



**David  
and  
Goliath**



**The LORD said to Samuel, “How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? Fill thy horn with oil, and go, I will send thee to Jesse the Bethlehemite: for I have provided me a king among his sons.”**

**Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hear it, he will kill me.”**

**The LORD said, “Take a heifer with thee, and say, I am come to sacrifice to the LORD. And call Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show thee what thou shalt do: and thou shalt anoint unto me him whom I name unto thee”**



**And Samuel did that which the LORD spake, and came to Bethlehem. And the elders of the town trembled at his coming, and said, “Comest thou peaceably?”**

**And he said, “Peaceably. I am come to sacrifice unto the LORD. Sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons, and called them to the sacrifice.**

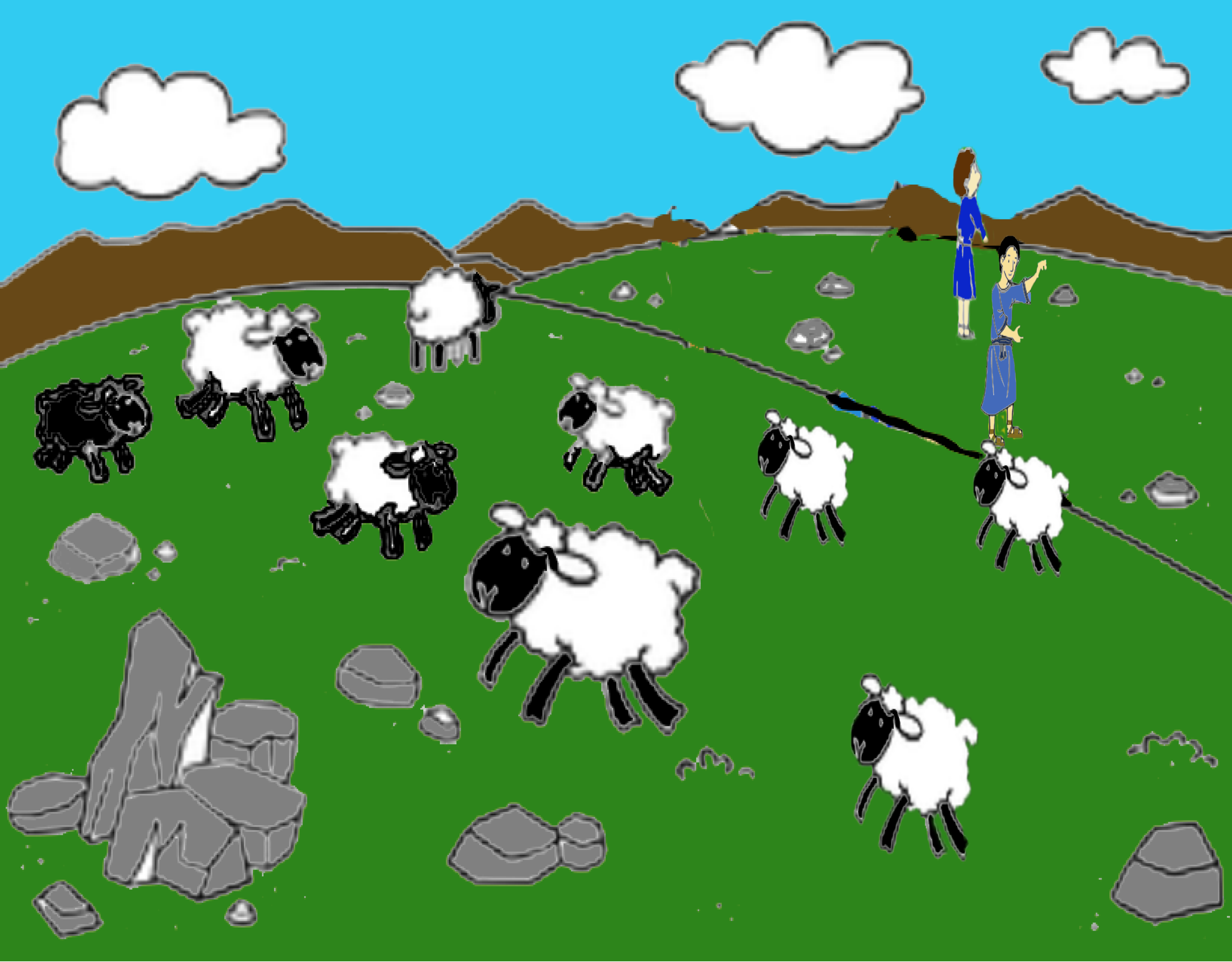


