

1 Samuel 16-18 - David and Goliath

1. Read the stories in **1 Samuel 16:1-18:30** about David's rise to fame. Match the references in the right with the summaries on the left.

_____ David is sent to play for Saul.	A. 1 Samuel 16:1-5
_____ Saul meets the giant-killer.	B. 1 Samuel 16:6-13
_____ David visits his soldier brothers.	C. 1 Samuel 16:14-18
_____ David fells Goliath and cuts off his head.	D. 1 Samuel 16:19-23
_____ Yahweh send Samuel to Bethlehem.	E. 1 Samuel 17:1-11
_____ Saul's daughter Michal loves and marries David.	F. 1 Samuel 17:1-16
_____ Saul agrees to let David fight Goliath.	G. 1 Samuel 17:17-25
_____ A musician is needed to calm down Saul.	H. 1 Samuel 17:26-30
_____ Singing women welcome David and Saul.	I. 1 Samuel 17:31-40
_____ David stays home while his brothers leave.	J. 1 Samuel 17:41-47
_____ Saul tries to spear David.	K. 1 Samuel 17:48-54
_____ Goliath and David challenge each other.	L. 1 Samuel 17:55-58
_____ Jesse's youngest son is anointed king.	M. 1 Samuel 18:1-5
_____ Saul's daughter Mereb is not given to David.	N. 1 Samuel 18:6-9
_____ Jonathan becomes David's close friend.	O. 1 Samuel 18:10-16
_____ A Philistine giant challenges Saul's soldiers.	P. 1 Samuel 18:17-19
_____ David learns that the one who kills Goliath will become Saul's son-in-law.	Q. 1 Samuel 18:20-30

2. Circle the sections which picture David as a **shepherd**.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q

3. Circle the sections which picture David as a **harp player**.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q

4. Circle the sections which picture David as a **successful warrior**.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q

5. Read sections "D," "I," and "L" carefully. Do you see any contradictions here?

6. David's speech to Goliath, **1 Samuel 17:45-47**, summarizes the basic religious issue at stake here. Explain what David hoped to prove by fighting Goliath.
7. At least ten times the author of these chapters explains that Yahweh no longer wanted Saul to be king and that David had become Yahweh's favorite. List just four of those verses here.

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