

*You will need a narrator, David and Goliath for the speaking parts. But you could have a child as David with an adult reading his lines.*

*Before you start, prime the congregation to respond with “You’re too little!” when you make a certain sign.*

*At the end of the story, when David knocks down Goliath, you can let first ‘David’ and then all of the children have a go at using beanbags to knock down the cardboard Goliath they’ve built.*

This is David.

David has 7 older brothers. His brothers are all soldiers, but David is a shepherd boy. He looks after his father’s sheep.

David is very brave. He fights the wild animals that try to attack the sheep. And he always trusts God to help him.

Nobody else knows how brave David is. They don’t know how much he trusts God. Whenever he wants to join in with his brothers, they just say, YOU’RE TOO LITTLE!

These are David’s brothers. They are soldiers in King Saul’s army. Their army is camping on one hill, over here.

These are the enemy soldiers. Their army is camping on another hill, over here.

The enemy soldiers are sure that they will win, because they have on their side a giant called Goliath.

Goliath shouted across to the army on the other hill:

‘Choose a man to fight me. Whoever wins the fight wins the battle for the whole army.’

King Saul's army didn't know what to do. Everyone was scared to fight Goliath.

One day, David's father asked him to take food to his brothers in the army. When David heard Goliath shouting, he said, 'I'll fight Goliath.'

But his brothers laughed at him. They said, YOU'RE TOO LITTLE!

David said, 'I'm not afraid.'

But his brothers said, YOU'RE TOO LITTLE!

And King Saul said, YOU'RE TOO LITTLE!

But David said, 'I trust God to help me.'

So David went to the river. He choose 5 smooth stones.

Then David shouted to Goliath. He said, 'I will fight you.' Goliath laughed. He shouted back: YOU'RE TOO LITTLE!

And the enemy soldiers were sure that Goliath would win.

But David was not afraid.

'You come with a sword and a spear, but I come to you in the name of God.'

David put a stone in his sling and he threw it hard at Goliath.

David's stone hit the giant on the head, and he fell down dead.

David trusted God. God helped David to win. And all the people were glad.