

Not By Sword or Shield
PREVIEW

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PURPOSE

This dramatic re-telling of the heroic Bible story of David and Goliath found in 1 Samuel 17, is meant to convey the truth that we have the same power available to us today that David had when he killed Goliath.

SUMMARY

This script brings to life David's possible fears as he faced the giant as well as vocalizes the jeering taunts of his brothers. The skit ends with David choosing, despite other's opinions, to follow God's prompting and to believe that the battle belongs to the Lord.

CHARACTERS

David

Goliath

Brother 1

Brother 2

Brother 3

RUNNING TIME

5 Minutes

HOW TO

(O.S.) = Offstage

SRC = Stage Right Center

SL = Stage Left

Goliath's fall: This can be done with the use of a sound effect or with an actor *loudly* falling offstage.

COSTUME / PROP IDEAS

Sling Shot

GOLIATH (O.S.)

Why have you come out to set your battle in array? Am I not a Philistine, and you servants to Saul? Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me. If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then will we be your servants; but if I prevail against him and kill him, then you will be our servants and serve us.

David enters SRC. Looking straight ahead.

GOLIATH (O.S.)

Come closer.

David steps forward.

GOLIATH (O.S.)

I like to see a face before I destroy it.

Brothers 1, 2, 3 enter SL.

BROTHER 1

David, this is ridiculous!

BROTHER 2

David, get back here.

Goliath enters from behind the audience and walks down the center aisle.

GOLIATH

Are you mocking me?

(To an unseen army)

Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?

BROTHER 3

Why have you come down? With whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness?

GOLIATH

He begins to encircle David.

Ha! You are mocking me. I've been allowed a hors d'oeuvre before my meal?

BROTHER 1

I know your pride, and the naughtiness of your heart; you have only come down that you might see the battle.

BROTHER 2

This isn't a game.

GOLIATH

(To an unseen army)

This is who you sent?

(To David)

You? What are you going to accomplish?

GOLIATH

You're small. You're weak. Do you even know how to fight?

BROTHER 1

Have you ever been in a battle before?

BROTHER 2

You're alone.

BROTHER 3

By yourself. There's no army behind you.

GOLIATH

You think your God will save you?

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