and brave. But God chose David because of what he saw in David's heart. David was the youngest of 8 brothers. His job was watching over the family sheep. Some of David's brothers were in the Israeli army. The army was preparing for battle against the Philistines. So, one day David was taking his brothers some food because his father asked him to. When he got there a **BIG GIANT** named Goliath came out wearing thick armor and carrying huge weapons. David found out that Goliath had been stepping out on the field every day for the last 40 days saying, "Give me a man to fight". But no one from Israel was brave enough to fight him. So, David stood up and said, "I'll fight him". David knew God would be with him. He picked up 5 smooth stones to use with his slingshot from a nearby stream to fight Goliath. He walked out on the field to meet Goliath. When Goliath saw how small David was, he was furious. David said, "You come at me with a sword, but I come at you with The Lord Almighty". David took a stone and put it in his sling and slung it at Goliath. The stone hit him right in the forehead. He fell straight to the ground. Then David ran over and took Goliath's sword and cut off his head! When the Philistine's realized Goliath was dead, they ran away. After the battle between David and Goliath, David got the king's attention. Saul wanted to know more about this brave young man. Saul decided to give David responsibility and authority over the whole army and the people loved him. The people began to love David more than Saul. Saul became jealous of David. He spent years chasing him and trying to kill him, causing David to constantly be looking over his shoulder in fear of Saul. One time Saul got really close to David without realizing it. David had a chance to kill Saul, but he didn't. David recognized that Saul was the king that God had

put in place for that time and so he would not harm him because David loved and respected God too much. It was David's love for God that kept him from taking revenge on Saul. Well David seems near perfect, right? Not exactly... Well, David finally becomes king. Even though David loved the Lord, he was still human and imperfect. He still messed up; in fact, he messed up pretty bad. At one point he steals the wife of a man named Uriah who is away at war fighting in David's army. David orders the commander of the army to put Uriah in the front of the battle and leave him with no help so that he is killed. And that's what happened. David has hit a new low! He confesses and repents. He pours out his heart, and The Lord forgives him.

God used David who was just an ordinary kid to rescue His people. David loved God and His people. He was brave and courageous. He had faith in God's power, but he wasn't perfect.

None of us is perfect and we all sin. That does not disqualify us from being chosen and loved by God. David's sin did not surprise God, and neither does ours. But what God saw in David's heart was true repentance and sorrow over sin. When God looks at your heart, make sure He sees Jesus in there. Jesus gave up His life to pay the price for your sins. When you are a Christian, God looks at your heart, sees your faith in Jesus and your love for Him, and sees you as priceless and has a great purpose for you!

Have a Blessed Week!

## Bible Verse:

"If we confess our sins, God will forgive us.  
He will make us clean from  
all the wrong things we have done."

1 John 1:9

