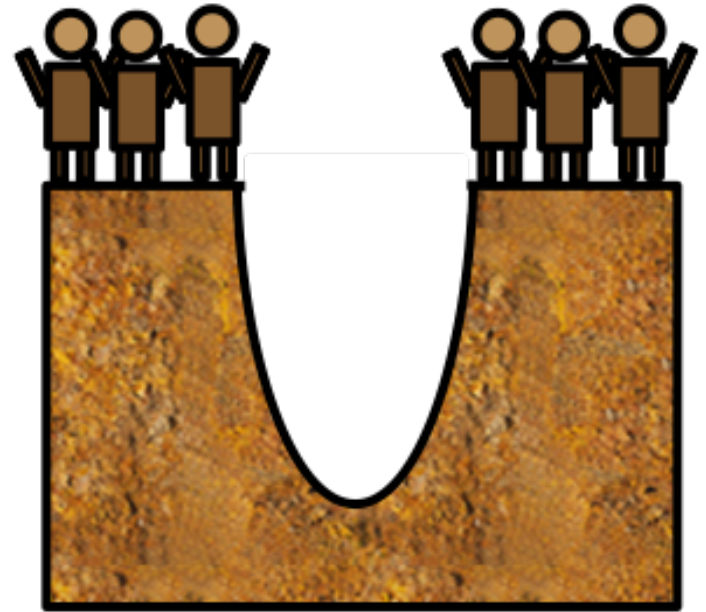


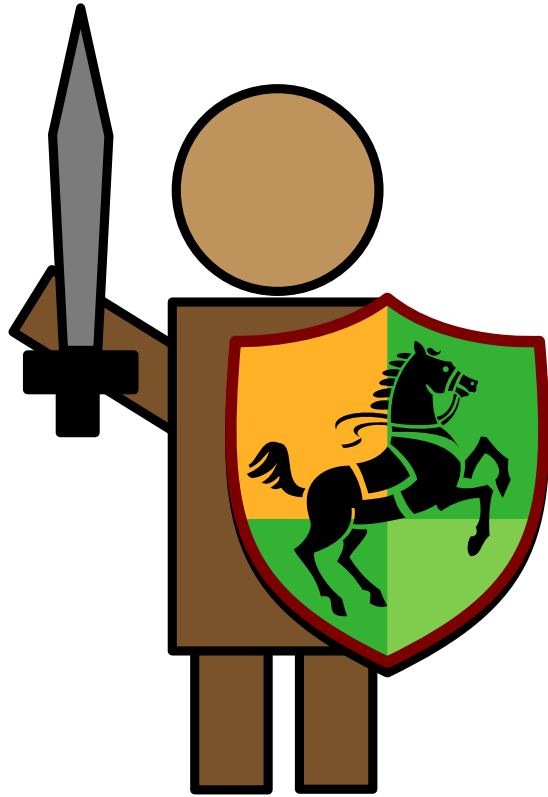
# David and Goliath



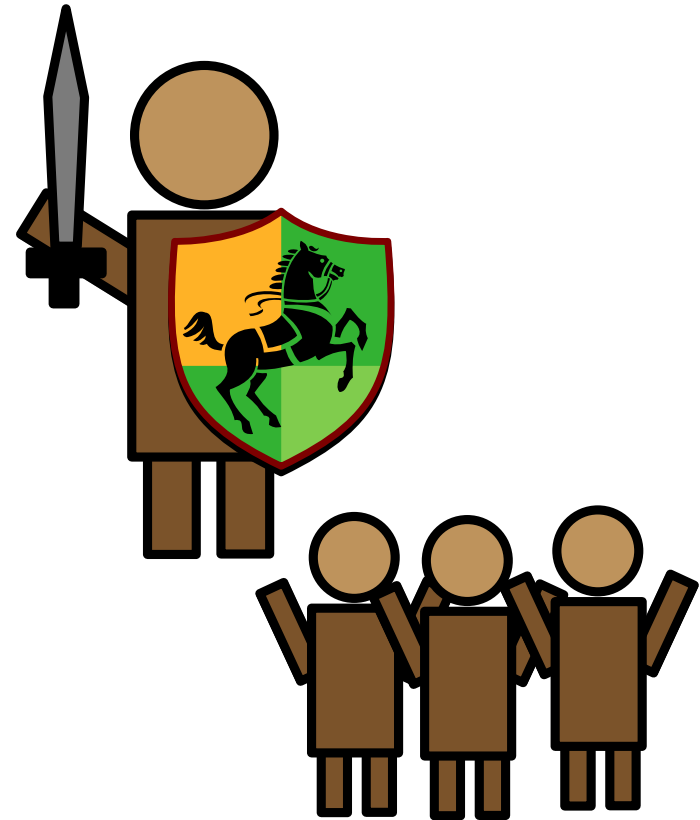
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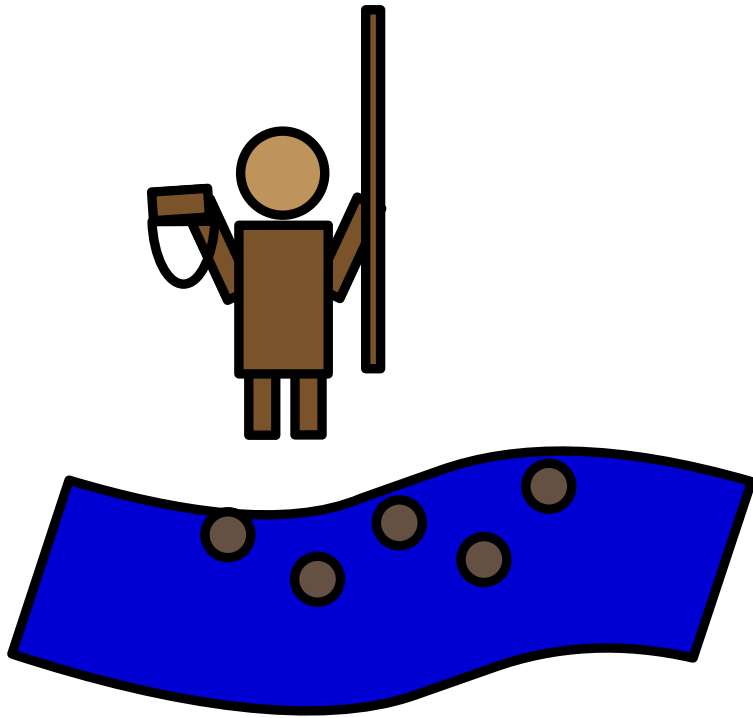
*Saul and the army of Israel gathered together. They lined up their men to fight against the Philistines. The Philistine army was camped on one hill. Israel's army was on another. The valley was between them.*



