Bible Stories for Young Children

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DAVID AND GOLIATH

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The Philistines had a giant,
who was tall, strong and fierce.
His name was Goliath.
He wore a helmet,
a brass coat and brass shoes.
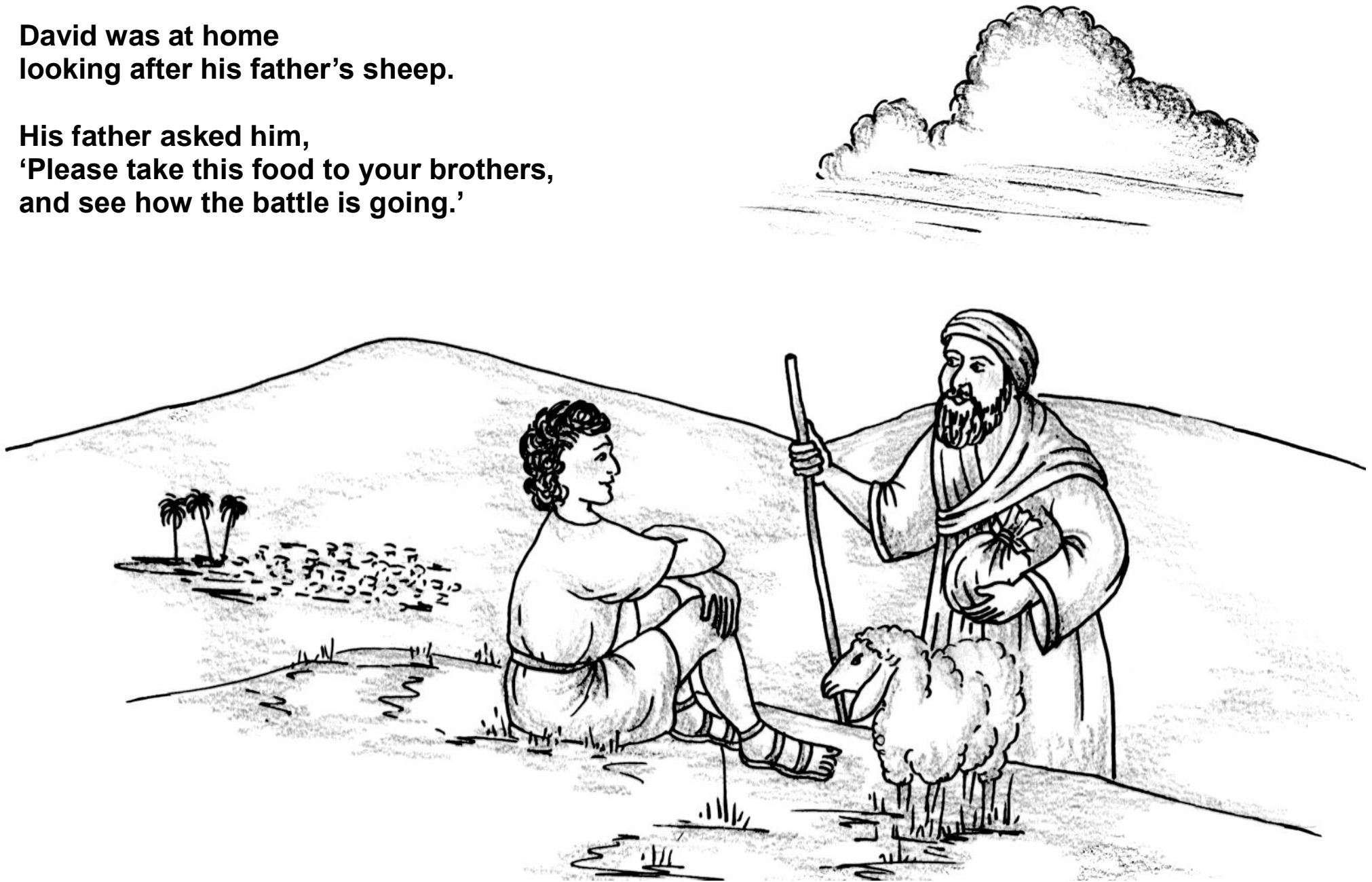His armour bearer
carried his shield.

Goliath shouted to the Israelites.
'Send a man to fight me.
If he kills me,
we will be your slaves.
If I kill him,
you will be our slaves.'

