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Psalm 119:105  
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,  
and a light unto my path.

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David

## & Goliath

1 Samuel 17

**G**oliath of Gath, the champion of the Philistine army, was a giant of a man. He wore heavy armor for protection and carried mighty weapons. He stood before the ranks of Israel's army and taunted them. Goliath wanted to fight and he shouted a challenge to Israel: "Send a man to fight me, a fight to the death. The loser's army will become the slaves of the winner's army!"

The army of Israel was afraid of Goliath. He was a big, strong man, and no one wanted to fight him. Every morning and every evening for forty days, Goliath came out and made his challenge and the army of Israel became more and more frightened.

**D**avid, a young shepherd boy, went to the battle front to deliver food to his brothers and to get news of the battle for his father. While David was there, Goliath came out and roared his challenge once again. David saw the men of Israel were afraid of Goliath. They were saying, "The man who kills Goliath will be greatly rewarded by King Saul and will marry the princess."

David said, "Who is this uncircumcised Philistine who defies the armies of the living God?"

When King Saul heard that David was asking about Goliath and the reward, he sent for David. David said to the king, "Nobody should be afraid of this Philistine. I'll go and fight with him!"

King Saul replied, "You can't go and fight him; you're just a boy! He's been a warrior since he was young."

David explained that, while he was watching his father's sheep, he'd killed a lion and a bear, and that Goliath would die, too, because he'd defied the armies of the living God. He said, "The LORD who delivered me from the paw of the lion and the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine."

King Saul said, "Go, and the LORD go with you." He gave his own armor and sword to David, but David gave them back because he hadn't tested them.

David took his shepherd's staff and five smooth stones from the brook. He put the stones in his shepherd's bag. He took his sling in his hand and went toward Goliath.

When Goliath saw David was just a young boy, he disdained and mocked him: "Am I a dog, since you're coming at me with sticks?" He cursed David by his false gods and said, "Come here, boy! I'll feed your flesh to the birds and the beasts!"

David replied, "You come to me with your weapons, but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. Today the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will cut off your head and feed the flesh of your armies to the birds and the beasts, so that all the earth will know that there is a God in Israel. They will know the LORD does not save with sword and spear, for the battle is the LORD's and He will deliver you into our hands."



Goliath charged at David, and David quickly went to meet him. He put his hand into his shepherd's bag and drew out a smooth stone. He slipped it into his sling and whirled it around and sent the stone flying through the air toward the giant. The stone hit Goliath on his forehead and he fell on his face on the ground, killed by the stone that David had slung. David had no sword, but he ran and drew Goliath's sword and cut off his head.

When the Philistine army saw that their champion was dead, they ran away. The armies of Israel, no longer afraid, chased them and won the battle.

The battle was the LORD's and He delivered Goliath into David's hand. The living God saved little David from the giant and gave Israel, His chosen people, the victory.

# Toddlers

*Through Three Years*



Pray with your baby and for your baby. The best way to teach the value of prayer is by example. Let your baby see you praying, both asking God for your needs and thanking Him for providing for them. Teach them that they can talk to God anytime, anywhere.

Here is a little fingerplay to teach your toddler about prayer and going to church.

**“Here is the church.”** (Fold hands with fingers tucked inside.)

**“Here is the steeple.”** (Bring index fingers up into a steeple on the “church.”)

**“Open the door and see all the people.”** (Open hands to show the finger “people.”)

**“Close the door and let them pray.”** (Fold hands in prayer.)

**“Open the door; they’ve all gone away.”** (Open hands to show that the “people” are no longer there.)

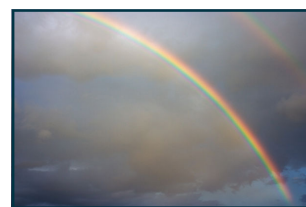
# Tots

*Four-Six Years*

After the flood, when Noah and his family had come out of the ark, God made a covenant with Noah and all his descendants, and the animals and birds and every living creature. God promised never to destroy the earth by a flood again. God set His rainbow in the sky as a sign to all future generations of His promise. When we look at a rainbow, we remember God’s promise.

**When God looks at the rainbow,** He also remembers His promise. He told Noah, “When I see the rainbow in the clouds, I will remember My covenant with you and with every living creature never to destroy the earth by a flood again.”

