

Reading: 1 Samuel Chapter 17

David, the son of Jesse, was a shepherd boy, who liked nothing better than to look after his father's sheep. He loved all the beautiful things around him and watched the seasons come and go each year. He loved to watch the birds and animals, the moon, the stars and sky; nothing went by unnoticed as he sat among the trees and flowers on the grassy slopes. So great was David's love of beauty that he would sit and sing songs about all the lovely things around him, and of God's goodness to his people. David wrote his own songs, he wrote the Psalms in the Bible.

Three of David's brothers were soldiers in the Kings army. David was too young to fight in King Saul's army so he went on minding his father's sheep. But David longed to be a soldier like his three brothers.

Then one day Jesse, David's father asked him to take food to his brothers and to come back to Jesse to tell him how they were. David wasted no time. He found someone to look after his sheep and set off early the next morning. He reached King Saul's camp just as the two great armies were preparing themselves for the battle. He found his brothers in the front line, near the King. Suddenly there was a silence among the armies. A giant soldier had appeared, his named was Goliath. Goliath wanted to challenge someone from King Saul's army, but no-one stepped forward. Then David shouted that he would fight Goliath.

David picked up his sling and chose 5 smooth stones and put them in his shepherd's pouch. David was not afraid because he knew God was with him and he trusted in God that he would help him. David raised his sling and aimed the stone at the giant. The stone flew through the air and struck Goliath on the forehead, and the huge giant crashed to the ground. David became a hero by killing the giant Goliath.

David then left his sheep and lived in the Palace, he learned to be a soldier fighting the Kings enemies, preparing himself for the time when God would take the Kingdom from King Saul and give it to David as King.

In the Bible David is called "a man after God's own heart" this means a man whom God loved dearly.

Point to remember:- David trusted and relied upon God.