Oxford Chinese Students & Scholars Christian Fellowship

Family Worship David & Goliath

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Opening Prayer

Our Heavenly Father, thank you for our family.

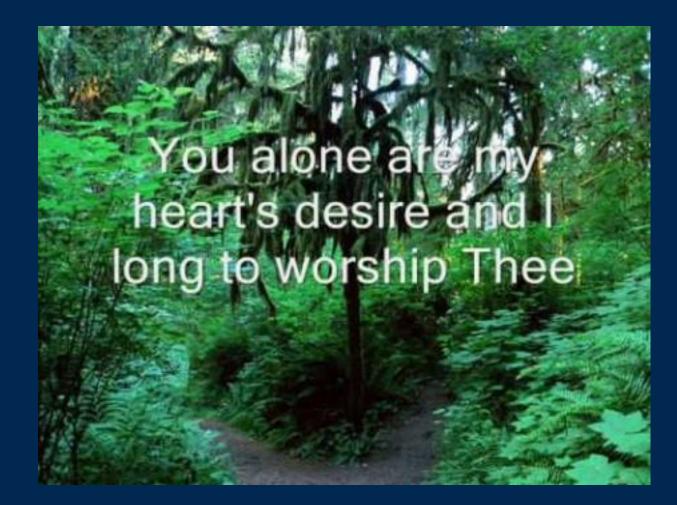
And thank you for the privilege of coming together for worship.

Help us to understand Your Word and obey it with a joyful heart.

In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.



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Catechism Time! Bible truths for teaching children

Question 24

Q: Why was it necessary for Christ, the Redeemer, to die?

A: Christ died willingly in our place to deliver us from the power and penalty of sin and bring us back to God.

Bible verse (Colossians 1:21-22)

At one time you were separated from God. You were God's enemies in your minds because the evil deeds you did were against God.

But now Christ has made you God's friends again. He did this by his death while he was in the body, that he might bring you into God's presence.

He brings you before God as people who are holy, with no wrong in you, and with nothing that God can judge you guilty of.

David and Goliath

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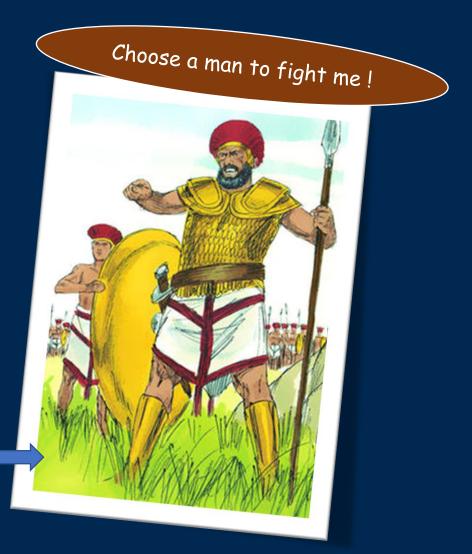
David and Goliath (1 Samuel 17)

Israel was at war with the Philistines. A champion fighter called Goliath challenged the Israelites.

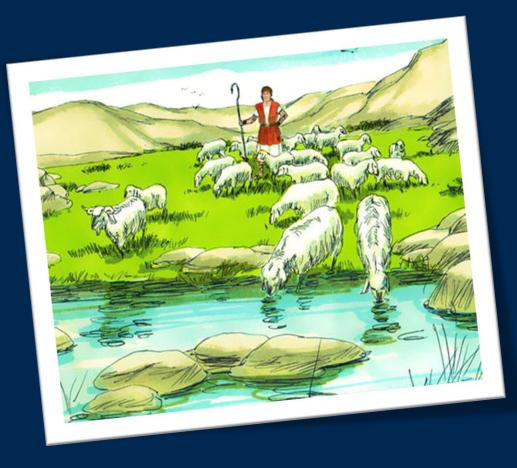
For 40 days, he shouted at the Israelites, "Choose a man to fight me. If he can kill me, we will become your servants. But if I defeat and kill him, you will become our servants."

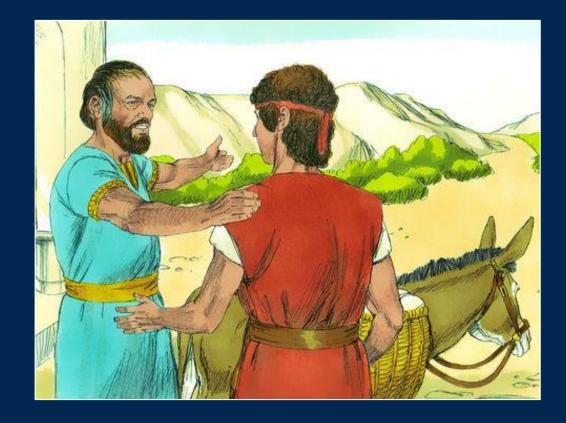
The Israelites were very afraid.