Isn’t it interesting that we use the rainbow to remember God’s promise, and that God also uses the rainbow to remember His promise? The rainbow is a reminder for us—and for God—of His covenant which will last forever.



If you could look at a rainbow from very, very high in the sky, it would look like a full circle. We can only see a part of the rainbow, so we can only see a part of the circle. But God can see the **WHOLE** circle, a giant round rainbow reminder of His promise which will never fail!

# Tykes

*Ages Seven-Ten*

David was a young boy when he faced the giant. Goliath laughed at him and teased him for coming to the battle with a stick, but God gave David the victory.

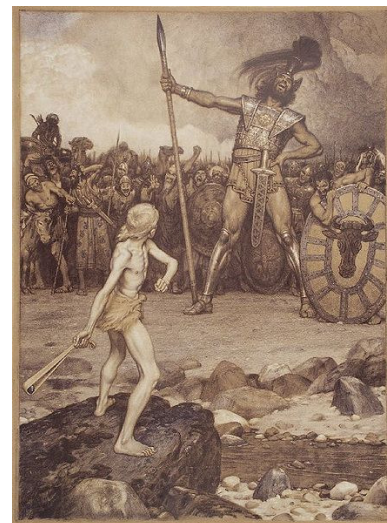
Miriam was a young girl when she saved her brother Moses’ life. (Exodus 2)

Joash was seven years old when he was anointed king of Judah. (2 Kings 11)

## Do you ever think that you aren’t big enough to do important things in God’s kingdom?

Although you are young, you are an important part of God’s kingdom. Children have done many life-changing things when they have trusted and served the Lord. You may not be a king, or save someone’s life, or slay a giant, but you do important things every day. You share the love of Jesus with the world around you: in your family, in your school, in your church, with your friends. You show others the good things that God has done for you. The light of Jesus shines in the world around you.

Even when you help Mom with your baby sister or brother, or when you help Dad wash the car, you’re doing important things. The Bible says, “Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus (Colossians 3:17, paraphrase).” Everything we do, even chores or schoolwork, is to be done in the name of Jesus. He loves that we bring glory to His name by the things that we do. He is pleased with our words and our deeds when we do them in His name.





# Tweens

*Eleven-Twelve Years*

Do you have a “Goliath” in your life?  
 Something that is so much bigger than you are that you  
 can never overcome it on your own?  
 A problem or fear that overwhelms you?

For each person, the giant you face is as individual as  
 you are. Some people face more than one giant.

## You are not alone in your battle against the giant!

Like David, you have the power of the living God on  
 your side. The God who defeated Goliath is just as  
 powerful today as He was in David’s day.

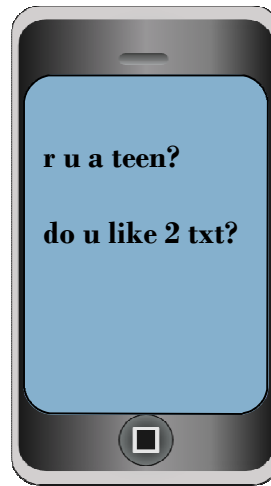
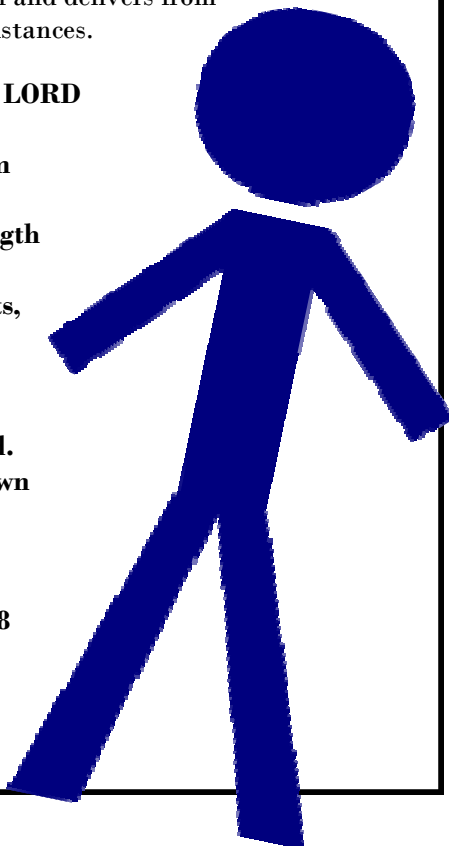
When King Saul tried to give David his armor to use,  
 David returned it to him because he hadn’t tested it.  
 Like David, you can give back the untested armor of this  
 world and put your trust completely in the Almighty  
 God, the LORD of hosts who never fails. Don’t put your  
 trust in the things of this earth; if you are relying on  
 earthly things, they will fail.

