

A script from



“Not By Sword or Spear”

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- What** We have the same power available to us today that David had when he killed Goliath. Our God is the same yesterday, today, and forever.
Themes: David and Goliath, Faith, Courage, Power
- Who** David
Goliath
Brother 1
Brother 2
Brother 3
- When** Bible Times
- Wear (Props)** You can either wear full biblical costumes or simply wear neutral colors or all black.
- Why** 1 Samuel 17
- How** This script can also be used as a reader's theatre script. An idea is to use sound effects of a big crowd or army in the background. At the end a sound effect of a crowd/army cheering can be used. The actor playing Goliath can be standing on a chair or a step to give him some elevation to imply that he's a giant.
- Time** Approximately 3 minutes

Goliath is offstage in the back of the worship center or auditorium.

Goliath: (Offstage) Why do you come out to prepare for battle? Am I not the Philistine, and are you not the servants of Saul? Choose for yourselves a man so he may come down to me! If he is able to fight with me and strike me down, we will become your servants. But if I prevail against him and strike him down, you will become our servants and will serve us.

David enters SRC. Looking straight ahead.

Goliath: (Offstage) Come closer.

David steps forward.

Goliath: (Offstage) I like to see a face before I destroy it.

Brothers 1, 2, 3 enter stage left.

Brother 1: David, this is ridiculous!

Brother 2: David, get back here.

Goliath enters from behind the audience and walks down the center aisle.

Goliath: Are you mocking me? (To an unseen army) Am I a dog that you are coming after me with sticks?

Brother 3: Why have you come down here? To whom did you entrust those few sheep in the desert? I am familiar with your pride and deceit!

Goliath: (He begins to encircle **David**) Ha! You are mocking me. I've been allowed a hors d'oeuvre before my meal?

Brother 1: You have only come down here to watch the battle!

Brother 2: This isn't a game.

Goliath: (To an unseen army) This is who you sent? (To **David**) You? What are you going to accomplish? You're small. You're weak. Do you even know how to fight?

Brother 1: Have you ever been in a battle before?

Brother 2: You're alone.

Brother 3: By yourself. There's no army behind you.

Goliath: You think your God will save you?

Brother 1: What if He doesn't?

Pause

Brother 2: It's going to hurt.

Goliath: Where is your battle gear?

Brother 3: No weapon. No shield. What are you thinking?

Brother 1: You're nothing but a boy.

Goliath: Scared and little.

Brother 2: You should be back home with the sheep.

Brother 3: Does Dad even know you're here?

Goliath: I am going to destroy you.

Brother 1: What makes you think you stand a chance?

Silence

Goliath: Answer me!

David: My God fights for me.

Goliath: Your God? For the rest of your short, fearful, little life, my name is the name that will rule over you. I am your god.

Brother 2: He's going to kill you.

Goliath: Today you die.

Goliath confidently leaves the way he came in.

David: Who is this Philistine, that he defies the armies of the living God?

Brother 1: You aren't able to go against this Philistine and fight him!

Brother 2: You're just a boy!

Brother 3: Goliath has been a trained warrior for years!

David: *(Stepping forward)* Who is this Philistine, that he defies the armies of the living God? You are coming against me with sword and spear and javelin. But I am coming against you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel's armies, whom you have defied! This very day the Lord will deliver you into my hand.

David *grabs his slingshot.*

I will strike you down and cut off your head.

David *kneels on one knee and swings it above his head.*

Then all will know that it is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves.

*Although the slingshot should be empty, **David** should act as if a stone is released. We hear the sound of Goliath falling.*

For the battle is the Lord's!

David *raises his right hand high as if leading an unseen army. **David** runs offstage in pursuit of **Goliath**; his **Brothers**, surprised, follow.*

The End