



Faith Hero Fact File

DAVID

THE BRAVE YOUNG SHEPHERD



MEET DAVID...

David was a young shepherd who lived in Bethlehem with his family. He was the youngest of eight brothers and spent his days looking after sheep. Although he seemed an unlikely hero, his courage and faith in God would change his life. You can find his story in the **First Book of Samuel** in the Old Testament.

HIS STORY...

David cared for his family's sheep, protecting them from danger, even facing lions and bears. Meanwhile, the Israelites were at war with the Philistines. A giant soldier named Goliath challenged them to send someone to fight him, but everyone was frightened. When David visited his brothers at the battlefield, he heard Goliath's challenge and offered to face him.

David refused heavy armour. Instead, he took his shepherd's sling and five smooth stones. Trusting God to help him, David defeated Goliath with a single stone.

David later became king of Israel.

A BIG MOMENT

David Faces Goliath – 1 Samuel 17

When David heard Goliath challenging the Israelites, he was surprised that nobody would stand up to him. King Saul doubted that a young shepherd could defeat such a powerful warrior, but David explained that he had already protected his sheep from dangerous animals. David chose to face Goliath without armour, carrying only his sling and stones.

His courage came not from being stronger than Goliath, but from believing that God would help him.

WHY WAS DAVID A FAITH HERO?

HE SHOWED COURAGE – David faced Goliath when others were too frightened.

HE TRUSTED GOD – He believed God would help him overcome the challenge.

HE USED HIS SKILLS – David relied on the abilities he had developed as a shepherd.



WORDS FROM THE BIBLE...

"The battle is the LORD's."

1 Samuel 17:47

David believed God was more powerful than any enemy. His words remind Christians that courage is not about being the strongest, but about trusting God when facing difficult challenges.

WHAT CAN WE LEARN?

Courage means facing your fears.

David's story teaches us that we don't have to be the biggest or strongest to make a difference.

Being courageous doesn't mean never feeling afraid. It means facing challenges and doing what is right, even when it's difficult.

