

Encore 2026 – Drama Troupe A or B

David and the Big Scary Giant

(Based on 2 Samuel 17)

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Cast: A minimum of three actors (One actor to the Narrator, one actor to be all Philistine characters and one actor to be all Israelite characters)

Note:

*This is a verrrry theatrical piece. Use your imagination, creativity and expressivity to tell the story. **No need for props**– they’ll just get in the way and complicate things. If you’re short on actors, you can have actors play multiple roles– having fun with the dynamic that the same few actors must keep becoming new characters. It becomes like a theatrical obstacle course. Have fun with it!*

Narrator: You know what’s scary? When a big bunch of bad guys is right outside your front door. Know what’s even scarier than that? When one of those bad guys is a ten-foot-tall, towering giant named Goliath!

Goliath: Fee Fi Fo Fum!

Narrator: Well, that’s what the Israelites faced.

Israelite: (*scared*) Mommy!

Narrator: Their mortal enemy, The Philistines—

Phillistine: (*evil laugh*) Muahahahaha!

Narrator: – were on their doorstep threatening to attack. And every day the Phillistines–

Phillistine: (*evil laugh*) Muahahahaha!

Narrator: — would send out their not-so-secret weapon Goliath!

Goliath: Fee Fi Fo Fum!

Narrator: The Israelites —

Israelite: Mommy!

Narrator: — were very afraid. But soon help arrived! The mighty monarch of Israel showed up! It was none other than King Saul!

King Saul: *(smiles and gives a beauty queen wave)* Thank you, thank you.

(Non-Phillistine ensemble responds by clapping softly and politely as if they were at a golf match.)

Narrator: But when he saw Goliath—

Goliath: Fee Fi Fo Fum!

Narrator: He was very, very afraid. So, King Saul—

King Saul: *(waves)* Thank you, thank you.

Narrator: —disappeared into his tent to “make a plan.” But there was no plan. There was just fear. Every day. Every day The Philistines—

Phillistine: *(evil laugh)* Muahahahaha!

Narrator: would send out Goliath —

Goliath: Fee Fi Fo Fum!

Narrator: — to scare the pants off the Israelites

Israelite: Mommy!

Narrator: They were all so scared. Day after day. And being scared every day? That’s exhausting. So, some Israelites —

Israelite: Mommy!

Narrator: — started sending care packages to the front lines. One of the care packages was brought by a shepherd boy named David.

David: The Lord is my shepherd!

Narrator: And when he saw saw Goliath—

Goliath: Fee Fi Fo Fum!

Narrator: David was— afraid.

David: *(trying to reassure himself)* The Lord is my shepherd.

Narrator: But, even so, he stood his ground and actually started walking toward Goliath.

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Goliath: Fee Fi Fo Fum!

Narrator: The Israelites were aghast!

Israelite: Mommy!

Narrator: The Philistines were thrilled.

Phillistine: (*evil laugh*) Muahahahaha!

Narrator: And David?

David: The Lord is my shepherd.

Narrator: — His hands were shaking, his knees were knocking, so he asked God for help.

David: Lord, I'm scared. But I believe you're with me. So, I'm gonna face my fear.

Narrator: He stooped down and scooped up a smooth stone, secured it in his sling and started swinging it—faster, and faster, and faster. Until David —

David: The Lord is my shepherd!

Narrator: — released the stone! It struck the giant right in the noggin and Goliath

Goliath: Fee Fi Fo Fum!

Narrator: —slumped to the ground like a big sack of dead potatoes. The Philistines cried.

Phillistine: (*cry/evil laugh*) Muahahahaha!

Narrator: The Israelites cheered!

Israelites: Mommy!

Narrator: King Saul —

King Saul: (*smiles and gives a beauty queen wave*) Thank you, thank you.

(*Golf Clap.*)

Narrator: — finally emerged from his tent. Because this brave, afraid, courageous boy, named David—

David: The Lord is my shepherd!

Narrator: — saved the day!