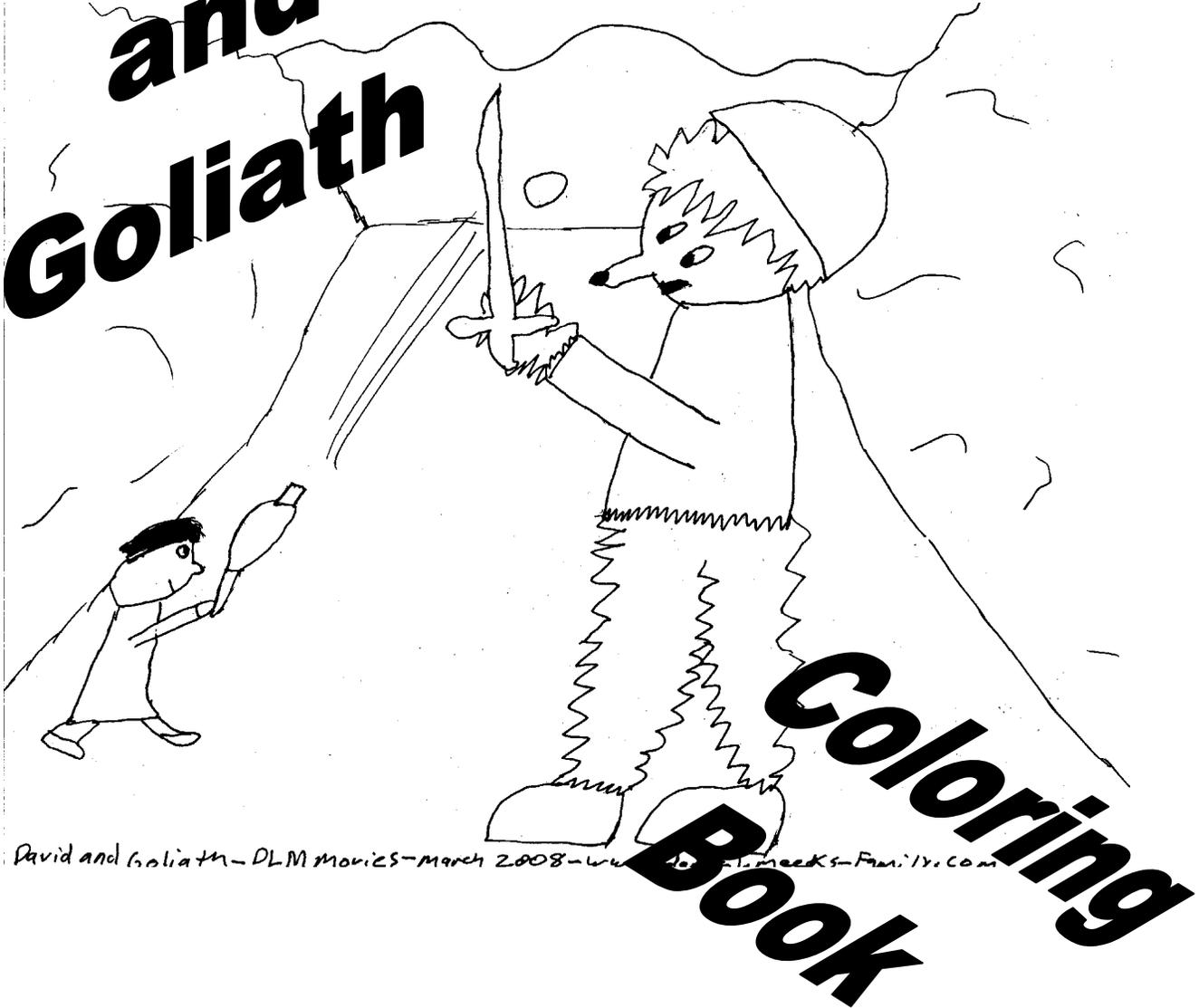
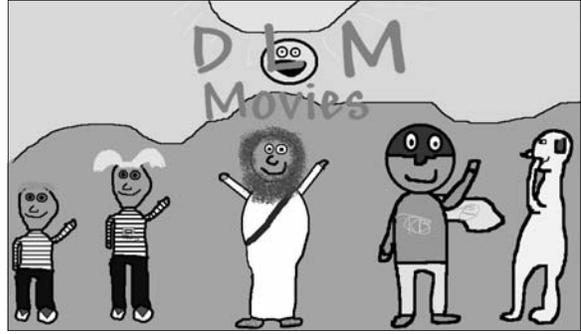


David and Goliath



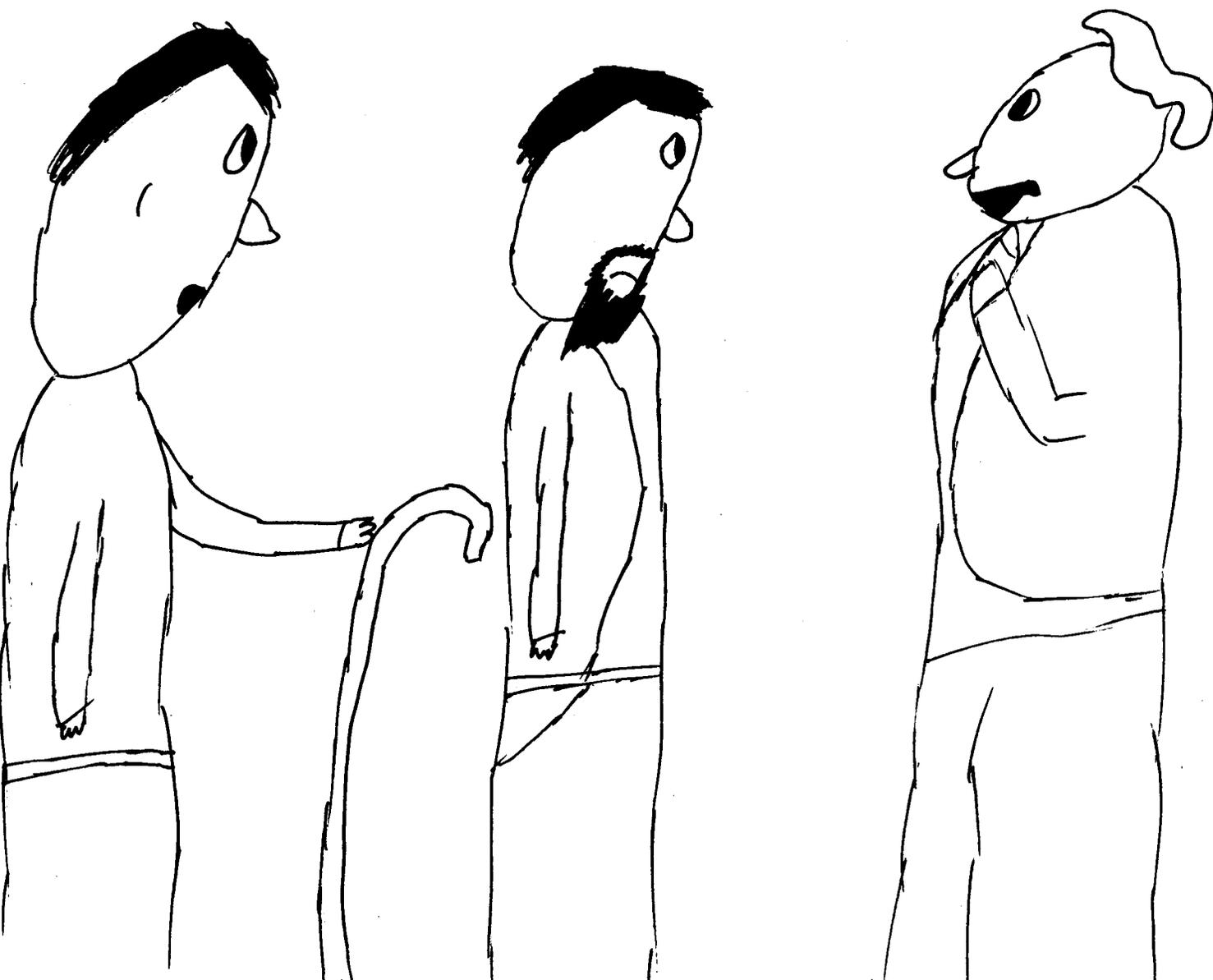
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David was a son of Jesse. He was the youngest of his four brothers. He played the harp and watched the sheep. He was always ready to keep them out of danger.