This made the Israelites afraid.
No one wanted to fight him.
David's brothers were afraid.
King Saul was afraid.

David was at home
looking after his father's sheep.

His father asked him,
'Please take this food to your brothers,
and see how the battle is going.'

Another shepherd looked after the sheep
while David went and found his brothers.

He saw the armies ready to fight
and heard Goliath shouting at God's people.
God's people were afraid
and some ran away.

David said to his brothers,
'Goliath hates God.
Who is he
to speak against God's armies?
Why doesn't someone fight him?'

King Saul sent for David.

David said to him,
'Don't let anyone be afraid.
I'll go out and fight the Philistine.'

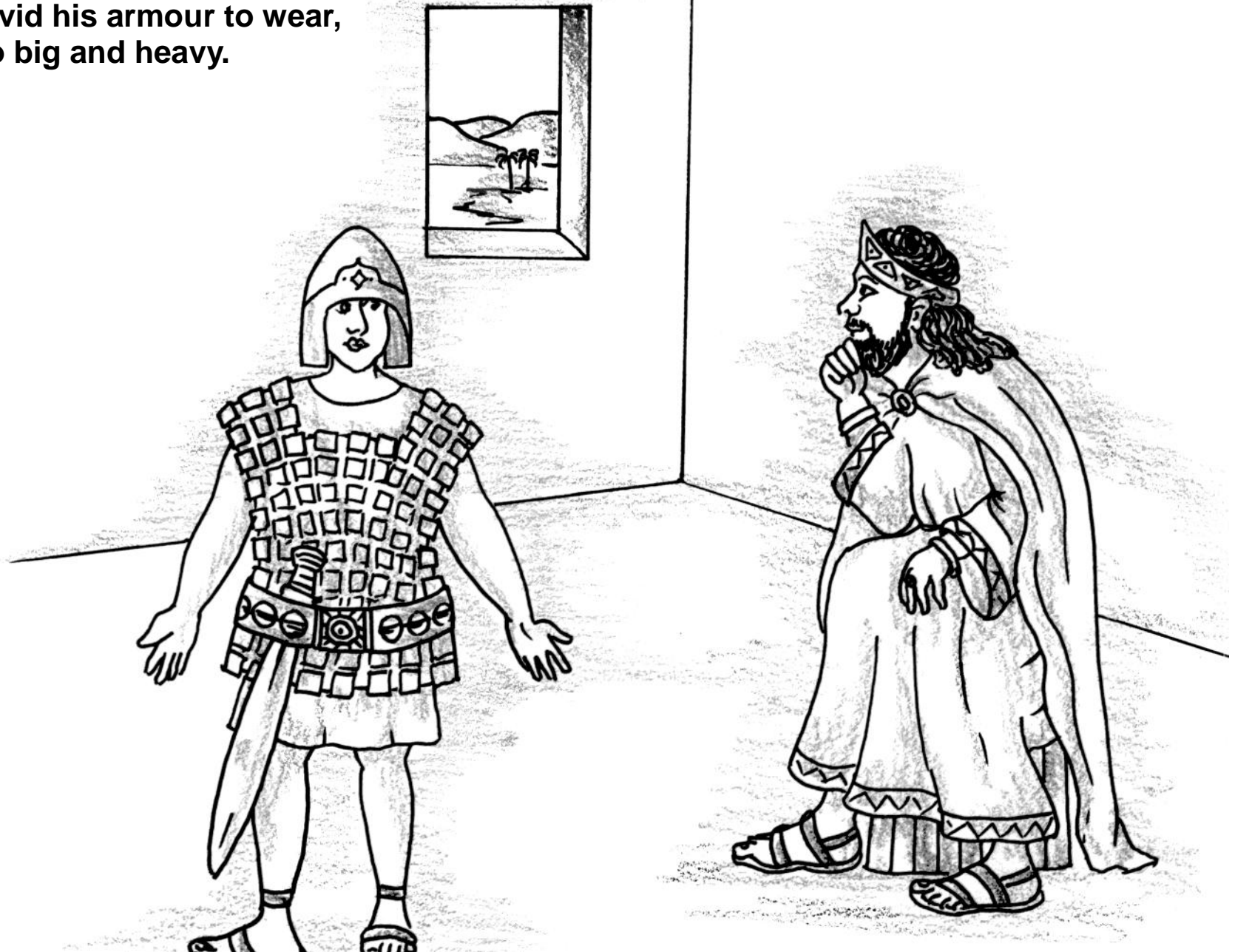Saul looked at David and said,
'You can't fight him.
You are only a boy.'

