

CHAPTER TWO VERSES & EVENTS

COLORING BOOK ALL-STAR

TODAY'S VERSES

1 SAMUEL 17:32
GENESIS 10:13-14

1 SAMUEL 17:4
1 SAMUEL 17:32-36
1 SAMUEL 17:5-6

1 SAMUEL 17:40-47
PSALM 46:1-3

BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE...

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to get plugged in!

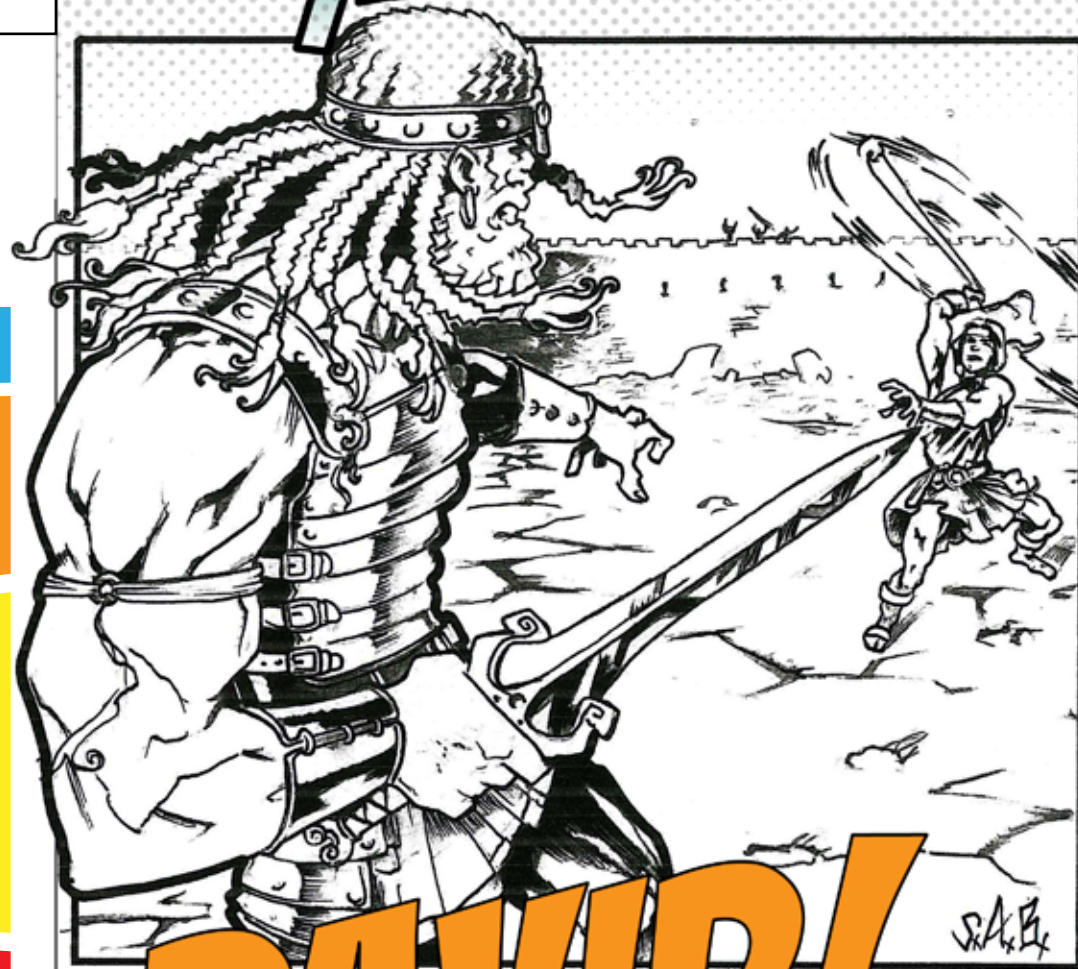
**JOIN A GOSPEL
COMMUNITY!**

**YOUTH BBQ
FUNDRAISER**

Pick up your Tri Tip Sandwich,
Chips & Drink for \$8 and help
send kids to camp!

The whole family is invited
to Bob Jones trail THIS
Saturday, July 11th for a day
in the sun and exercise. Meet
at Element to carpool
at 9am or at the Trail
Head at 10am.