One day word of war came to David and his brothers. "The Philistines are attacking! The Philistines are attacking!" cried the messenger. David's brother asked "What can we do to help?" "Go down to Shochoh (*Show-co*)" answered the messenger. "There is where the Philistines are."

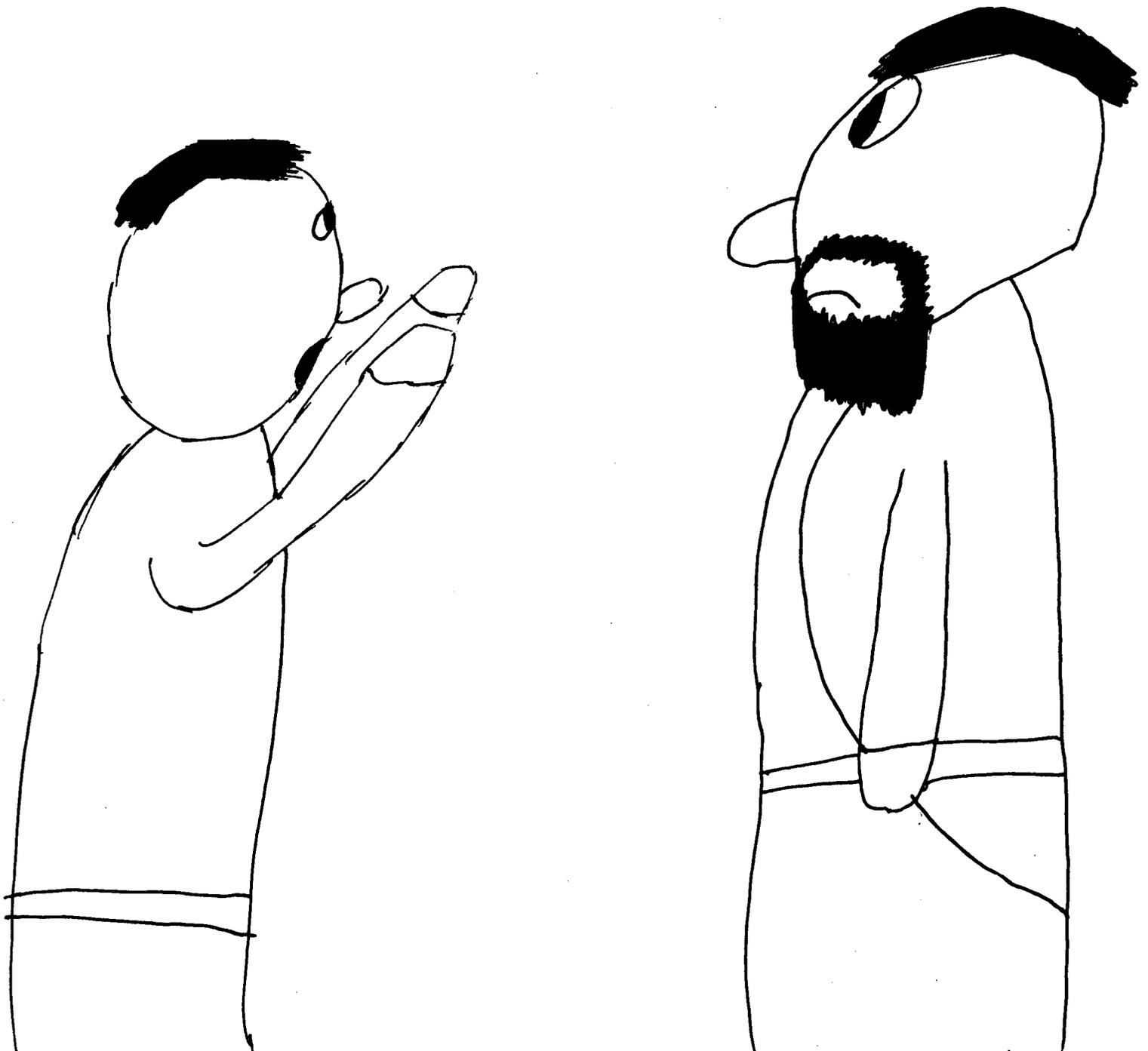


“Come on every one!” David’s brother yelled.

