





# Lesson on David

## Lesson Outline

## Lesson Overview

- 1  1. *David Lesson*
- 2  2. *Lesson Menu*
- 3  3. *Samuel Meets Jesse*  
(1 Samuel 16:1)
- 4  4. *Samuel Anoints David*  
(1 Samuel 16:6-13)
- 5  5. *David in Saul's Service*  
(1 Samuel 16:14-18)
- 6  6. *Goliath Challenges Armies of Israel*  
(1 Samuel 17:4-11)
- 7  7. *David Hears the Challenge*  
(1 Samuel 17:20-24)
- 8  8. *David Talks with Saul*  
(1 Samuel 17:32-37)
- 9  9. *Saul Gives David His Armor*  
(1 Samuel 17:38-40)
- 10  10. *Goliath Defies David*  
(1 Samuel 17:41-44)
- 11  11. *David Kills Goliath*  
(1 Samuel 17:48-50)
- 12  12. *The Israelites Defeat the Philistines*  
(1 Samuel 17:51-52)
- 13  13. *Saul Tries to Kill David*  
(1 Samuel 18:6-11)
- 14  14. *David and Jonathon*  
(1 Samuel 20:18-23)
- 15  15. *Jonathon Gives David a Message*  
(1 Samuel 20:35-40)
- 16  16. *David and Jonathon Part*  
(1 Samuel 20:41-42)
- 17  17. *Saul Pursues David*  
(1 Samuel 26:2-5)
- 18  18. *Saul Caught Sleeping*  
(1 Samuel 26:6-7)
- 19  19. *David Spares Saul*  
(1 Samuel 26:8-11)
- 20  20. *David Talks to Abner*  
(1 Samuel 26:12-16)
- 21  21. *Saul Repents*  
(1 Samuel 26:17-21)
- 22  22. *David Learns of Saul's Death*  
(2 Samuel 1:2-4)
- 23  23. *David Anointed King*  
(2 Samuel 5:1-3)

God had chosen Saul to be the first king. He started out as a good leader, but because of his disobedience, God took away the kingdom from him. God already selected the next leader for His people; the youngest of eight sons of a man named Jesse.

God sent Samuel to Bethlehem to anoint David as the next king. This was done privately. The announcement about it would not be made for a long time. Afterward, David went back to his work of watching his father's sheep.

Things were not going well for King Saul. His mind was very much upset. Some of his servants told him that it would be good to have someone play music on a harp and soothe his troubled mind. King Saul agreed to this, and one of the servants suggested a shepherd boy named David, who could play the harp very well.

At this time the army of Israel was at war with the Philistines. They had long been enemies of the Israelites. The army of Israel had camped on one hill, while across the valley on another hill was the camp of the Philistines.

There had been no fighting for forty days. Twice a day, morning and evening, a gigantic Philistine soldier named Goliath walked out and shouted to the Israelites, "I challenge the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together. If he is able to kill me, then we shall be your servants. If I am able to kill him, then you shall be our servants.

But in all the forty days that Goliath had been shouting these words, not one man from the camp of Israel had gone forth to fight. They were all afraid. Goliath was not an ordinary man. He stood nine feet nine inches tall. His heavy armor weighed 125 pounds. His spear was so big that just the point of it weighed almost fifteen pounds.

The older brothers of David were in King Saul's army. Jesse, their father, sent David to the camp with some food for his sons. When David arrived at the battlefield, he heard Goliath's challenge. David could not understand why the army of God would let the giant defy them! David spoke up about this and his words reached King Saul. Saul sent for him.

David said to the king, "Let no man be afraid of the giant. I shall go and fight him."

"A boy cannot go out against this mighty man," said the king.

"God helped me to kill a lion and a bear," David answered. "Surely he will also deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine. Finally Saul said, "Go, and the Lord be with you." He gave David his own armor to wear, but David wasn't used to wearing such equipment. He took it off and carrying only his staff and a sling, he went to meet the giant. When he reached the brook that flowed in the valley, he stopped and picked up five smooth stones.

As David approached Goliath, the giant's face filled with surprise. He laughed at David. "What do you think I am?" he asked mockingly. "Do you think I am a dog instead of a soldier that you should come to meet me with only a shepherd's staff for a weapon?" As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him. Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground.

So David triumphed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone. The Philistine army fled with the Israelites chasing them. David's victory caused Saul to become jealous and for many years Saul looked for ways to kill David. (Read 1 Samuel chapters 18-20)