



The Battle Is the Lord's

David and Goliath
1 Samuel 17

Granny B, Pops, and Lello sat on the farmhouse porch enjoying the warm morning sun. "Lello, have you decided what you'd like to plant in the garden?"

"I've been thinking about some flowers and a few vegetables, but I'm not sure," Lello said. She was excited that Granny B had given her such an important choice to make. Just then, they heard Delbert trotting down the path.

"Hello Delbert!" Pops called to him.

"Haw, hello," Delbert replied half-heartedly.

"Delbert, what's wrong?" Lello asked worriedly.

"I have a giant problem and I don't know what to do," Delbert said gloomily.

Granny B smiled warmly and motioned for him to sit next to her. She asked, "What's the trouble, my little one?"

Delbert sighed heavily and began to explain, "My dad chose me to be in charge of painting the whole barn today. That's a giant job, especially for a little donkey like me."

Pops nodded. "You're right, Delbert, that is a giant job. But I know a story that may help you, if you'd like to hear it," Pops offered gently.

Delbert perked up a little and nodded yes.

"Last night before bed, I read the story of David and Goliath," Pops began.

Lello's eyes grew wide as she said, "Ooooh. Wasn't Goliath that big, scary giant?"

"That's right, Lello," Granny B said. "Goliath was saying bad things and David wanted to stop him."

Delbert thought for a moment. Then he asked, "Did David wear lots of armor? And did he have something big to fight Goliath with?"

"No, David just used a small, smooth stone to win against Goliath," Pops answered.

"Haw, well I bet David was big and strong if he took on a giant," Delbert quickly replied.

"No, David was a young teenager," Granny B said.

Delbert gasped and said, "Haw! He was? Well wasn't he worried?"

"I'd be so scared," Lello added with a shudder.

Granny B began to grin and said, "David wasn't worried; he knew a secret."

Delbert and Lello asked what the secret was. Pops answered, "David knew that the battle was the Lord's, so he trusted God. David said, 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God.'"

"David trusted that God would help him win against Goliath. We can trust God to help us, too," Granny B added.

"You mean God helps us with giant things like painting the whole barn?" Delbert asked, amazed.

"Yes!" Granny B and Pops exclaimed together as they gently rubbed Delbert's ears.

"Haw. Well, what are we waiting for? I've got a barn to paint," Delbert shouted as he jumped up and sprang from the porch.

Granny B, Pops, and Lello followed Delbert down the path to the barn. They wanted to see this giant job for themselves!