

DAVID IN CAMP AND COURT

I Samuel 17:1 to 18:9



After Samuel had anointed David to be king of Israel, David still stayed quietly at home taking care of the sheep; for King Saul was still ruling the country. But King Saul was not well. He could not sleep, and he was so unreasonable and unhappy that at last some of his friends sent for David to see if he could quiet him with his sweet music. But David's stay in the beautiful palace was not long, for the Philistines came again to fight

Israel, and the king was so busy with his army that David was not needed, so he went back again to his sheep.

David's three brothers were in Saul's army, and one day David's father sent him over to the camp with some good things for the brothers to eat. As David came near, he heard a great shouting; he ran forward and saw a strange sight. On one side was the army of Israel and on the other, the army of the Philistines. And coming out from the Philistine camp was a man, Goliath, who was perhaps the tallest and strongest man in the world. He shouted to the Israelites to send a man to fight, but they were afraid.

David heard the giant making fun of God and God's people, and he offered to go out and fight him, but his big