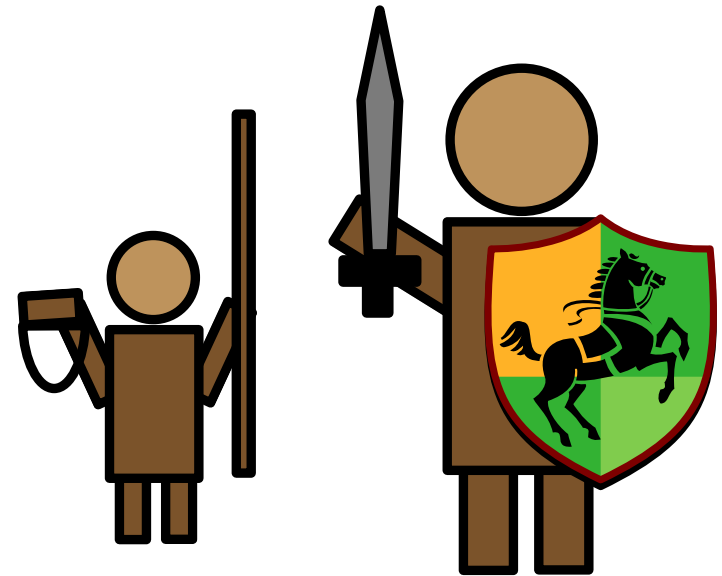
A mighty hero named Goliath came out of the Philistine camp. He was more than nine feet tall. Goliath stood and shouted to the soldiers of Israel. He said, "Why do you come out and line up for battle? I'm a Philistine. You are servants of Saul. Choose one of your men. Have him come down and face me.



