

DAVID and the GIANT



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In this book we use the word **Adonai** in the text to indicate the name of the all mighty. We do this so we do not offend those who do not say the commonly spoken name.

**The Story of David and the giant comes from
1st Samuel 17**



Two armies faced each other: Israel on one hill, Philistines on the other, with the wide Valley of Elah between.

“The battlefield looked like a giant playground—but everyone felt worried.”



From the Philistine camp came a champion—Goliath from Gath—huge and strong, wearing shining bronze armor.

Soldiers whispered, “**He’s so big!**”



Goliath shouted, “Choose someone to fight me! If he wins, we will serve you. But if I win, you will serve us!”

“Send me one brave fighter!”



David was Jesse's youngest son. He cared for sheep near Bethlehem, playing music and learning to trust Adonai.

“ADONAI watches over me and my flock.”

David did not know that Adonai was preparing him for a big job.

David's faith grew because Adonai taught him to protect the sheep from all wild animals.



Jesse sent David with roasted grain, ten loaves, and slices of cheese for his brothers at the front lines.

Jesse said, “Check on your brothers and bring back news.”



David reached the camp just as the armies lined up. He heard Goliath shout again, and everyone ran away in fear.

Soldiers asked, “**Have you seen him?**”

David thought, “**Why is everyone so afraid?**”



People told David: “Whoever defeats the giant gets great riches, the king’s daughter, and no taxes!”

David asked, “Who is this Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living Adonai?”

“Adonai is bigger than any giant.”



Saul gave David his armor and sword, but David could hardly walk!

David said, smiling, “I can’t use these. I’ll go with what I know.”



David chose five smooth stones from the brook, put them in his shepherd bag, and took his sling and staff.

“David was small, but his faith was big.”



Goliath laughed when he saw David. But David said, “You come with sword and spear. I come in the Name of **ADONAI!**”

David boldly shouted, “The battle belongs to **ADONAI!**”



David ran forward. He placed a stone in his sling, whirled it, and let it fly—straight and true.

**“Whoosh!”
A direct hit!**



The stone struck the giant,
and he fell. Adonai had given
victory to Israel through a
brave boy's faith in Adonai.

All the soldiers cheered,
“**ADONAI has saved us!**”



Seeing their champion down,
the Philistines ran. Israel
shouted and chased them
away. The camp was safe!

“The people of Adonai found
courage again.”



King Saul asked, “**Whose son are you?**”

David said, “I am the son of your servant Jesse of Bethlehem.”

And everyone remembered:
Even small hands can do
big impossible things
with Adonai’s help.

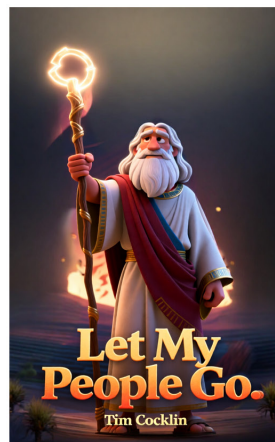
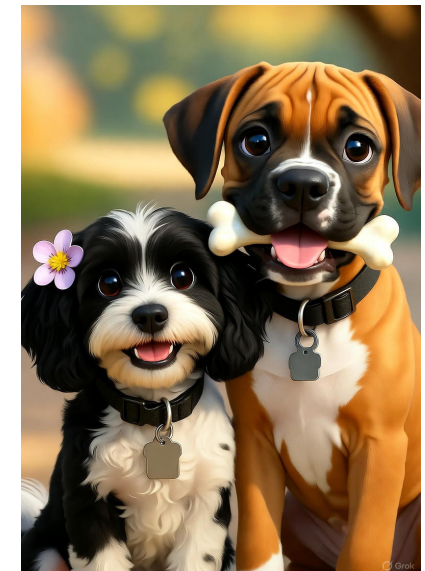


**all the earth will know that
there is a God in Israel, and
so all this assembly will know
that ADONAI delivers not with
sword and spear—for the
battle belongs to ADONAI
1 Samuel 17:46-47**

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**Adonai is bigger than our
biggest problems. Trust Him,
do what he says, and don't be
afraid.**

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