**Samuel told Jesse that the LORD had chosen one of his sons to be king.**

**When Samuel saw Jesse's oldest son, he thought that surely, the LORD had chosen him.**

**The LORD said, "Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth. For man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart." Samuel asked for each of Jesse's son to pass by him.**





**Samuel told Jesse that the LORD had not chosen any of those, and he asked if this was all his sons.**

**Jesse said, “There remaineth yet the youngest and, behold, he keepeth the sheep.”**

**Samuel replied, “Send and fetch him: for we will not sit down till he come hither.”**

**They went and got David and brought him back. And the LORD said, “Arise, anoint him: for this is he.”**



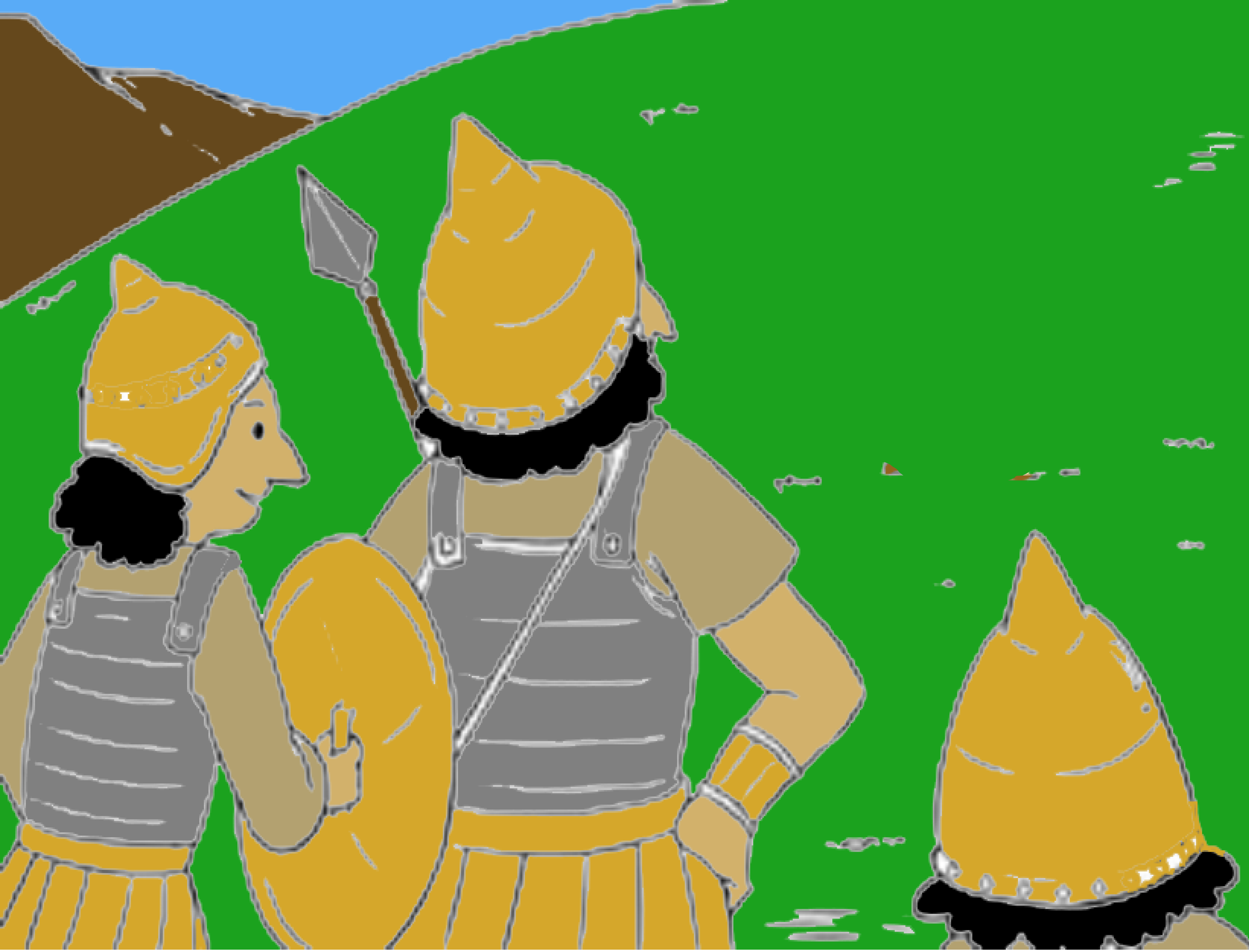
**Then, Samuel anointed David with oil in the midst of his brethren. And the spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward.**