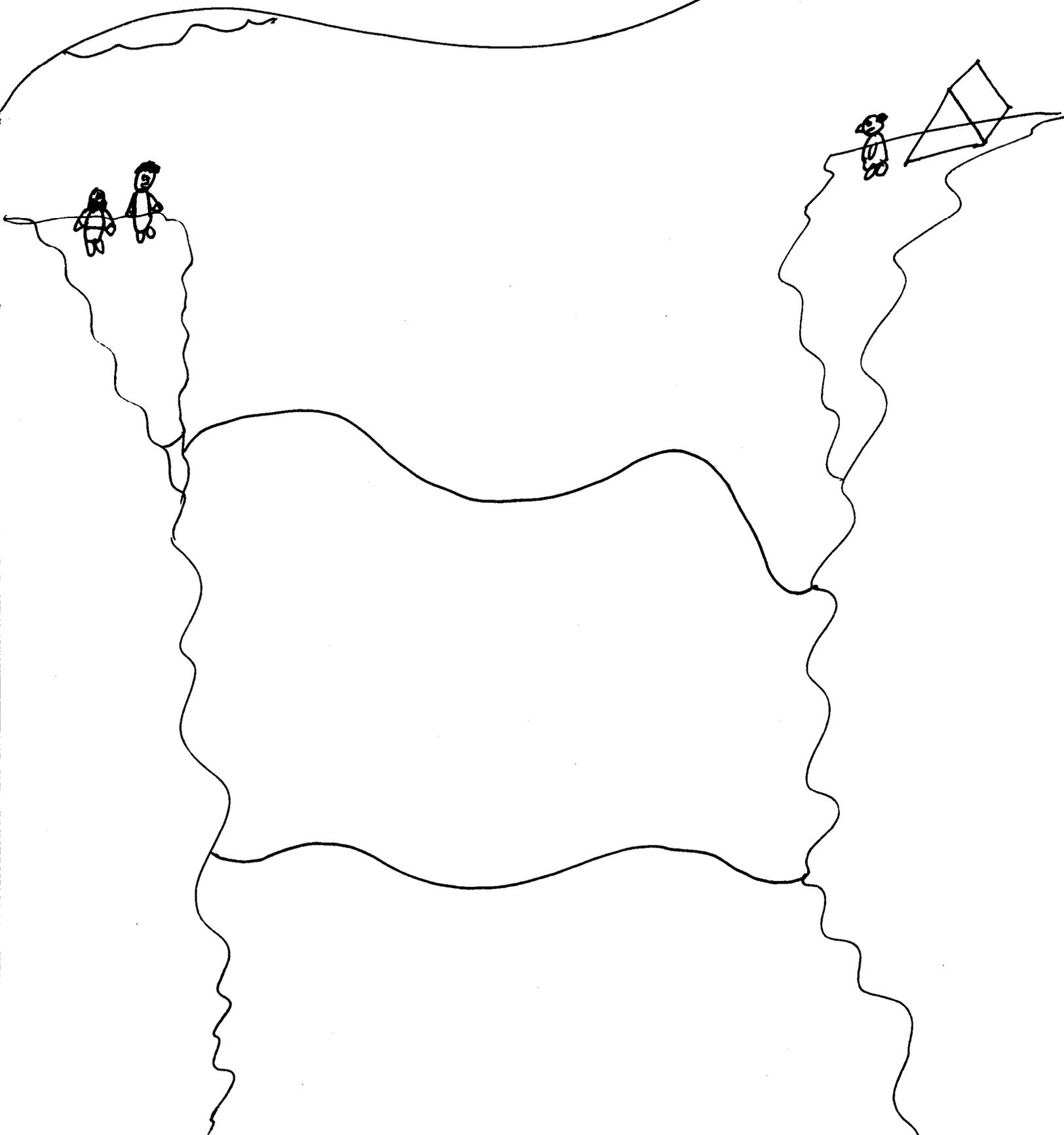
“They need us!” Then he turned to David and said “ David you stay here.” David did not want to stay. He wanted to help in the battle. “Why do I have to stay here?” David asked “They need me to!” Then David’s brother said “What if the Philistines are ten feet tall! There’s not much any of us could do.”



