

Goliath's head with his own sword. How did this act inspire the Israelites? To fight the Philistines and win a great victory.

#### WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

We are like Goliath when we are—Proud. Self-confident. Boastful. We are like David when we are—Humble of heart. Quick to obey. Ready to trust God.

#### ANALYTICAL AND BIBLICAL OUTLINE.

##### The Victory of Faith.

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#### I. THE PREPARATION.

1. Strange armour useless. "Not proved." v. 39.  
     "Traditions." Mark 7. 8. "Will.... worship." Col. 2. 23.  
     "Philosophy." Col. 2. 8. "Circumcision." Gal. 6. 15.
2. Tried weapons best. "Five smooth stones." v. 40.  
     "Things.... learned." 2 Timothy. 3. 14-17. "Word." Prov. 30. 5.  
     "Word of truth." 2 Cor. 6. 6, 7. "Mighty." 2 Cor. 10. 4.
3. Armour of God. "Name of the Lord." v. 45.  
     "Helmet." Isa. 59. 17. "Breastplate." 1 Thess. 5. 8.  
     "Armour of light." Rom. 13. 12. "Whole armour." Eph. 6. 14-7.

#### II. THE COMBATANTS.

1. Goliath. *a* Powerful. v. 4-7.  
     "Prince of this world." John 12. 31.  
     "Lion." 1 Pet. 5. 8.
- b* Defiant. "Cursed David." v. 43.  
     "Exalteth himself" 2 Thess. 2. 3, 4.  
     "Swelling words." Jude 16.
- c* Haughty. "Disdained him." v. 42.  
     "Boasters." 2 Tim. 3. 1-5. "Self-willed." 2 Pet. 2. 10.
- d* Murderous. "Give thy flesh." v. 44.  
     "A murderer." John 8. 44. "Out of the heart." Matt. 15. 19.
2. David. *a* Humble. v. 40.  
     "Grace to.... humble." 1 Pet. 5. 5.  
     "God's dwelling." Isa. 57. 15.
- b* Confident in God. "Will the Lord deliver." v. 46.  
     "It is better." Psal. 118. 8, 9. "All things." Phil. 4. 13.

#### III. THE VICTORY.

1. By insignificant means. "Sling and stone." v. 40.  
     "Weak things." 1 Cor. 1. 27-30. "Poor." James 2. 5.
2. Through God. "A God in Israel." v. 46.

"By my Spirit." Zech. 4. 6. "Angel." Psal. 34. 7.

3. Complete. "Champion dead, they fled." v. 51.

"Perfect in weakness." 2 Cor. 12. 9. "Conquerors." Rom. 8. 37.

#### ADDITIONAL PRACTICAL LESSONS.

##### The Elements of Success in Life.

1. An element of success, leading greatly to David's advancement, was his spirit of willingness, ready to lead and to act when others were hesitating. v. 32.

2. An element of David's success was his thorough knowledge of his own powers, just what he could do, and what he could not do, and his use of weapons with which he could trust himself. v. 38, 40.

3. An element of David's success was his wise forethought, planning the precise method in which to win the victory, and then carrying it out. v. 40.

4. An element of David's success was his promptness in action, recognizing his opportunity, and taking advantage of it, a sure mark of genius. v. 48, 49.

5. An element of David's success was the precision and directness of his action, making no mistake when the moment of emergency came, but aiming at just the right point: an example in life for all circumstances. v. 49.

6. An element, and the greatest of all, in David's success, was his humble faith in God, recognizing all success as coming from above, and giving to God all the glory. v. 45, 47.

#### CATECHISM QUESTION.

17. *Who were the Disciples of Christ?*

The Disciples of Christ were those who believed in his word, and became his followers, whilst he was in this world.

18. *Who were the Apostles of our Lord?*

The Apostles of our Lord were twelve disciples whom he called to be witnesses of his miracles, death, resurrection, and ascension; and who were to bear testimony of these things to Jews and Gentiles.

#### ENGLISH TEACHER'S NOTES.

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Of all Bible stories, this is pre-eminently the story of daring and of valour, the one which most strongly excites the youthful imagination, and most deeply impresses itself on the youthful mind. David is the great Old Testament hero. And what boy