

King David

God made David a powerful king who inspired his people with his strength, talents and righteousness. He was faithful to God and a shepherd to his subjects.



David, the shepherd boy, had many talents. He was a poet, singer and played the harp. When he went to meet his brothers in King Saul's camp, the Israelites were at war with the Philistines. Then David heard the giant Goliath's open challenge and decided to fight him. David was fearless as he knew that the one true God of Israel was by his side. As Goliath moved forward to attack him, David pulled out a stone, put it into his sling and took a shot at him.



Know Now: The Star of David, known in Hebrew as the Shield of David or Magen David, is a generally recognized symbol of modern Jewish identity and Judaism. Its shape is that of a hexagram, the compound of two equilateral triangles. It is found on the national flag of Israel.

Art: David is a masterpiece of Renaissance sculpture created in marble between 1501 and 1504 by the Italian artist Michelangelo. David is a 5.17-metre (17.0 ft) marble statue of the biblical hero David, a favoured subject in the art of Florence. Placed in a public square in Florence because of the nature of the hero it represented, the statue soon came to symbolize the defence of civil liberties.

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The stone hit the giant straight on the forehead and he fell on the ground with a loud thud. When the Philistines saw this they ran away and David became a hero to all the people in Israel. Saul became jealous of David and tried to kill him many times but did not succeed. After he died, David became king and won many battles for the Israelites. He ruled the people well and became known as the greatest king Israel ever had.



King David heard that because of the Covenant Box the Lord had blessed Obed Edom's family and all that he had; so he got the Covenant Box from Obed's house to take it to Jerusalem with a great celebration. After the men carrying the Covenant Box had gone six steps, David had them stop while he offered the Lord a sacrifice of a bull and a fattened calf. David, wearing only a linen cloth around his waist, danced with all his might to honor the Lord. And so he and all the Israelites took the Covenant Box up to Jerusalem with shouts of joy and the sound of trumpets.

2 Samuel 6: 12-15

Request your parents to read out their favourite verses from the Book of Psalms written by David and choose your favourite ones. Write them down in a notebook, understand the deeper meaning and try to memorise them during the week!





David and Goliath story is the most referred anecdote. Colour the picture as per the previous image.