“With God’s help, little people can do big things to, you know!” David had faith. Lots of faith! He knew that with God’s help, little people could do big things too. David’s brothers went on without him though. David went back to feed and watch the sheep.



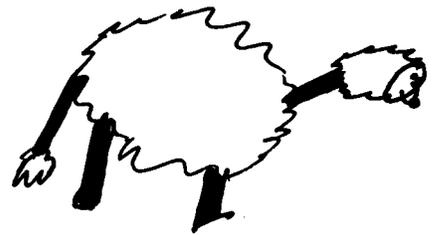
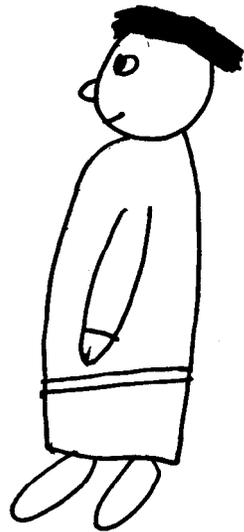
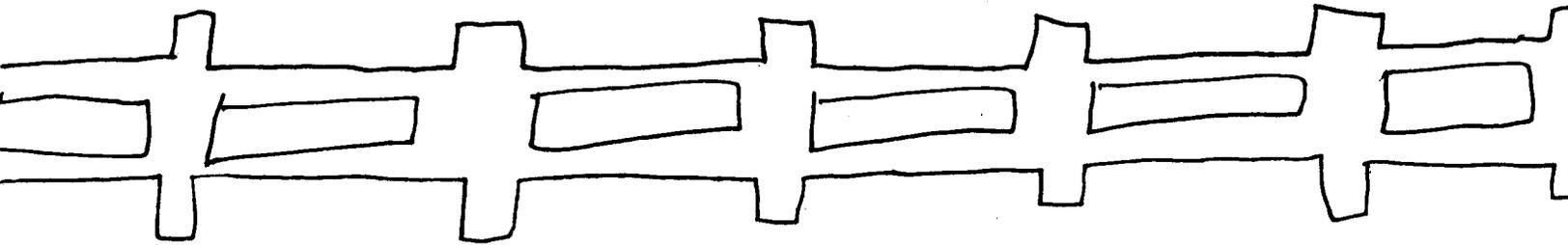
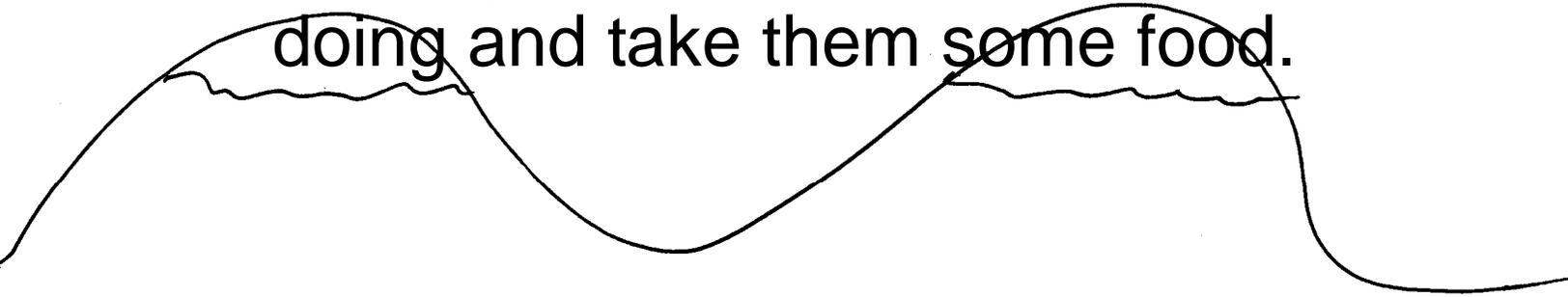
When David's brothers got to the war camp they went up on a mountain by the valley of Elah. On the other side were the Philistines. There was a valley in between them.



