



He took a stone from his bag and fitted it into his sling. The stone flew like a rocket. It hit Goliath on the forehead with such force it pierced his skull.

David ran up to him, took Goliath's sword from its sheath, and cut off the giant's head.

The Philistine army gave a great cry—then they all turned and ran—with the Israelites in hot pursuit.

The battle was won.

David and the king's son

David's victory over Goliath made him famous. Saul took him to stay at the palace.

'He shall marry my daughter,' the king said.

Saul's son, Jonathan, took an instant liking to David. Soon they were firm friends. They promised one another they'd be friends for ever, no matter what might happen.

David joined the army and became a great soldier. He was very popular. The people sang his praises—and Saul grew jealous. David was engaged to Saul's daughter, Merab. But the king put off the wedding.

One day, as David sat playing his harp, Saul hurled a spear at him. And this was only the beginning of the trouble.