But the LIVING GOD will never fail you.

God gives victory over giant problems and fears.  
 He hears from heaven and delivers from  
 overwhelming circumstances.

**Now know I that the LORD  
 saveth his anointed;  
 he will hear him from  
 his holy heaven  
 with the saving strength  
 of his right hand.  
 Some trust in chariots,  
 and some in horses:  
 but we will  
 remember the name  
 of the LORD our God.  
 They are brought down  
 and fallen:  
 but we are risen,  
 and stand upright.**

**Psalm 20:6-8**



# Teens

Ahhh, the language and lingo  
 common to text messages.  
 Typing the letter u instead of the  
 word “you” or the number 2  
 instead of the word “to” are  
 examples. Many different words  
 can be shortened this way, and  
 it’s efficient. You can say more in a shorter message.

Everything in text language isn’t good, though. A  
 common phrase used in messages is “omg” and it means  
 “Oh my God.” Both Christians and non-Christians  
 might use this text phrase, maybe not understanding  
 what it really means.

God states in the Bible that His name is holy and it is to  
 be held in high esteem.

**Neither shall ye profane my holy name; but I will  
 be hallowed among the children of Israel.**

**Leviticus 22:32**

To “profane” means to misuse something that should be  
 held in reverence, to make common something that is  
 holy. It means to treat a holy thing without respect.

The second commandment states: “Thou shalt not take  
 the name of the LORD thy God in vain...” Using the  
 phrase “Oh my God! This shirt is so cute,” or “Did you  
 see what that guy did? Oh my God!” is disrespecting  
 God’s holy name. It’s making a slang term out of a name  
 that should be held in the very highest esteem.

God’s name is holy. His desire is that His children would  
 use His name in a way that is pleasing to Him and that  
 honors Him, rather than in a way that makes His name  
 common or disrespected. When others see that you  
 honor God’s name, they will know that you respect the  
 LORD and He will be glorified through your reverence.

When you speak or write the name of the LORD, let  
 people know that you are referring to your Father,  
 whom you hold in high regard. Whether speaking aloud  
 with your mouth or messaging silently through your  
 fingertips, may this verse always be your prayer:

**Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of  
 my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my  
 strength, and my redeemer.**

**Psalm 19:14**

# Who Are You?

You have an identity. You are not defined by the world around you, by what you think of yourself, or by what you look like. You may have many different characteristics than either your neighbor or someone who lives across the globe, or you may speak a different language than they do, but if you both have faith in Jesus, you share certain traits. Who you are is only defined by who the Bible says you are. What is your identity in Christ?

## In Christ, you are:

- A sinner (Romans 3:23)
- A saint (1 Corinthians 1:2)
- Dead to sin
- Alive to God (Romans 6:11)
- A new creature (2 Corinthians 5:17)
- Children of God
- Heirs of God
- Joint-heirs with Christ (Romans 8:16-17)
- A member of Christ's body (1 Corinthians 12:27)
- An ambassador for Christ (2 Corinthians 5:20)
- Reconciled to God
- A minister of reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:18)
- Salt of the earth (Matthew 5:13)
- Light of the world (Matthew 5:14)

Then there arose a reasoning among them [Jesus' disciples], which of them should be greatest. And Jesus, perceiving the thought of their heart, took a child, and set him by him, And said unto them, Whosoever shall receive this child in my name receiveth me: and whosoever shall receive me receiveth him that sent me:

**for he that is least among you all,  
the same shall be great.**

Luke 9:46-48

# A Common Soldier

You may not be a general  
In Christ's army here below,  
But you can always serve Him  
Where ever you may go.

You may not be a captain  
Over a mighty band;  
You may be just a soldier  
Out in a foreign land.

Or else a common sailor  
Atop the blue so deep,  
Helping run the warship  
The enemy to defeat.

But no matter what your post is  
Go try and do your best,  
'Cause the victory can't be won  
If each leaves it to the rest.

The general, he is the boss—  
Tries to run the army right,  
But it takes the common soldier  
To win out in the fight.