**King Saul struggled with the evil spirit that would come over him from time to time. Some of his servants suggested that he find someone that was good with the harp to come and play for him to make the evil spirit go away.**

**Saul's servants suggested, David. They said that he was wise and good-looking, a man of war, and good with the harp. Saul sent for David, and David came before the king. He played his harp for him, and the evil spirit departed from him.**





Then, there came a battle. The Philistines gathered on the top of one mountain. The army of Israel gathered on the other mountain. And there was a valley in between them. The Philistines sent out their best warrior named, Goliath into the valley. There, he challenged anyone from Israel to come down and fight with him. He told them that if they won then the Philistines would be their servants. Otherwise, he said Israel would agree to be the Philistines servants.



David's brothers were gathered with Israel's army, but David was at home taking care of the sheep. Then one day, David's father Jesse told David to take some things to his brothers and see how the battle was going. So, David left the sheep with a keeper and set off to visit his brothers. When he got there, he saw what was going on. He saw both armies standing on their own mountain and this giant warrior from the Philistines coming out to challenge anyone brave enough to come down and fight him. David was offended that this warrior was making fun of God's people and calling them cowards.



**David went around asking people what would be done for the man that killed the giant. They told him that the king would make him rich, would give him his daughter for a wife, and would make his family free from serving the government.**

**It was told to Saul that David was interested in fighting the giant. So, Saul called David to talk with him.**

**David told the king, “Let no man’s heart fail because of him; thy servant will go and fight with the Philistine.”**





**Saul said, “Thou are not able to go against the Philistine for thou are but a youth, and he a man of war from his youth.”**

**David said, “Thy servant kept his father’s sheep, and there came a lion and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock: and I went up after him, and smote him, and delivered it out of his mouth: and when he rose up against me, I caught him by the beard, and smote him and slew him. Thy servant smote both the lion and the bear: and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he hath defied the armies of the living God.”**

