

# Fight Night in Israel

## David v. Goliath

based more or less on 1 Samuel 17

by Rev. Mark Alan Miller

Cast: Announcer, Narrator, Goliath, David, Saul

ANNOUNCER     On this side of the valley, weighing in at several thousand big and ugly... ... The Philistines!  
And on that side of the valley, weighing in at several thousand not nearly so big and ugly... ... King Saul and The Israelites!

NARRATOR     These two groups had been annoying each other for a long time and finally the cold war was about to get hot. But neither army felt confident enough to make the first move, so they just stood across the valley from each other making faces, taunting, and blowing raspberries at each other.

ANNOUNCER     So far, not much action. In fact, it's a real yawn-fest out here. Wait... wait ... someone is stepping out of the Philistine front line ... and he's huge! Almost 10 feet tall and nearly half that as wide, with what looks like a ton of armor and an extra-large spear.  
It's Goliath, the pride of Gath!

GOLIATH     *[ trash talking ]* Hey! You Israelites! You're all ugly and your mothers dress you funny!  
Have you come out here to fight or just lower the property values?!? Send your best out here and we'll mix it up. If he can take me out then we'll be your slaves. But if I waste him then you will be our slaves.  
Y'all are lame! Give me someone to fight!

NARRATOR        Having seen and heard Goliath, Saul and the Israelites were either staring like deer in the headlights or starting to turn green, as if seasick.

Not all the Israelites, though, were so disturbed by Goliath's trash talk. A peach-fuzz-faced teen, just graduated from Bethlehem High School, was clearly unimpressed and, as teenagers are occasionally inclined to do, began to shoot off his mouth.

DAVID             *[ full of cockiness ]* Give me a break! Why are you guys scared of Captain Ugly out there!?! His muscles are rented and his armor looks like it was pieced together in a junkyard. Why are we letting this windbag insult the people of the living God!?! Let me at 'im!!!

SAUL              Whoa, boy! You're just a kid and that monster has been a soldier longer than you've been alive. He'll make dog-meat out of you!

DAVID             No sweat! I used to take care of my Dad's sheep. Sometimes the flock would be attacked by lions, tigers, and bears ...

EVERYONE        Oh my!!!

DAVID             ... and if one of them grabbed a lamb then I went after it and killed it and brought the lamb back to the flock.  
The Lord our God always kept me safe. And the Lord who kept me from the paws and fangs of the lions, tigers, and bears ...

EVERYONE        Oh my!!!

DAVID             ... well, God will keep me safe from that big, ugly Philistine, too!

SAUL              Okay kid! You've got the job. Go get him!

NARRATOR        So Saul put his own shiny and expensive armor on David, but David couldn't even walk.

DAVID             Get this stuff off me! I feel like I'm wearing a Volkswagon!

NARRATOR        So after stumbling out of Saul's armor, David picked up his staff and a handful of smooth stones from the brook and put them in his shepherd's pouch. With a sling in his hand, he trotted out to meet Mr. Big'n'Ugly.

GOLIATH         [ laughing ] Are you guys serious?!? Do you think I'm a dog that you send this kid out here to throw me a stick?!? Come here, you little dung beetle! I'll make roadkill out of you!

DAVID             Wow! You're even uglier up close! ... and when was the last time you took a bath. Phew!  
You may have a sword and spear, but I've got God! By defying the army of Israel, you've insulted God. And this same God who kept me safe from lions, tigers, and bears ...

EVERYONE        Oh, my!!!

DAVID             ... will give me victory over you. It's you and your Philistine friends who are going to be roadkill, not me! And everyone will know that the Lord doesn't sword or spear to win the day.

ANNOUNCER      It's been a tense few moments of trash talk out there but now it looks like there's going to be some action. Goliath has just grabbed his spear and is stepping forward. The kid is showing some fine footwork as he moves up on Goliath, but it's not clear what he can do without a sword or even a shield for protection. Folks, if you have any children with watching this with you, now would be a good time to take them into the kitchen for milk and cookies.

NARRATOR As he ran toward Goliath, David reached into his pouch and pulled out a stone and put it into his sling. Still on the run, David spun the sling a few times and then let fly with the stone.

GOLIATH Ouch!!!

ANNOUNCER Incredible! Amazing! Unbelievable!  
The kid has just shot Goliath with a stone from a sling. The big guy is just standing there. It looks like the stone has gone right into his forehead!

EVERYONE Eeewww! Yuck!

ANNOUNCER Goliath is teetering! He's ... he's ... he's going down! And he's not getting up!  
The kid has won! He's scored the biggest upset since the Hebrews beat the Egyptians at the Red Sea a couple centuries ago.

NARRATOR David beat the Goliath, and he did it with just a sling and a stone and solid faith in God.  
Since they didn't have trophies to hand out in those days, David had to make his own trophy – so he cut off Goliath's head.

EVERYONE Eeewww! Yuck!

NARRATOR When the rest of the Philistines saw what had happened to their champion ran like scared rabbits!

EVERYONE The End.