The captain, he's also a leader  
Over his group of men,  
But it takes the common soldier  
To win out even then.

The admiral directs the navy  
And commands the entire fleet,  
But it takes the common sailor  
The enemy to defeat.

And so you can comprehend  
It takes the concentrated host  
To route the devil out  
And drive him from his post.

And so if God has placed you  
As a soldier in the field,

Just obey all His commands  
And to Him humbly yield.

Don't try to be a lion,  
A leader of the beasts,  
Remember what our Lord said,  
"The greatest shall be least."

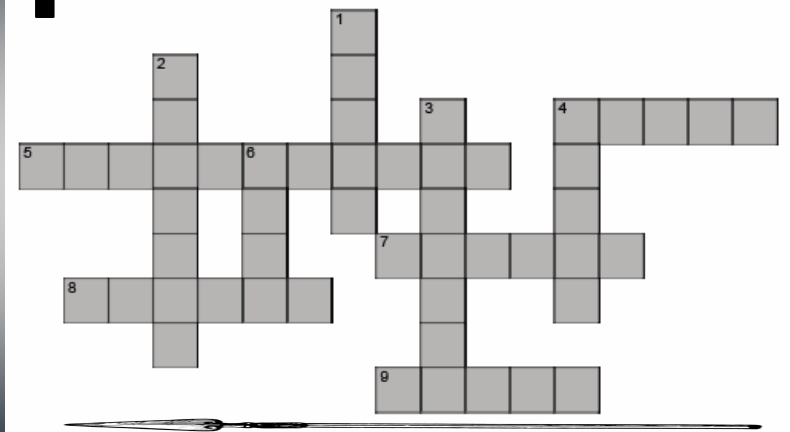
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# Word

## David and Goliath Puzzle Fun

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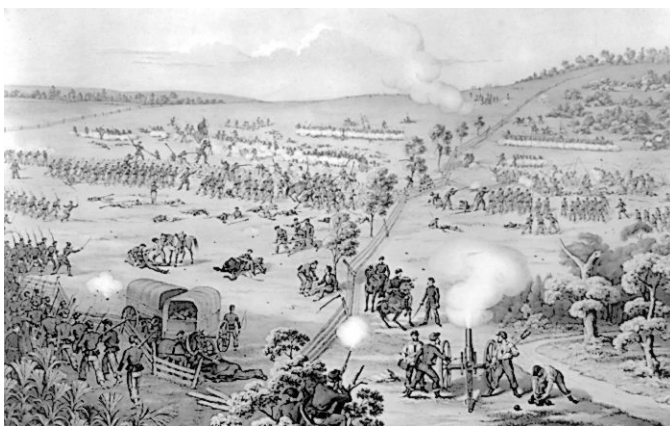


### ACROSS

- 4 shepherd's stick  
5 enemies of Israel  
7 not dead  
8 fight  
9 covering worn for protection in battle

### DOWN

- 1 young boy who killed a giant  
2 giant  
3 hand over  
4 David's weapon  
6 king of Israel



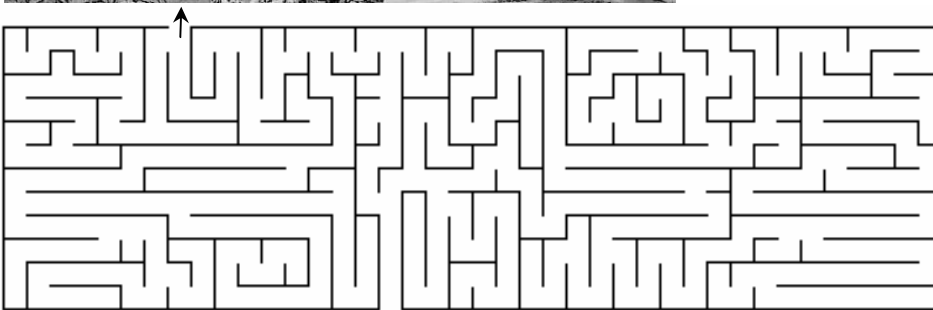
How many  
spears  
are on  
this  
page?



### Fill in the missing numbers.

- \* The missing numbers are integers between 0 and 9.
- \* The numbers in each row add up to the totals to the right.
- \* The numbers in each column add up to the totals along the bottom.
- \* The diagonal lines also add up to the totals to the right.