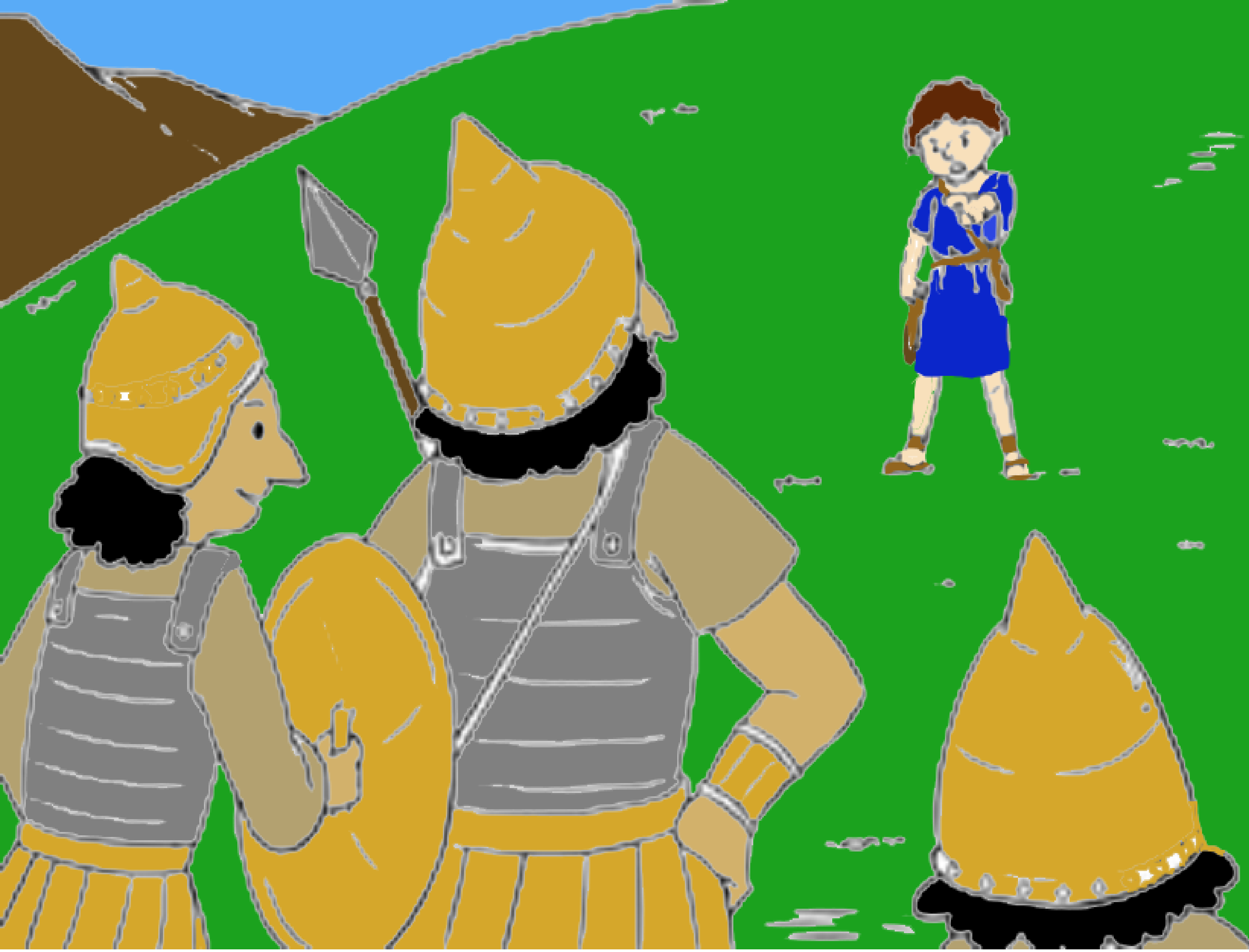


Then David said, “The LORD that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, He will deliver me out of the hand of the Philistine.”

Saul said to David, “Go and the LORD be with thee.” Saul gave David armor to wear, but David said that he couldn’t use them because he hadn’t proved them. So, he took his staff and his slingshot and went to the brook to find some stones.