You see, Goliath was a giant. He was well protected by bronze armour. Look at him



Nobody was brave enough to fight Goliath. Now David's 3 elder brothers were at the front line. David was with his father, looking after his sheep.





Jesse said to his son David,



"Take this half bushel of cooked grain.

And take ten loaves of bread. Take them to your brothers in the camp. Also take ten pieces of cheese.

Give them to the commander of your brothers' group of 1,000 soldiers. See how your brothers are."

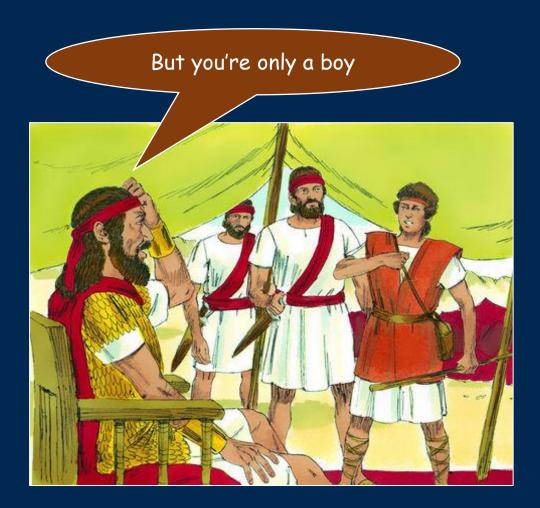


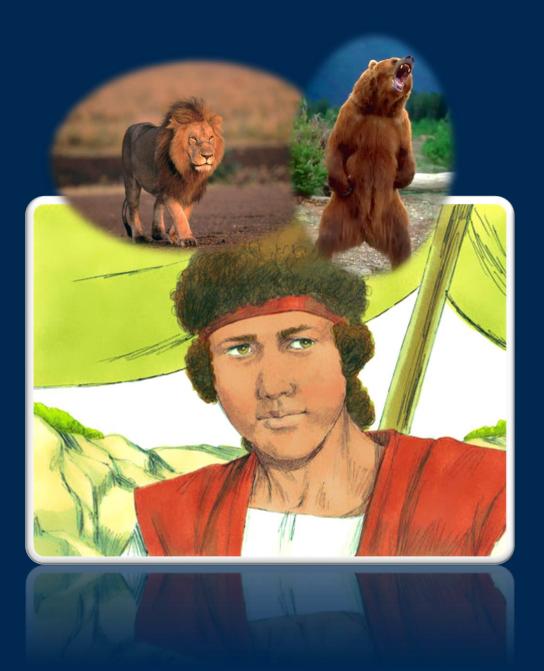


At the front line, David heard Goliath's words. David wanted to fight him.

David was brought before Saul, king of the Israelites.

Saul said, "You can't go out against this Philistine and fight him. You're only a boy. Goliath has been a warrior since he was a young man."





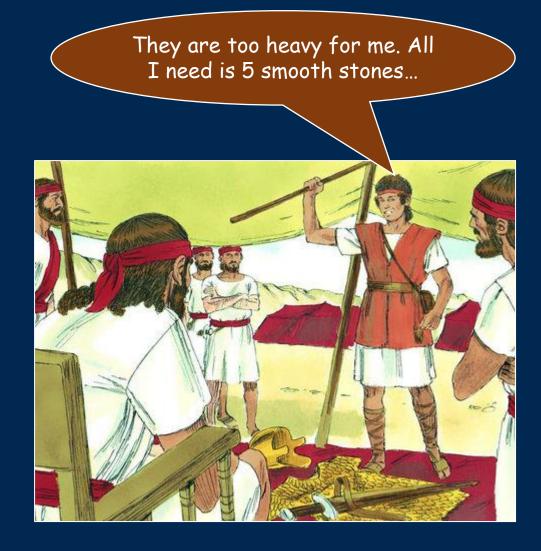
But David said to Saul, "I, your servant, have been keeping my father's sheep. When a lion or bear came and took a sheep from the flock, I would chase it. I would attack it and save the sheep from its mouth. When it attacked me, I caught it by its fur. I would hit it and kill it.

I, your servant, have killed both a lion and a bear! Goliath, the Philistine who is not circumcised, will be like the lion or bear I killed.