				2
2				12
4	2			7
6		3	4	13
	5		5	11
12	10	9	12	12



### Fill In the Blanks

Pass through the maze to reach the battlefield.

1 Samuel 17:45-47: Then said David to the \_\_\_\_\_, Thou comest to me with a \_\_\_\_\_, and with a \_\_\_\_\_, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the LORD of \_\_\_\_\_, the God of the armies of \_\_\_\_\_, whom thou hast defied. This day will the LORD \_\_\_\_\_ thee into mine hand; and I will \_\_\_\_\_ thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the \_\_\_\_\_ of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild \_\_\_\_\_ of the earth; that all the \_\_\_\_\_ may know that there is a \_\_\_\_\_ in Israel. And all this \_\_\_\_\_ shall know that the LORD \_\_\_\_\_ not with sword and spear: for the \_\_\_\_\_ is the LORD'S, and he will give you into our \_\_\_\_\_.

David

# & Goliath

A Picture to Color



## Dear Father in Heaven,

You are the living God who delivered David from the paw of the lion and the bear and from the hand of Goliath. You are worthy of all praise, and I offer my praise to You through the name of Your dear Son, Jesus.

Thank You for faithful examples in Your Word— young men like David and old men like Noah—who trusted You for deliverance. Help me to learn from Your Word and by Your Spirit how to trust You more each day. Though I am young, let me serve in Your kingdom so that others will see Your faithfulness to me and glorify Your name.

As I grow, help me to honor Your name in my life. Let my words and thoughts be acceptable in Your sight, my Strength and my Redeemer. Let others be drawn to You through my words and deeds.

Father, I don't ask for glory or fame, but help me to serve with a humble heart. Teach me patience and give me a love for the people around me, especially those who don't know You and Your saving grace.

Thank You for the grace you've given me through Your holy Son, Jesus. Let His name be lifted up forever!

***In Jesus' Name, Amen.***

## His Banner Is Love

The Lord is mine and I am His, His banner over me is love.  
The Lord is mine and I am His, His banner over me is love.  
The Lord is mine and I am His, His banner over me is love.  
His banner over me is love!

He brought me to His banqueting table, His banner over me is love.  
He brought me to His banqueting table, His banner over me is love.  
He brought me to His banqueting table, His banner over me is love.  
His banner over me is love!

He lifted me up into heavenly places, His banner over me is love.  
He lifted me up into heavenly places, His banner over me is love.  
He lifted me up into heavenly places, His banner over me is love.  
His banner over me is love!

He is the Vine and we are the branches, His banner over me is love.  
He is the Vine and we are the branches, His banner over me is love.  
He is the Vine and we are the branches, His banner over me is love.  
His banner over me is love!

Jesus is the Rock of my salvation, His banner over me is love.  
Jesus is the Rock of my salvation, His banner over me is love.  
Jesus is the Rock of my salvation, His banner over me is love.  
His banner over me is love!

There's one way to peace through the power of the cross,  
His banner over me is love,  
There's one way to peace through the power of the cross,  
His banner over me is love,  
There's one way to peace through the power of the cross,  
His banner over me is love.  
His banner over me is love!

How Many Spears? There are 10 spears on the puzzle page.



***Puzzle Answer Key***

***CrossWord***

Missing Numbers	2	12	9	10	12
2	12	9	10	12	12
11	5	1	5	0	0
13	4	3	0	6	6
7	1	0	2	4	4
12	2	5	3	2	2

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## ***For Parents:***

*The giant is slain by a young shepherd boy: it sounds like a fantastic fairy tale. Help your child to understand that the Bible stories he hears are not simply “stories” but true accounts of people from long ago. Teach your child the true and real and powerful Word of the living God.*

*David was only a youth when he faced Goliath. When your child faces a “Goliath” in his life, point him to the living God who delivered David from the hand of the giant. Only by trusting in the LORD for deliverance can your child find shelter from the stresses of growing up in an increasingly ungodly world. Share your own experience of rescue from a “giant” with your child. Let him see you trusting God for deliverance from situations that are insurmountable by your own strength.*

*God is still the Deliverer. He has delivered you from the giants of sin, death and hell; and the devil, the world and your own flesh. He has given you victory through the shed blood of His dear Son, Jesus Christ. He has brought forgiveness of sin, life and salvation to you through His atoning death and glorious resurrection. Walk in Him!*



***As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.***

*Colossians 2:6-7*