David replied,
'The Lord saved me
when a lion and a bear came
to take one of my sheep.
I attacked and killed it.
Goliath will die
because he is against God.
God will save me
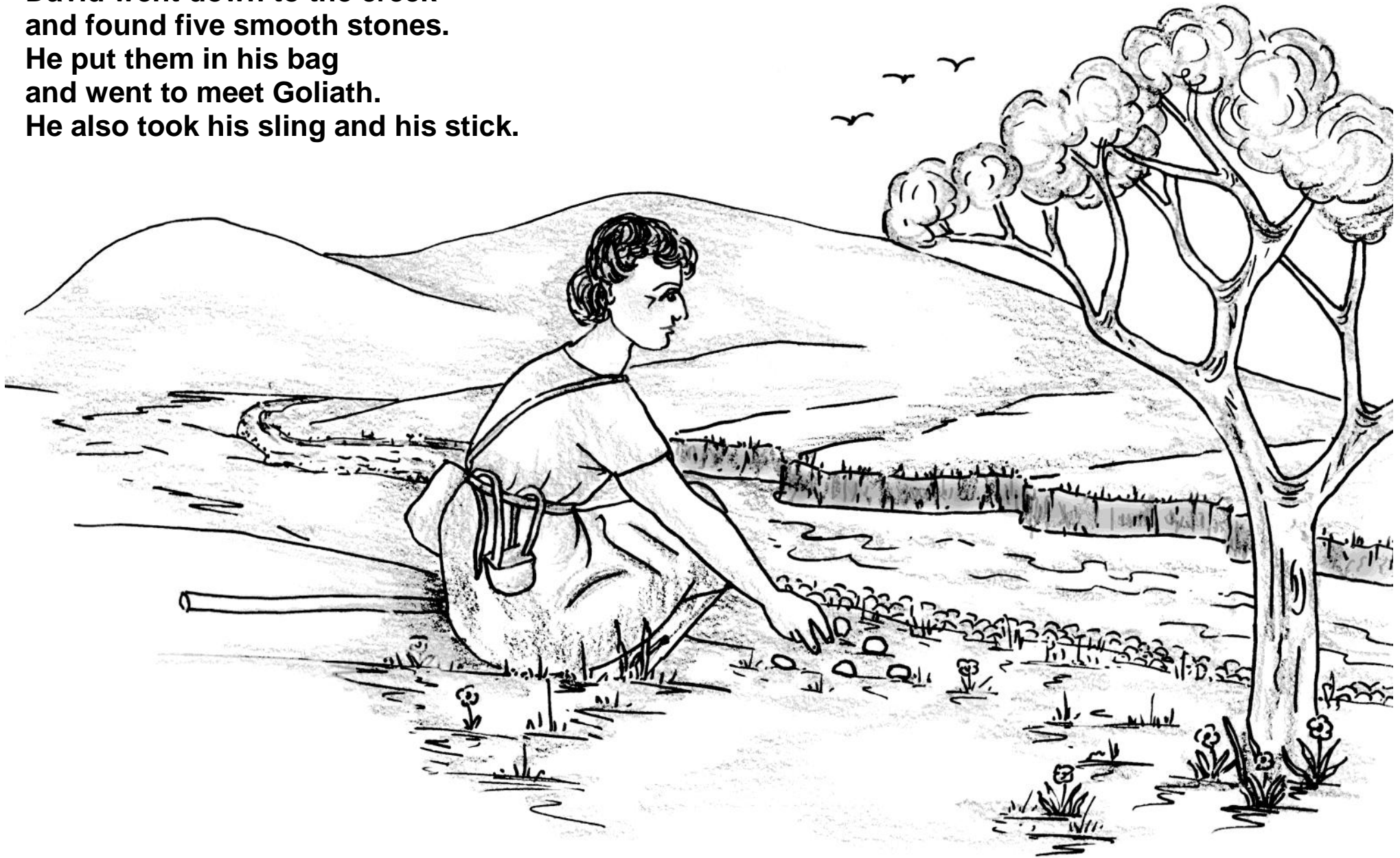from this Philistine.'

'Go and the Lord be with you,'
said King Saul.

