

# YOUTH HAVEN KIDS' CONNECTION



If you found a time machine that could take you back in time, what would you want to see? History is full of exciting stories and places to visit!

Harvey and his friends think it would be great to visit a time when kings and queens lived in fancy castles and had knights to serve and protect them.

But there's an even more exciting story in the Bible about a king named David. Before he became the king, he fought against a giant without any armor or a shield to protect him. He trusted God, and God helped him win!

Look inside to read more about David's amazing story!



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# A GIANT AND A SHEPHERD BOY

God's people, the Israelites, were at war with one of the nearby nations called the Philistines. Their armies were camped out facing each other, with a big valley in between them.

**GOLIATH** was the champion of the Philistine army. He was over nine feet tall, strong, and mean. And he hated God. Every day he would come out and make fun of the Israelites and God. The Israelites were afraid of him, and no one was willing to fight him!

**DAVID** was helping his father with the sheep while his older brothers were fighting in the Israelite army. One day, his father sent him to take food to his brothers. While he was there, he saw Goliath and heard him making fun of God. David loved God with all his heart, so Goliath's words made him very angry!

David went to Saul, King of Israel, and told him he would fight Goliath. Whenever a bear or a lion had attacked his sheep, God had helped him kill the animal to protect the sheep. He was confident God would help him now, too!

Saul tried to give David his armor, but David said he couldn't wear it. Instead, he took his shepherd's staff and sling. He chose five smooth stones from a nearby stream and put them in his bag. And he went out to face the giant.

Goliath laughed at David. He was just a small shepherd boy coming to fight a giant warrior! But David knew God was on his side. He said, "I come to you in the name of the Lord of Heaven's Armies!" When Goliath tried to attack, David took a stone and put it in his sling. Then he hurled it at Goliath, and it landed on his forehead. The giant fell flat on his face!

David trusted God, and God gave him victory over someone much bigger and stronger than he was!





# HARVEY and FRIENDS

**I Live in:** Michigan, but my prairie dog cousins live in Arizona so I get to visit there a lot. I live in the tunnels under Youth Haven!

**My Favorites:** Tunnels, top hats, fancy accents, chocolate, and fancy sounding coffee drinks that taste gross

**I Don't Like:** Just about everything! I used to be pretty grumpy, but I'm getting better with God's help!

**I'm Good at:** Digging tunnels, messing up cabins, and inspiring flying squirrels to follow me. Taking over the world is a family hobby!

**My Favorite Bible Verse:** "This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!" -2 Corinthians 5:17

**Fun Fact:** My full name is Gustavo.

Meet GUS!



Learn more about Harvey and Friends at [HavenForKids.fun](http://HavenForKids.fun)

## THINK ABOUT IT:

Have you ever faced a problem in your life that seemed too big for you to handle?

David knew he didn't have the strength or ability to defeat Goliath on his own. But he wasn't afraid, because he knew God was with him, and God has the power to do what seems impossible to us!

No matter what you're going through, always remember that God is with you. Do the crossword puzzle on the next page. We've given you some good verses to look up that will help remind you to trust God when you need help!



# TEAR-OUT ACTIVITY PAGE

Do the activities on the front and back of this page. Then tear or cut it out and send it back to us, and we'll send you a Harvey mail sticker!

Your First and Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Oh no! Harvey is lost inside the castle tower and his friends are waiting for him outside. Can you help him find his way out?

Read the story called "A Giant and a Shepherd Boy" and fill in the blanks below.

## FUN FACT:

Goliath was  
over

\_\_\_\_\_ feet tall!

## FUN FACT:

David was  
helping his  
father with the

\_\_\_\_\_.

**FUN FACT:** David's  
only weapons were his  
shepherd's staff and

\_\_\_\_\_.

Go to [havenforkids.fun](http://havenforkids.fun) to see the answers! You can also read the story in 1 Samuel 17 in your Trailbook.



# CROSSWORD

Look up the verses in your Trailbook, Bible, or at [havenforkids.fun](http://havenforkids.fun). Fill in the blanks to complete the crossword puzzle!