He will die because he has stood against the armies of the living God. The Lord saved me from a lion and a bear. He will also save me from this Philistine." Saul said to David, "Go, and may the Lord be with you." Saul put his own clothes on David. He put a bronze helmet on David's head and armor on his body. David put on Saul's sword and tried to walk around. But he was not used to all the armor Saul had put on him.

He said to Saul, "I can't go in this. I'm not used to it." Then David took it all off.

He took his stick in his hand. And he chose five smooth stones from a stream. He put them in his pouch and held his sling in his hand. Then he went to meet Goliath.



A shepherd boy with only a stick and 5 small stones is going to fight the giant Goliath!



Would David Stand a Chance Against Goliath?



Goliath is a human tank!





David and Goliath

1 Samuel 17: 42-50



Goliath looked down at David with disgust. He said, "Do you think I am a dog, that you come at me with a stick?" He used his gods' names to curse David. He said to David, "Come here. I'll feed your body to the birds of the air and the wild animals!"

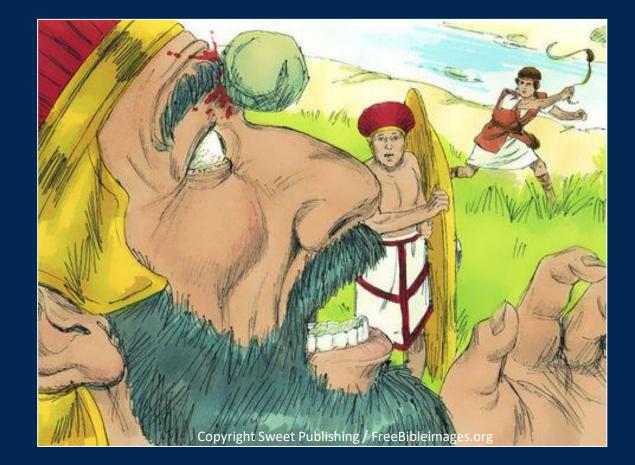
David said, 'You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the Lord will deliver you into my hands, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head...and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel.

All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves; for the battle is the Lord's, and he will give all of you into our hands." As Goliath came near to attack him, David ran quickly to meet him. He took a stone from his pouch. He put it into his sling and slung it.

The stone hit the Philistine on his forehead and sank into it.

Goliath fell facedown on the ground...and died.

Then David cut off Goliath's head with Goliath's own sword.



Family Discussion

- Goliath was a professional soldier big, strong, had powerful weapons and was well protected. But David was only a shepherd boy. Describe what weapons and protection Goliath and David each had?
- 2. David said "The battle is the Lord's". Discuss the following meanings.
 - □ The battle was between God & Goliath because Goliath challenged (defied) God.
 - David was on God's side fighting for God.
 - God was in control of the results.
- 3. Like David, we face tasks (battles) that are difficult. Share an experience where God helped you to overcome a battle.

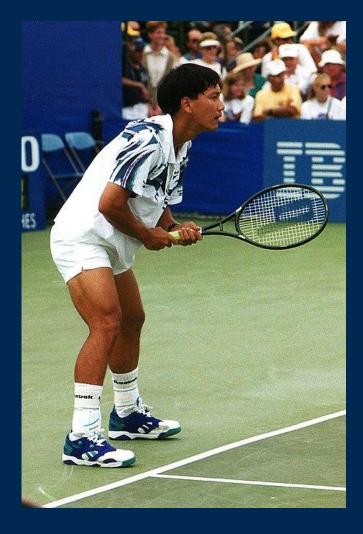
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- 4. David protected his sheep against lions and bears. Using a sling to hit a target requires lots of practice.
 - □ How did God prepare David over the years for his battle with Goliath?
 - □ How is God preparing you to fight his battles in the future?
- 5. David said, "And the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel!"
 - □ How would winning the battle bring out God's fame in the land?
 - Do you care about God's fame in the land?
- 6. David's heart was right with God. He loved God and trusted Him. God's honour was more important than his life. He wanted God's name to be lifted high so all people would know God.

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Are you after God's own heart?

A Modern-day David and Goliath Story French Open 1989



Michael Chang was a young tennis player, an Asian with a small frame and only 17 years old. He faced Ivan Lendl, the world's number 1 player at the French Open Finals in 1989.

Michael had leg cramp during the match and wanted to quit...But as a Christian, he held on to God. He won and was the youngest player to win the French Open.

He later said at an interview, "I realize that God is in control of everything...I think it's always important for me to know my priorities, know where my strength is. For me it's in my relationship with the Lord." A Modern-day David and Goliath Story French Open 1989

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Family Prayer Time

1. Thank God for His Word and help so we may learn from Him.

2. Ask your children to pray for what they have learned just now.

3. Ask your family how you can pray for them specifically.



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