

"DAVID and GOLIATH"

CHARACTER PUPPETS – 7 Puppets

1. Lion = Narrator
2. David
3. King Saul
4. Goliath
5. Men of Israel - 2 more male puppets to represent men of Israel
6. Eliab – David's Brother

SETTING - 1

- SCENE: Valley of Elah, with Israel gathered on one side, Philistines on the other side

BEGIN PUPPET SKIT

Entrance Music:

SCENE: Valley of Elah

OPEN CURTAIN

ENTER LION Puppet

LION NARRATOR:

(FACE the AUDIENCE)

Shalom, my friends! My name is Theodore and I am going to share a grrreat and marvelous story from the Bible that is found in the book of 1st Samuel. This is about a courageous young shepherd boy and his faith in the Almighty Yahweh! So sit back and listen and I hope you have a roaring grrreat time!!!

ENTER PUPPETS:

King Saul – stand on side of Israel

Men of Israel and Eliab – stand with King Saul

Goliath – stand on side of Philistines

There is a man from the tribe of Benjamin who is the first king of Israel. He is the son of Kish and his name is Saul. He fought many battles with the Philistines. The Philistines have a great army and they are gathered together to battle against the men of Israel.

They are on this side of the mountain. **(POINT to the Philistines in Scene)** King Saul has gathered the men of Israel and they are camped in the Valley of Elah. They are on that side of the mountain. **(POINT to the Israelites in Scene)**. The valley is between them.

On the side of the Philistines there is a mighty warrior named Goliath and he is from the city of Gath. He is a great big man about as tall as an adult polar bear standing on his hind legs! Whoa, now that is a giant! For 40 days, each morning and each night, Goliath comes to Saul and the men of Israel.

EXIT LION PUPPET

Sound Effect: Loud stomping

GOLIATH: (GROWLING!)

(Face King Saul and Israel and shout with arms out)

MEN OF ISRAEL, why do you come out to battle? I am a Philistine, and YOU are Saul's SERVANTS. Choose one of yourselves, and let him come to me. If he is able to fight with me and strike me, then we shall become slaves to you. But if I win the fight over him, and strike him, then you shall become our slaves, to SERVE US!

(Turn back to King Saul and Israel and face the Philistines and exit)

KING SAUL, ELIAB and MEN OF ISRAEL: Sound Effect: crowd in despair

(Face each other in a huddle)

Man of Israel 1: Saul, my king, we are very afraid. He is a giant. How are we going to fight him?

Man of Israel 2: We can't fight him. He will kill us!

ELIAB: Goliath comes against us day and night and we have no one brave enough to fight him!

KING SAUL: Men, we will put up a barricade and set each man in battle according to his rank.

Play MUSIC: FALL (Hopes & Dreams) Despair Music

ENTER LION PUPPET - FADE MUSIC WHEN LION SPEAKS

LION NARRATOR:

OH NO, we have a problem here! The men of Israel are frightened by Goliath and there is nobody brave enough to fight against him. Well, hang on tight, all hope is not lost!

There is a young shepherd boy in Bethlehem watching over his father Jesse's sheep. His name is David. He is the youngest of his father's sons. David's three oldest brothers are standing with King Saul and the men of Israel to battle with the Philistines. Jesse came to David and told him to go visit his brothers and bring them food. **(EXIT LION PUPPET)**

ENTER DAVID to Saul and men of Israel

KING SAUL and MEN OF ISRAEL: Sound Effect: battle sounds cheering

(All shout and cheer with arm moving to chant) **BAT-TLE! BAT-TLE! BAT-TLE!**

DAVID:

Saul, my king...My father has sent me to visit my three brothers and to bring food.

ENTER GOLIATH Puppet Sound Effect: Loud Stomping

GOLIATH: (GROWLING!)

(Face King Saul and Israel and shout with arms out)

Haaa! Why do you come out to battle? I am a Philistine, and you are Saul's servants. Choose one of yourselves, and let him come to me. If he is able to fight with me and strike me, then we shall become slaves to you. But if I win the fight over him, and strike him, then you shall become our slaves to serve us!