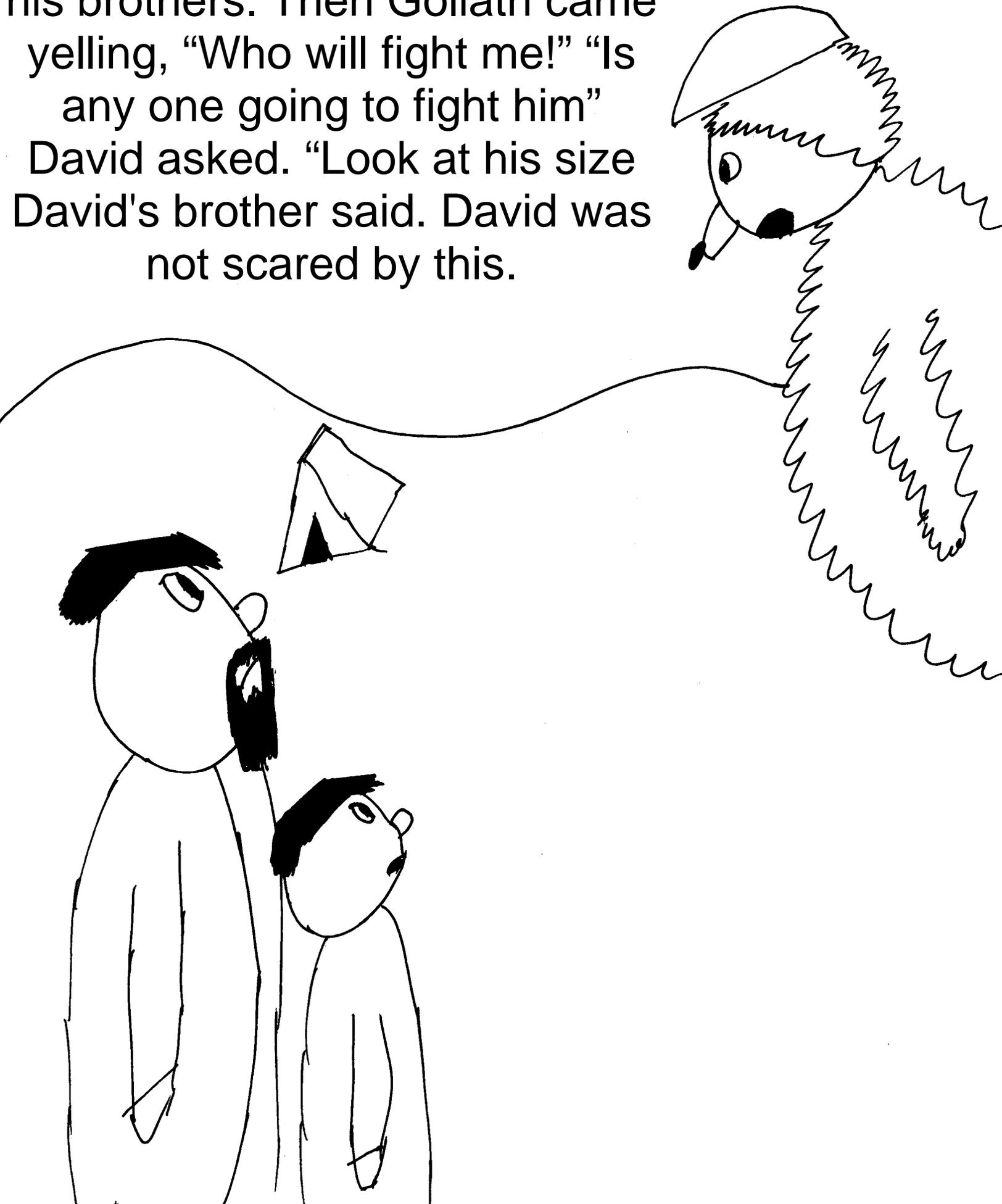
The ground started to shake. A giant named Goliath came into sight. He was 9 and a half feet tall. The tip of his spear weighted 15 pounds. He called out to Israel. "Come and fight me! If I win you will be my slaves, but if you can kill me then I will be your slaves!" No one would fight him.



