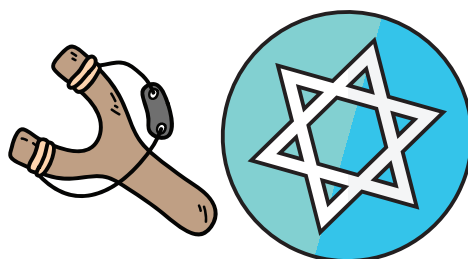
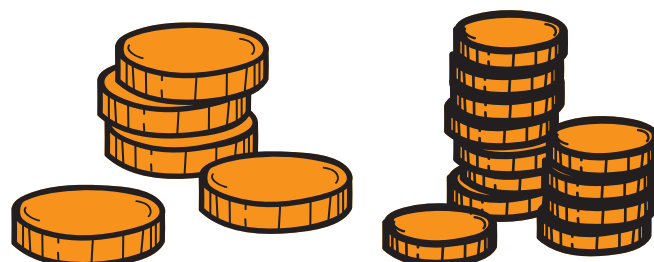


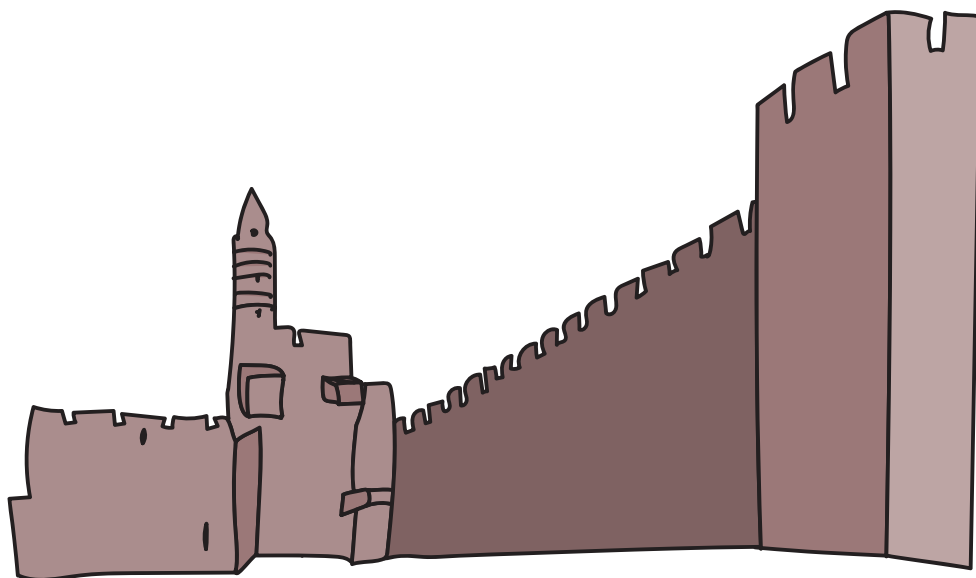
David arrives at the Israelite camp and sees Goliath the huge, strong Philistine standing in the middle of the valley. Goliath curses the Jewish people, mocks them and suggests that they send a single soldier to fight him, with the result of their fight deciding the outcome of the battle. None of the Israelite soldiers are prepared to fight Goliath. Short-statured David volunteers to go out and fight Goliath. He tells King Saul that he doesn't need any heavy weapons or shields and that he must fight and return the people of Israel's glory. He tells King Saul that he has fought against a lion and bear when he was shepherding his sheep and G-d helped him to defeat them. David goes out to Goliath who is surprised to see such a small, unarmored soldier. Goliath shouts and curses David but David answers, "You fight against me with a sword, but I come in the name of G-d and on behalf of the Jewish people." David moves quickly towards Goliath and succeeds in hurling a rock into Goliath's forehead, using his slingshot. Goliath falls onto his face and David wins the fight. When David is brought before King Saul after his victorious fight, Saul asks him what his name is. David lowers his eyes and says, "My name is David, the son of Yishai."



David and his men return to the camp, only to discover that the camp has been looted by Amalekites, a group that wandered from place to place and lived from looting and robbery. The Amalekites looted the camp, destroyed it, and took the women and children captive. David and his men ran after the Amalekites but on the way some of the people became tired and instead stayed behind to look after the weapons. David and the rest of the fighters, who were stronger, succeeded in reaching the Amalekite camp, to defeat them and to return the captives home. The fighters also brought back a lot of booty back that they took from the Amalekites. When the fighters returned to the camp they complained to David, "Why should we divide the booty with those who remained in the camp and didn't help? We won the booty, not them! They should take their family members who were captives and that's it." David answered, "We are brothers! We are all worthy of partaking of the booty!" David reminded his men that it was not their strength that led to their victory but the working together and unity of the men.



When David became the king of Israel, he searched for a place that could become the capital city but he worried that every tribe would want the capital city to be in their lot. He found a small city in the heart of the country that didn't belong to anyone, Jerusalem. King David chose Jerusalem as the capital city and, in doing so, made an important point- Jerusalem must belong to everyone, so as to bring peace and friendship between all people. King David wished to build the Temple in Jerusalem but because he had fought in wars he was forbidden from doing so. His son Solomon built the Temple and, in doing so, emphasized the point that his father had made: Jerusalem would be a city that would cause friendships between people, a city of peace that would be built from hands of peace.



King David was not only a king and a warrior; he also played the harp and wrote songs. His songs can be found in the book of Tehillim-Psalms. What did David sing about? Through his songs, David relayed the difficulties he faced when running away from Saul, he asks for forgiveness for his deeds and also says thank you for his successes, for the world around him, and for the help that he received. The book of Tehillim-Psalms is part of the Tanach-Bible, and until this very day people all over the world read it.

