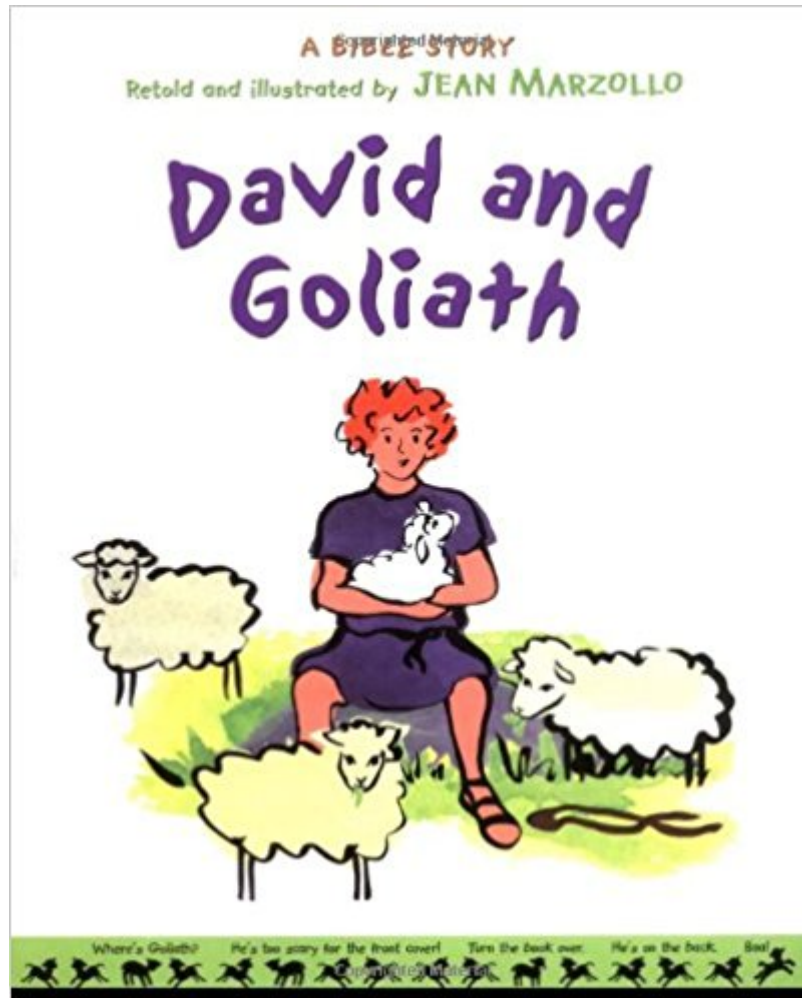




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# David And Goliath (Bible Story)



## Synopsis

he third title in an exciting new series by Jean Marzollo, here is another refreshing rendition of a well-loved classic that will appeal to families looking for accessible introductions to the timeless lessons of the Bible. Meet the musical and poetic David, who surprises everyone when he draws on his faith, determination, and skill and accepts the terrifying challenge issued by the enormous warrior Goliath. A chattering flock of little lambs gambol in the border running at the bottom of each page, adding the childlike commentary and humor that makes this series so unusually dynamic. Marzollo's energetic illustrations draw the reader into the heart of this suspenseful tale.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 1 - 10 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 5

## Customer Reviews

PreSchool-Grade 3 *—* This installment in a series about biblical heroes features a childhood favorite: David, the young shepherd who slew the giant Goliath. Marzollo's lighthearted watercolor cartoons and brief, but informative narrative are presented against white backgrounds, resulting in an accessible layout that encourages independent reading. An introductory author's note mentions David's talent for creating psalms and explains that the 23rd Psalm has been interspersed throughout his adventures in stanzas printed in blue ink. Additional layers of text include conversations among the characters and a border featuring silhouettes of sheep along with their

comments on the action. The field of single-volume stories about Old Testament characters that are humorous, interesting, well designed, and appropriate for a wide range of libraries is relatively fallow. This one has been carefully tended. – Wendy Lukehart, Washington DC Public Library Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

Jean Marzollo is the author of over one hundred books, including the best-selling, award-winning I SPY books (with photographs by Walter Wick).

Our grandson, David, loves for us to read this book to him. Although the illustrations are not the greatest, in my opinion, I have cut out photos of his face and glued them onto the face of David in the book. Now, our grandson totally identifies with David and talks about him and the story as it were happening to him.

My son loves this book!

I liked the wording and enjoyed the small added comments of the sheep, at the bottom of the page. It is simple and fun for a younger reader, while the story is true to the Bible narrative.

While there is no shortage of books with bible stories for young children, there are few that do a good job of it. This is a great book -- I recommend it highly.

There are many stories for children written about the Bible character, David, as he is a main figure in several books of the Old Testament and the favorite of many children (as well as adults). David and Goliath, written and illustrated by prolific author/illustrator Jean Marzollo, tells the well-known story of David's battle with the giant Goliath, taken from the Scriptures 1 Samuel 17. Children unfamiliar with the story will enjoy the suspense of the story; those who already know it, will enjoy this retelling. What I Like: I liked Jean Marzollo's writing style. She tells about the battle, and what leads up to it, with an emphasis on what David thought about the whole thing. I think kids can relate to that. And, she uses lots of lively, descriptive language throughout the book. In the introduction, she explains that David was the author of many psalms, that are like poems or songs. So, she included verses from the 23rd Psalm as part of the text. The verses are highlighted in blue ink to set them apart from the rest of the text. At first, I didn't like the illustrations. The Bible story is retold, in

part, in the usual manner, with normal-sized print on the page. Some of the illustrations are what you'd expect, pictures on the page to illustrate the story. But the storyline is interspersed with comic-book-like illustrations. The characters in the illustrations "talk" to each other, like they do in comic books. I thought they made the page "too busy." But, I've changed my mind: I now think kids would enjoy the story being told this way. And, I know they would enjoy the bold colors, which I do like. Also, there are little animals that run across the bottoms of each page. The pages of David and Goliath are decorated with lambs because, as the author explains, "David was a shepherd." The lambs also comment on the action depicted on each page. I think young children would enjoy these extra illustrations. What I Dislike: Nothing, now! Overall Rating: Excellent. Age Appeal: 4-8. Christine M. Irvin - Christian Children's Book Review

This version of the bible story David and Goliath is fantastic! It tells the story with full-color drawings done by the author and tells the story clearly for kids from 4-10. It will make your kids smile at the sometimes silly drawings, but while they are laughing, the story is sinking in also. This is one of the best renditions of this story I have ever read, and highly recommend it. The little sheep at the bottom of each page never hesitate to add their cute comments as seen from a sheep's point of view, either. My kids really enjoyed this book and I'm sure yours will too.

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