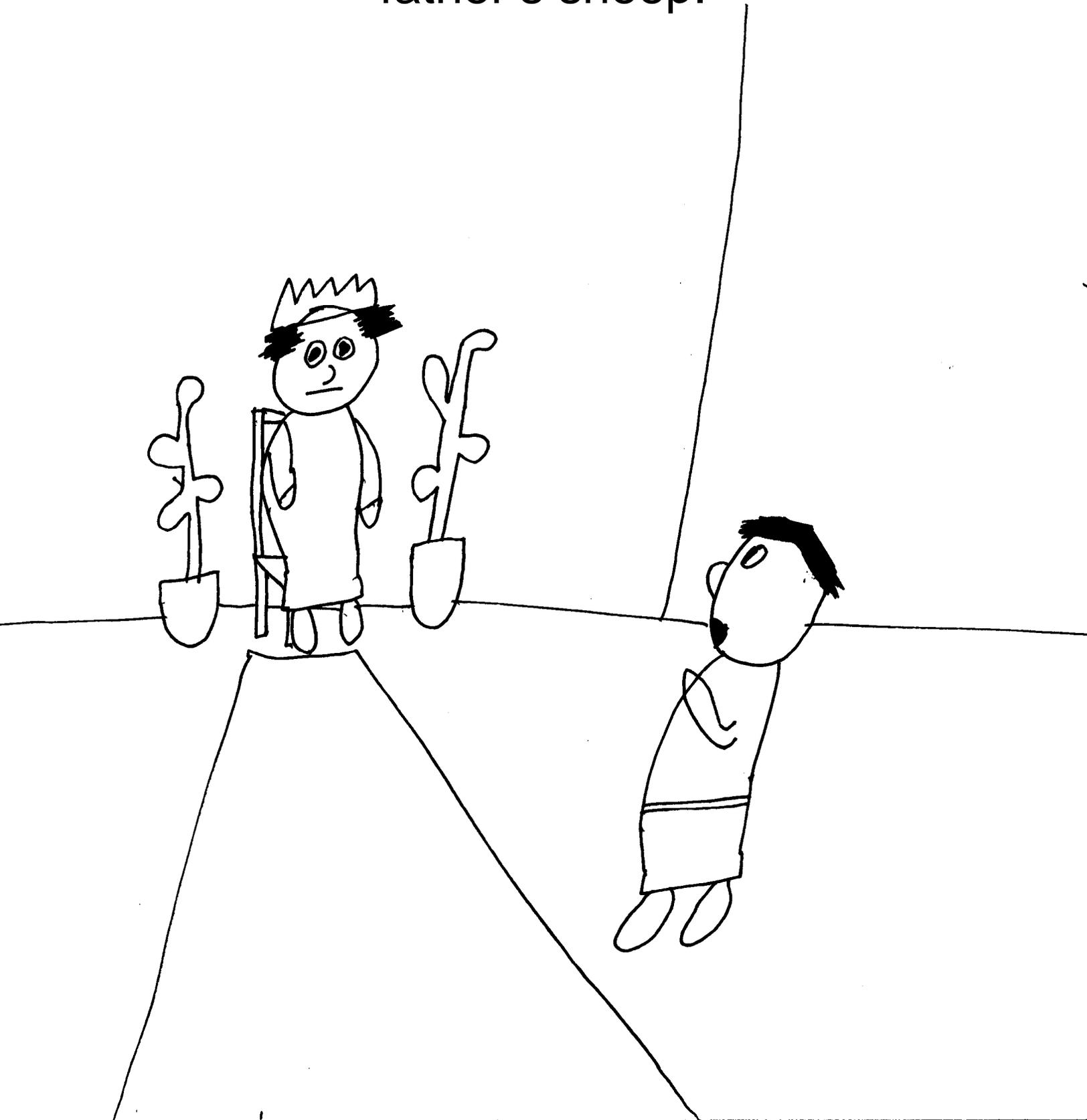
David was still at the sheep farm. His father gave him some food and told him to go down to the army camp and see how his brothers were doing and take them some food.