(Turn back to Saul and Israel and face the Philistines and EXIT)

ELIAB: (Face Men of Israel)

Have you seen this man who comes up?

MEN OF ISRAEL:

Man of Israel 1: Yes! He has come to challenge Israel.

Man of Israel 2: The man who strikes him, the king will give him great riches, and he will give his daughter to him. He will make his father's house free in Israel.

DAVID:

(Turn to Men of Israel)

Men of Israel... my brother, Eliab... what shall be done to the man who strikes this Philistine, and turns aside shame from Israel? For who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should shame the armies of the living Elohim?

ELIAB:

(Turn to David)

David, why have you come down? Who have you left those few sheep in the wilderness with? I know your pride and the evil of your heart, you have come down to see the battle.

DAVID:

(Turn to Eliab)

Eliab, What have I done now? It was only a word.

(Turn to Saul)

King Saul, Let no man be afraid because of Goliath. I will go and will fight with this Philistine.

EXIT MEN of ISRAEL and ELIAB

SAUL:

(Turn to David)

David, You are not able to go to this Philistine, to fight with him. You are only a boy and he is a man of war from his youth.

DAVID:

Oh, but King, I have been a shepherd for my father's sheep. The lion came, and the bear, and took away a sheep out of the flock. I went after him and struck him, and delivered him out of his mouth. He rose against me, and I took hold of his beard and struck him, and killed him.

ENTER LION while David speaking about killing lion – face audience, shake head yes and fall down dead! (EXIT LION PUPPET)

I, your servant, struck both the lion and the bear. This uncircumcised Philistine will be just like one of them, because he is making fun of the armies of the living Elohim.

YAHWEH, who has delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, He shall deliver me from the hand of this Philistine.

SAUL:

Okay David, Go, and YAHWEH be with you. I will put my armor on you for protection.

DAVID:

No, I am not able to go with this armor, because I have not tested them. **Yahweh is with me!** I have found 5 smooth stones in the valley and my sling is in my hand.

ENTER GOLIATH Sound Effect: Loud Stomping

DAVID:

(Turn slowly and Face Goliath and take two steps toward him)

GOLIATH: (Laughing Loudly)

Am I a dog that you have come to me with sticks? Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the heavens and to the beasts of the field.

Play MUSIC – BATTLE Music - Play for 15 seconds, then fade low when David speaks (takes about 40 seconds to read – music continues to play while speaking)

DAVID:

GOLIATH!!! You are coming to me with sword, and with spear, and with javelin. But I am coming to you in the **name** of YAHWEH of Hosts, the Elohim of the armies of Israel.

Today, YAHWEH shall shut you up into my hand, and I shall strike you, and take off your head from you and give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds of the heavens and to the beasts of the earth today.

And all the earth shall know that there is an Elohim for Israel. And all this company shall know that YAHWEH does not save by sword and by spear, but that the battle belongs to YAHWEH, and He has given you into our hand.

(Raise hand with sling and hurl arm toward Goliath)

Sound Effect: slingshot and stone hurling through air, Goliath hit and falls

GOLIATH FALLS on FACE Dead – EXIT

ENTER MEN OF ISRAEL

MEN OF ISRAEL: Sound Effect: Cheering

(CHEERING)

HalleluYah! Praise be to Yahweh. He has given us the victory today!!!!

EXIT All Puppets and ENTER LION Puppet

EXIT MUSIC: Outdoors (Children's Orchestra) PLAY EXIT MUSIC LOW so speaking can be heard over music

NARRATOR:

WOW - HALLELUYAH! David was just a small boy and he struck Goliath right in the forehead with one little stone!!! He had the courage to believe with all his heart that Yahweh would fight the battle for him and He did!

Remember, the battle belongs to Yahweh! If you are ever afraid, ask Yahweh to help you have courage and believe that He will fight for you!

Shalom my friends!

***** CLOSE CURTAIN *****