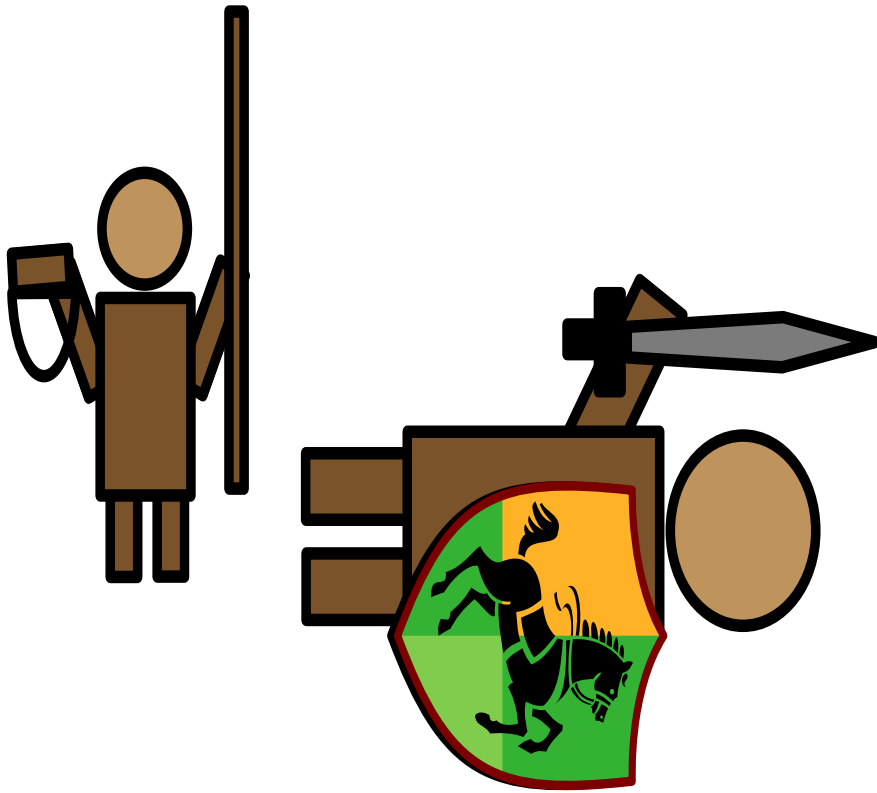
Saul and the whole army of Israel heard what the Philistine said. They were terrified. Every morning and evening Goliath came forward and stood there. He did it for 40 days.



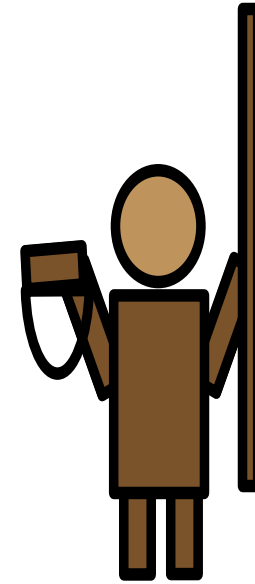
Then David picked up his wooden staff.  
He went down to a stream and chose  
five smooth stones. He put them in the  
pocket of his shepherd's bag. Then he  
took his sling in his hand and  
approached Goliath.



David said to Goliath, "You are  
coming to fight against me with a  
sword, a spear and a javelin. But  
I'm coming against you in the  
name of the Lord who rules over  
all. He is the God of the armies  
of Israel. He's the one you have  
dared to fight against."  
As the Philistine moved closer to  
attack him, David ran quickly to  
the battle line to meet him.



He reached into his bag. He took out a stone. He put it in his sling. He slung it at Goliath. The stone hit him on the forehead and sank into it. He fell to the ground on his face.



So David won the fight against Goliath with a sling and a stone. He struck the Philistine down and killed him. He did it without even using a sword.