Faith Filled People

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David

David lived over 3,000 years ago. He lived with his father and brothers in Israel. David took care of sheep. One day, God sent a prophet, Samuel, to talk to David's father, Jesse. God wanted a good king for Israel. The current king, Saul, was not very good. God told Samuel that the next king would be Jesse's son. When Samuel saw David, he knew right away that David was the king God had been looking for.

David fought in Saul's army against the Philistines. The enemy army had a giant soldier named Goliath. Goliath wanted to fight one battle to end the war. The Israelites were afraid, but David said he would fight. Saul thought it was pretty funny that such a young boy would stand up against a big giant. David trusted God and was not afraid. God helped David. A rock David threw hit Goliath in the head and knocked him out. This scared all the Philistines and they ran away.

When Saul died, David became king. David was not a perfect king, but he tried to be a good leader. He set a place in Jerusalem where all the people could come to worship God. David loved God and trusted him. Since he was a young child, David wrote songs thanking and praising God. We have many of David's songs and psalms in our Bible. We are like David when we trust God. We can use some of David's words to help us thank God and show God we love him.