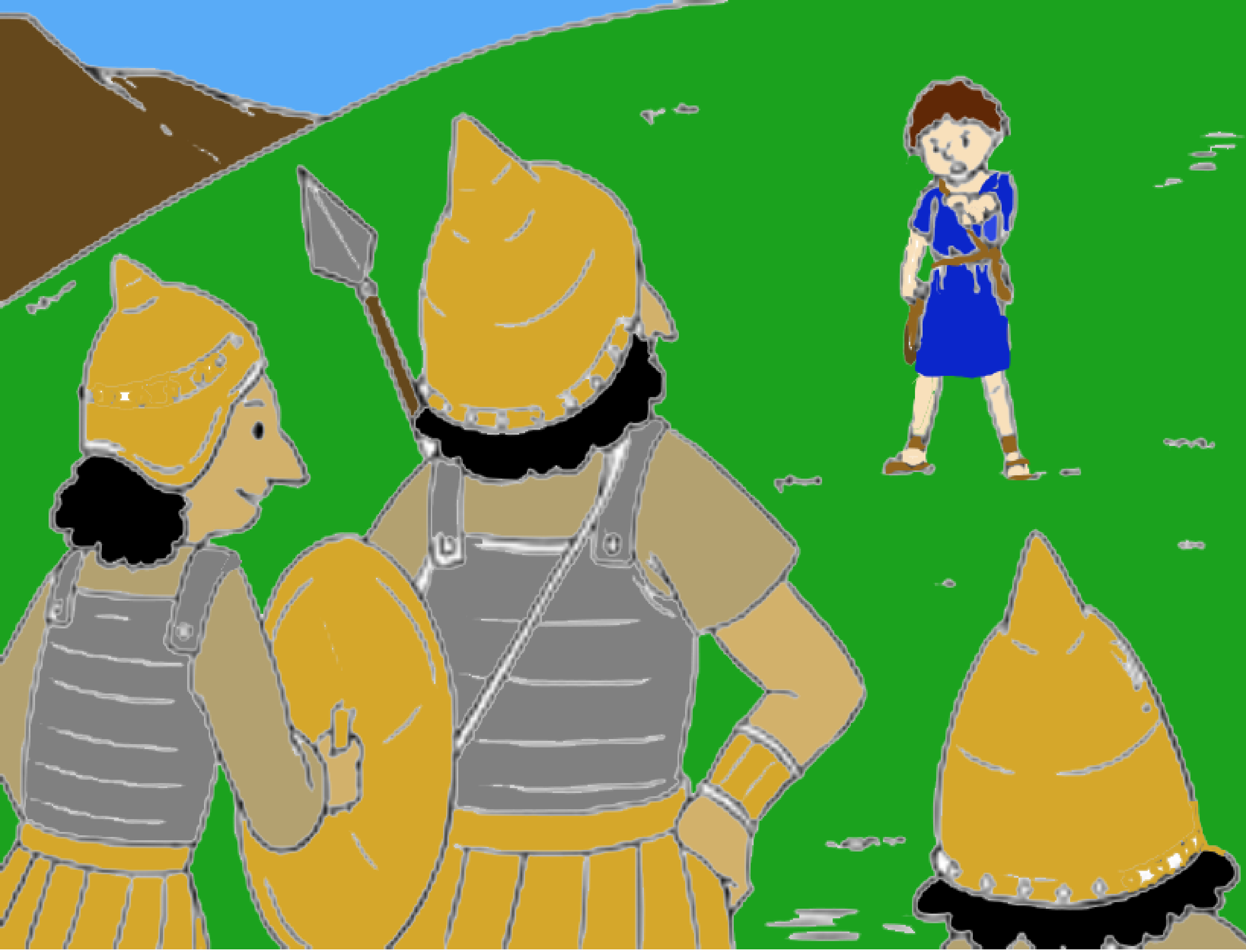


**David found five smooth stones from the brook, and he put them in his shepherd's bag. Then, he went back to fight the giant.**



When the Philistine saw David, he despised him because he was so young and good-looking. He said, “Am I a dog, that thou comest to me with staves?” He cursed David in the name of his gods, then he said, “Come to me, and I will give thy flesh unto the fowls of the air, and to the beasts of the field.”

David replied, “Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied!”



David continued,  
“This day will the LORD  
deliver thee into mine  
hand; and I will smite  
thee, and take thy head  
from thee; and I will  
give the carcasses of the  
host of the Philistines  
this day unto the fowls  
of the air, and to the  
wild beasts of the  
earth; that all the earth  
may know that there is  
a God in Israel! And all  
this assembly shall  
know that the LORD  
saveth not with sword  
and spear: for the  
battle is the LORD’s,  
and he will give you  
into our hands!”





**Then Goliath came toward David, and David ran toward Goliath. David put his hand into his bag, pulled out a stone, slang it in his slingshot, and smote Goliath in the forehead, so hard that the stone sank into his head. Goliath fell to the ground, and David ran up to him.**