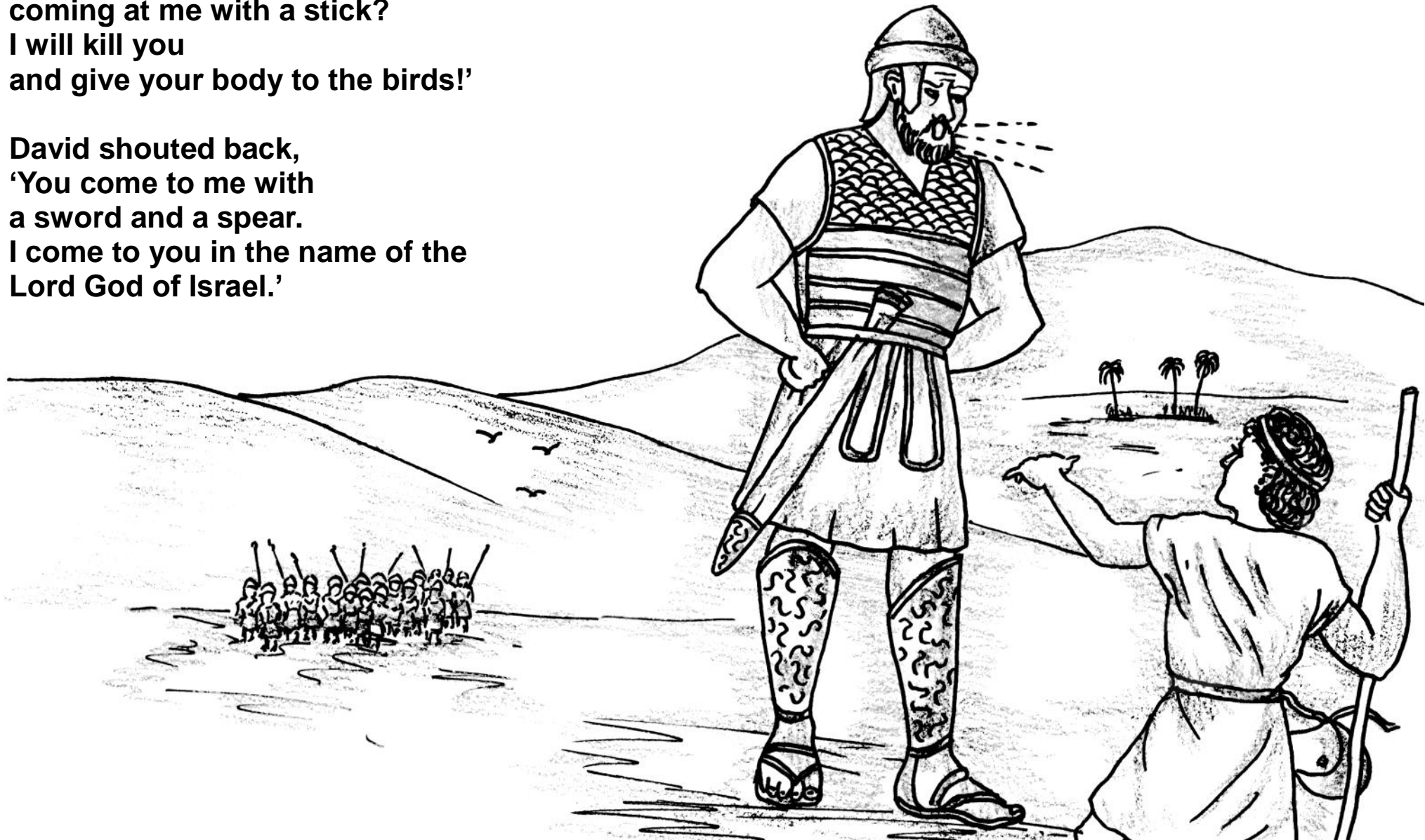**Saul gave David his armour to wear, but it was too big and heavy.**

David went down to the creek
and found five smooth stones.
He put them in his bag
and went to meet Goliath.
He also took his sling and his stick.

Goliath looked at David with scorn
and shouted,
'Do you think I'm a dog
coming at me with a stick?
I will kill you
and give your body to the birds!'

