

CHILDREN'S CORNER

David and Goliath

When I was a boy one of my favourite Bible stories was that of David and Goliath. I want to take you back again to that battlefield to show you a very special lesson. You see, I believe that when David chose those five smooth stones from the brook and moments later let one fly from his sling, it was not the first time he'd ever done such a thing. Young David knew how to handle that sling. Hitting Goliath like that was no fluke!

It is very likely that when David was on the mountainside tending the sheep he would have spent time practising with his sling. Boys do that sort of thing. I can see him there, setting up targets to knock over. Every successful strike would have prompted him to try again - this time from further back. No doubt, David used that same sling to wound the lion, and then the bear that attacked his father's flock, before finally slaying them at

close quarters (1 Sam 17:34). God was preparing him for the day he would face Goliath.

David's sling was his weapon against the enemy. Today our weapon is the Bible. Like David, we need to be familiar with it and know how to handle it. We should be practising every day by reading God's Word over and over. Those five smooth stones that David selected are like the precious verses you will find when you read your Bible - verses to memorise because you will face many wicked giants of falsehood. They will tower over you. They will bellow and shout, but just one choice verse fired from the sling of God's Word will silence them!

David trusted in God to defeat Goliath. Using the weapons that God gave him, he was able to have the victory. I trust that you too will have many such victories.



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David hastened
and ran towards
the army to meet
the Philistine.

1 Samuel 17:48

Quiz: Firstly... look up the references to find each of these Bible names that begin with the letter "D". Secondly... take each of the letters from the blue squares... reshuffle them to spell the name of a city that was going to be destroyed by God in Old Testament times.

1 Samuel 16:13	D				
Daniel 1:7	D				
Judges 4:4	D				
Judges 16:6	D				
Genesis 30:6	D				
Colossians 4:14	D				
Daniel 9:1	D				

The city is : _____

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