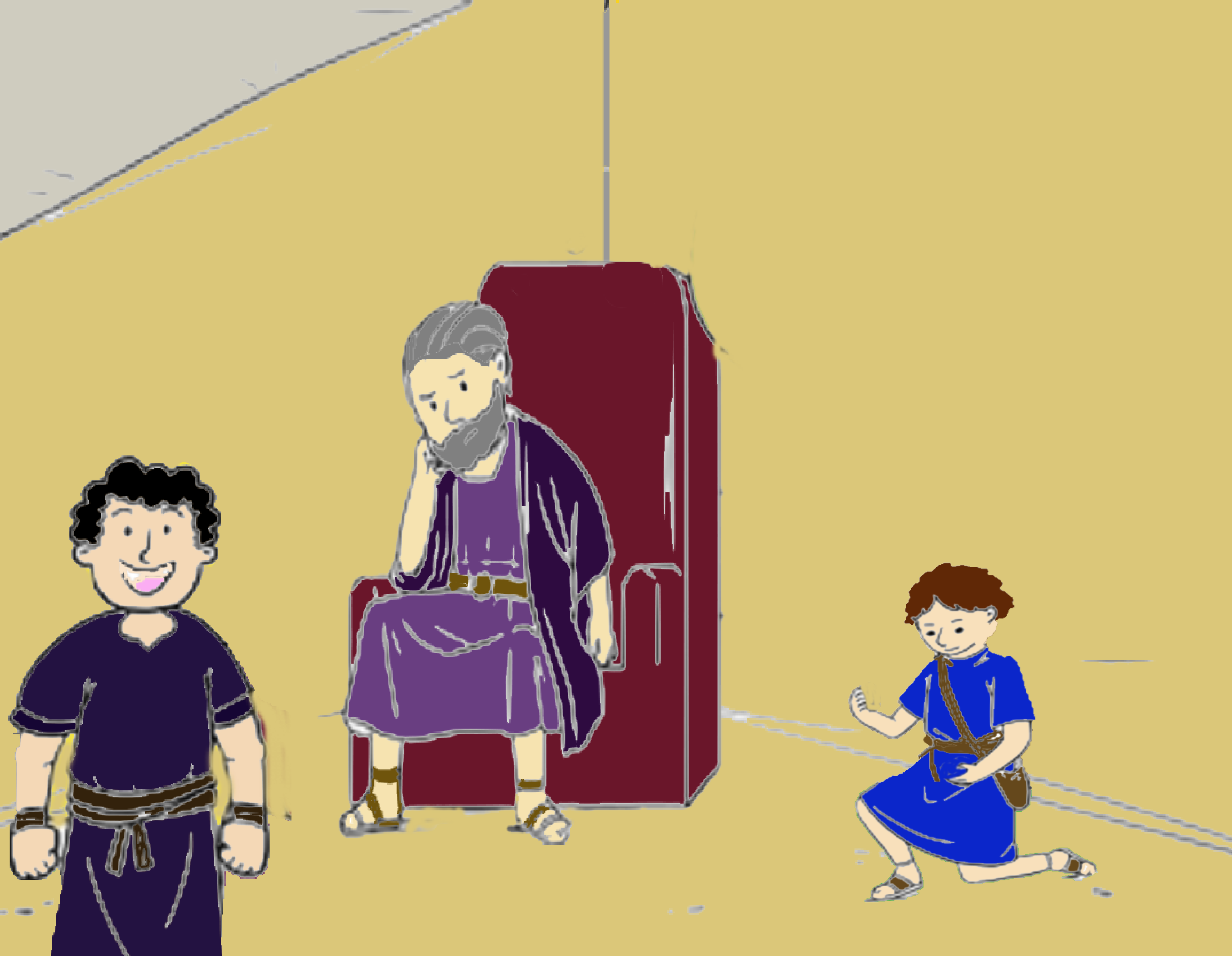




David didn't have a sword, so he took Goliath's sword and used it against him to cut off his head.

When the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they ran away. The armies of Israel shouted and ran after them. They chased them home and then came back and took everything that they had left in their tents.

Then the head of the army took David back to Saul, and Saul added David to his army and would not let him go home any more like he had when he had just played his harp. And Saul put him in charge of the men of war.



**When Saul got done speaking with David, the soul of Jonathan, his son, was knit with the soul of David, so that Jonathan loved David as much as he loved himself, and he gave David his robe and his sword and his bow.**

**And David went out to fight, wherever Saul sent him, and he behaved himself, wisely, so that he was accepted by everyone.**