## Joshua 1:9

This is my \_\_\_\_\_  
3 Across

be \_\_\_\_\_ and  
2 Across

\_\_\_\_\_! Do  
3 Down

not be \_\_\_\_\_ or  
1 Down

discouraged. For the Lord your God

is with you \_\_\_\_\_  
4 Across

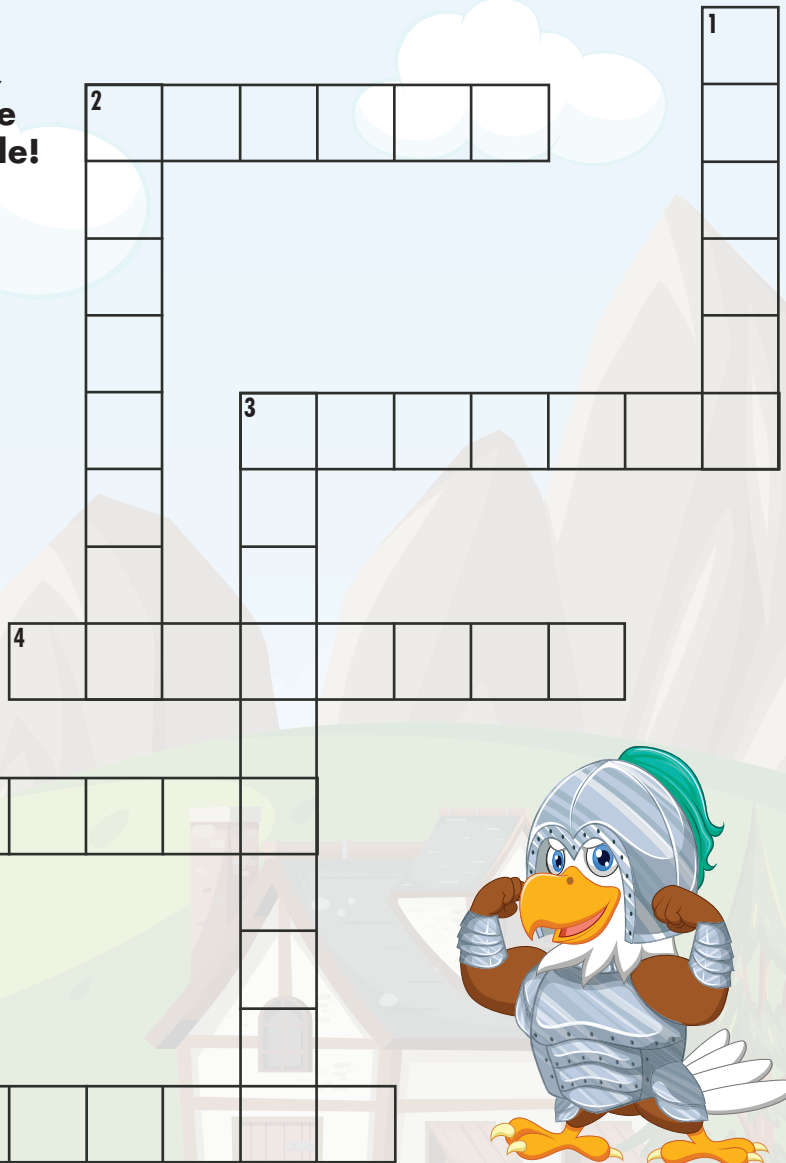
you go."

## Philippians 4:13

For I can do \_\_\_\_\_  
5 Across

through \_\_\_\_\_, who  
6 Across

gives me \_\_\_\_\_.  
2 Down



## TALK to GOD

God, I feel...



Thank you for...

I feel this way because...

Please help me...

# IN MY WORLD

## CANTERBURY

Did you know there are places where you can still see buildings that were used during the time when knights lived?

One of those places is Canterbury, England. In this picture, the building on the right is the Guildhall. It was built more than 800 years ago and was used for important meetings.

The famous composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart once performed there! The towers on the left are part of the Westgate, a 60 foot high gate that was part of a wall built around the city to protect it. The wall was removed about 200 years ago, but the gate is still standing! The towers are more than 600 years old.



Go to [havenforkids.fun](https://havenforkids.fun) to see pictures and learn about some of the cool things to see in Canterbury!

## CHALLENGE

Kids in medieval times played a lot of outdoor games like tag, capture the flag, and football. A popular game was called stool ball or stump ball. One player would throw a ball and try to hit a stool or stump. Another player would stand in front of the stool or stump and try to keep the ball from hitting it by using a stick like a bat. What sport does that remind you of?

What creative game can you come up with? Draw a picture of it or write down the rules and send them to us with your tear-out activity page!