David shouted back,
'You come to me with
a sword and a spear.
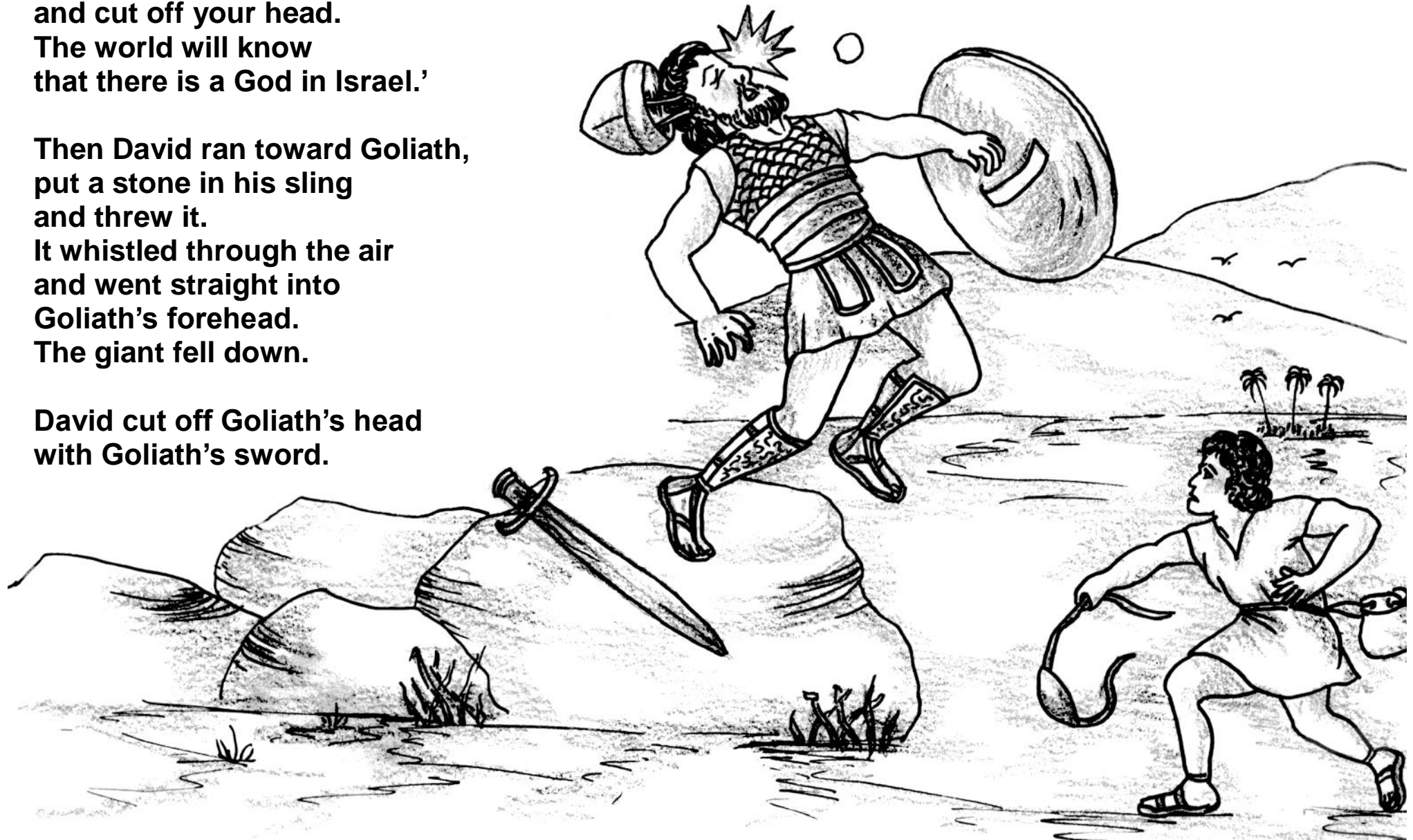I come to you in the name of the
Lord God of Israel.'

'You have spoken against God.
The Lord will give you to me.
I'll kill you
and cut off your head.
The world will know
that there is a God in Israel.'

Then David ran toward Goliath,
put a stone in his sling
and threw it.
It whistled through the air
and went straight into
Goliath's forehead.
The giant fell down.

David cut off Goliath's head
with Goliath's sword.

When the Philistines saw that
Goliath was dead,
they were afraid.
They ran away.
The Israelites chased them
back to their own cities.

That day,
God saved His people
from Goliath
and the Philistines.