

## David & Goliath

### Cast

Storyteller

Four Narrators

David

Goliath

King Saul

Two attendants of King Saul (or they could be two of the narrators)

***The principal characters must act out what the Narrators are saying. Though Narrator 2 has only short statements to say - the way 'The Philistines' & 'Goliath' are spoken will have an impact on the whole sketch.***

Storyteller: David was the youngest son of Jesse and it was his job to look after his father's sheep. One day the Prophet of God, Samuel, came to visit Jesse to find the next King of Israel. When he arrived at Jesse's house 10 of his sons were present the eldest, Eliab, was a fine looking man but God did not choose him nor the other 9. Samuel said to Jesse, "Is this all your sons." Jesse replied, "My youngest is with the sheep." Samuel told them to fetch him. Samuel saw that David was a very talented man, and also that he trusted in God. Samuel knew that this boy would be made King one day.

Narrator 1: Saul who was the present King of Israel had a problem.

Narrator 2: The Philistines

Narrator 1: He called up men to form an army to fight them.

Narrator 3: All Jesse's sons except David went to join the Army.

Narrator 1: But even with a large army Saul still had a major problem.

Narrator 2: Goliath

*(Goliath stands on a box with helmet & long black cloak – in front of the box is a thick mattress on which to fall)*

Goliath: Choose someone to fight me and if you win *(harsh laugh)* Then we will be your slaves, but if I win we kill everyone of you.

Narrator 2: Goliath was 10 feet tall and he was protected by thick armour except around his eyes as he needed to see.

Narrator 1: King Saul was terrified. What was he to do?

Narrator 3: King Saul's army was scared including all Jesse's sons.

Narrator 4: Jesse sent David to take food to his brothers, when he arrived he found them cowering in their tents.

David: What's wrong?

Narrator 3: It's that giant out there, and Eliab explained the challenge that had been made.

Narrator 4: David went to see the King.

King Saul: Why have you come to bother me at a serious time like this?

David: I will fight this giant.

King Saul: But you are only a boy.

Narrator 4: David explained to the King that he was not afraid because God was always with him. As a Shepherd he had to kill lions and wolves and bears to protect the sheep and God had always helped him.

Narrator 1: King Saul was persuaded

Narrator 3: A suit of armour was brought in and put on David.

*(Two of Saul's men place a thick long black cloak over the child which is far too big, heavy and long)*

Narrator 4: David's knees buckled under the weight and he collapsed on the floor.

David: I cannot wear this

Narrator 3: So the armour was taken off David

*(Cloak removed)*

Narrator 4: David knew that God would be with him, and therefore he didn't need any weapons other than his sling and a few smooth stones which he got from the river-bed.

Narrator 2: David approached Goliath

Goliath: What's that lead for? Do you think I'm a dog? Come on, boy, and I'll feed you to the animals.

David: I come in the name of the Lord God Almighty.

Narrator 4: At that point David took a stone from his belt and put it in his sling and with a twirl of the sling the stone shot out.

Narrator 2: It hit Goliath right between the eyes with such force that he fell forwards – dead.

Narrator 4: David approached Goliath took his sword

Narrator 2: and cut off his head.

Narrator 3: The Israelites cheered

Narrator 2: and the Philistines ran away to save their lives.

Narrator 1: King Saul praised David

Narrator 4: But David said that only with God's help had he succeeded.

Storyteller: The moral of this story is that everyone needs to put their trust in God and let God direct the course of their lives.