

David And Goliath: Drama Script

Characters: David, Goliath, Saul, three of David's brothers.

Goliath could maybe stand on a chair hidden behind the piano, for example, so that it can't be seen. He should have a sword and a shield. David should have a sling and some 'pretend' stones. Saul should have a crown, and you may wish to have some armour type things to try on David which are obviously too big for him.

Narrator Let me introduce you to the people from today's story. *(Gather your volunteers on stage and introduce them. Have Goliath stand on one side of the stage and Saul on the other, each facing his own half of the audience. Have David and his three brothers off stage until they are needed; David off to the side where Goliath is; his three brothers off to the side where Saul is.)* Now this half of the room, I want you to pretend you're the Philistines. This is your champion, called Goliath. This half of the room, I want you to pretend you're the Israelites. You are fighting for King Saul. Each side has a chant. Let's have a quick practice.

Philistines Come and have a go if you think you're hard enough!
Israelites Come on, David! Come on Israel!

Narrator The Philistines were at war with the Israelites. The Philistines were on the top of one hill. At the bottom of the hill was a valley and at the top of the hill on the other side were the Israelites. The two armies stood facing each other. Then a man from the Philistine army came forward. As the Israelites watched, they could see that he was no ordinary man. He was over 3 metres tall and wore a heavy suit of armour. He stood and faced the Israelite army, and shouted:

Goliath I challenge you, Saul, to send one of your men to fight me. If your man wins, we will all become your slaves but if I win you will all become our slaves!

Narrator And all the Philistines chanted...

Philistines Come and have a go if you think you're hard enough!

Narrator Saul and the Israelites were terrified. They were so scared that they didn't even have the heart to shout back.

(Pretending to ask the audience) Any of you fancy having a go against this man? Well, the Israelites weren't stupid. There was no way any of them were going to fight against such a giant. The next day the same thing happened again.

Goliath I challenge you, Saul, to send one of your men to fight me. If your man wins, we will all become your slaves but if I win you will all become our slaves!

Philistines Come and have a go if you think you're hard enough!

Narrator This went on for forty days, with Goliath coming out every day to challenge them. King Saul was desperate.

Saul I'll give lots of money to anyone who will fight Goliath. You can marry my daughter and you and your family won't have to pay any more taxes.

Narrator It was a good offer, but it was not enough to get anyone to fight Goliath.

Now three of David's older brothers were there in the army and one day David came to see them, bringing them some food from their father. *(Have the brothers come on stage and have David walk across the stage to meet them.)* David arrived just as Goliath came out and shouted his usual challenge:

- Goliath I challenge you, Saul, to send one of your men to fight me. If your man wins, we will all become your slaves but if I win you will all become our slaves!
- Narrator David heard this and couldn't believe his ears!
- David How dare this Philistine make fun of the army of the living God? Why doesn't anyone go out to fight him?
- Narrator His brothers told him off.
- Brother 1 What are you doing here?
Brother 2 Sneaking off to watch the fight?
Brother 3 Get back home and look after your sheep!
- Narrator But David went to Saul and said:
- David I will fight the battle.
- Narrator Saul was amazed.
- Saul You're only a boy. Goliath is a trained warrior. You've no chance.
- Narrator But David insisted. He'd killed bears and wolves to protect his sheep and he believed God would help him. They tried to make him wear some armour, for protection, but it was too big for him. Instead, he got out his sling, and gathered five smooth stones from the stream. Then off he went to confront Goliath.
- So what do you think will happen next? Who thinks David will win? Who thinks Goliath? Let's have some support for your teams.
- Philistines** **Come and have a go if you think you're hard enough!**
Israelites **Come on, David! Come on Israel!**
- Narrator David began walking towards Goliath. Goliath saw him and said:
- Goliath Get out of my way, little boy. Come any closer and I'll tear you into pieces and feed you to the dogs.
- David You come to me with a sword and a spear, but I come to you with the true and living God on my side.
- Narrator David put a stone in his sling, whirled it round his head and let it fly. It struck Goliath in the forehead, and he crashed to the floor, dead. David ran up to him, got Goliath's sword out, and cut off his head. The Israelites gave a huge cheer.
- Israelites** **Come on, David! Come on Israel!**
- Narrator The Philistines couldn't believe their eyes. They turned and ran for their lives with the Israelite army behind them, chasing them all the way!