Detective Dan's (Shorter/Simpler) Version of Bible Story for Big Question 1, Bible Truth 1

The Case of the Young Man with Something Special Inside 1 Samuel 17:1-11, 34-58; Psalm 19; Psalm 23

(Numbers correspond to Bible story picture pages in Detective Dan's Big Question Box)

1. David was a shepherd boy. He loved God and sang songs to Him. God spoke to David in his heart as David prayed to God and thought about His Word.

2. Sometimes, a hungry lion or bear would come to eat a sheep. God gave David courage in his heart. He helped David fight off the animal with his sling, and sometimes, with his bare hands!

3. David praised God for his help!

4. One day, David took food to his brothers. They were supposed to be fighting off their enemies, the Philistines, but they were too scared of Goliath. He was nine feet tall and had a huge sword.

5. WHO could beat a giant like Goliath with his big sword? David knew who: God could! "Let me fight him!" David told King Saul. "God will help me beat Goliath!"

6. "The LORD helped me fight lions and bears. Goliath is no different," David told King Saul. "You can't beat me!" Goliath laughed at David. "You are too small." "I come in the name of the living God," David told Goliath. "He will help me strike you down."

7. David went down to the stream and gathered stones for his sling.

8. David put a stone from the river in his sling. He swung it round and round, then let it go... THUD! Down went Goliath!

9. David knew God in his heart. Now, everyone could see that the LORD was the one, true living God, too. Together, they all praised the LORD.