**BOB JONES
TRAIL**



DAVID!
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Read 1 Samuel 17:41-51

David and Goliath feels to us like the rise of the underdog stories we all know and love. David, fits the mold for a Coloring book all-star.

David was a 10-12 year old boy who, in a tournament of champions, faced Goliath the giant who held the philistine heavy weight belt, and killed him. When we read this story we often tend to think of David as the most epic tween ever. The interpretation of the story focusing on David is lacking, it was not David who killed Goliath, but God used David to destroy an insurmountable opponent.

What are some of your Goliath's?

Has a larger than life problem ever destroyed you?

Are you ever tempted to try to use God as a tool for you to defeat your Goliath?

How do you become a tool for God to use?

David is a Coloring Book All-Star because he recognized he did not accomplish his great feats on his own, he was an average kid that God used.

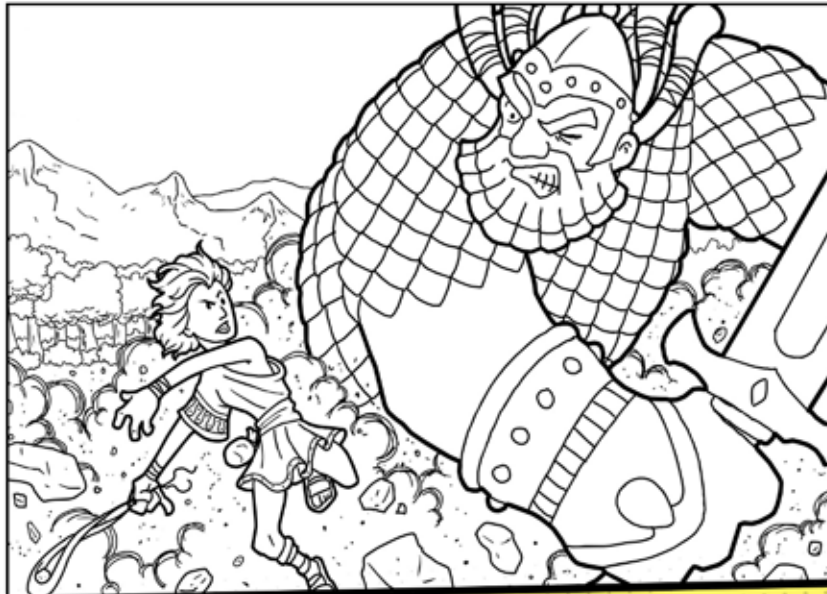
David's experience with defending his sheep from lions and bears prepared him to stand up to the giant Philistine. The smaller battles gave him the experience and faith needed to see God in the bigger battles. Some of us are going through hard times right now, many of us struggle to get through, but we must remember that God is working with us right where we are. Many times we cannot see him through all of our GIANT problems, but we must remember that He is preparing our faith and our confidence in Him for bigger things. God allows things that will shake our world to happen in order to grow us.

Can you think of any challenges you faced in the past that prepared you for more important challenges later?

Can you think of a time when a challenge was so big, or overwhelming, that only God could help you through it?

Did you ask God for help? What happened?

How did that experience help your faith in other challenges?



God works through us most powerfully when we allow Him to do so. David was young, naïve, and willing, but also incredibly prepared. By being surrendered to God the way he was, he became the vessel that enabled God to work His will and prepare the people of Israel for the coming of a King even greater than David.

How do you feel God is preparing you?

Regardless of what we feel about any given situation, God is relevant. In the story we learn King Saul, and the rest of Israel, were acting like God was irrelevant to fighting Goliath. In their fear, they forgot all about what God might want to do through them. Instead they chose to opt for a functional atheism, whereby they professed faith in God, but acted as if He didn't exist. David was the only one who gave more than mere lip-service to God's presence and activity in the world.

Have you ever been so overcome with your own failure that you forgot to seek Gods help?

What did that look like?

Have you had experiences during which you were frightened, and in your fear you reached out for God's help?

There is nothing more human than believing that we are in control of situations. There is nothing more human than self-reliance. Americans are trained to be self-reliant, it is our literary heritage. However, we cross the line when our self-reliance becomes hubris, which is, believing our role in our own lives to be as important as or more important than God's role.

What can you do to avoid trying to take the control of your life from God?