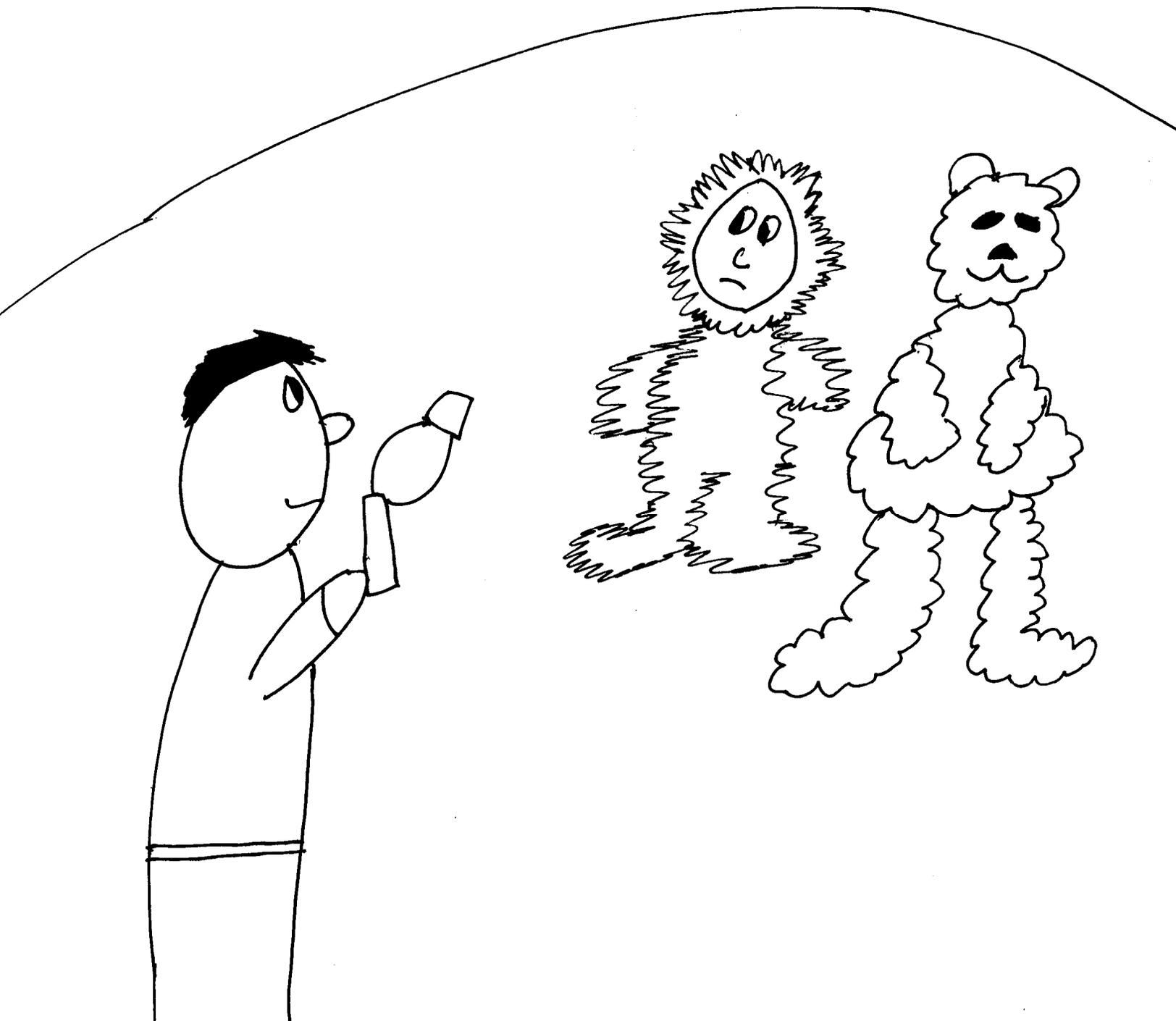
David went to the camp to see his brothers. Then Goliath came yelling, "Who will fight me!" "Is any one going to fight him" David asked. "Look at his size David's brother said. David was not scared by this.



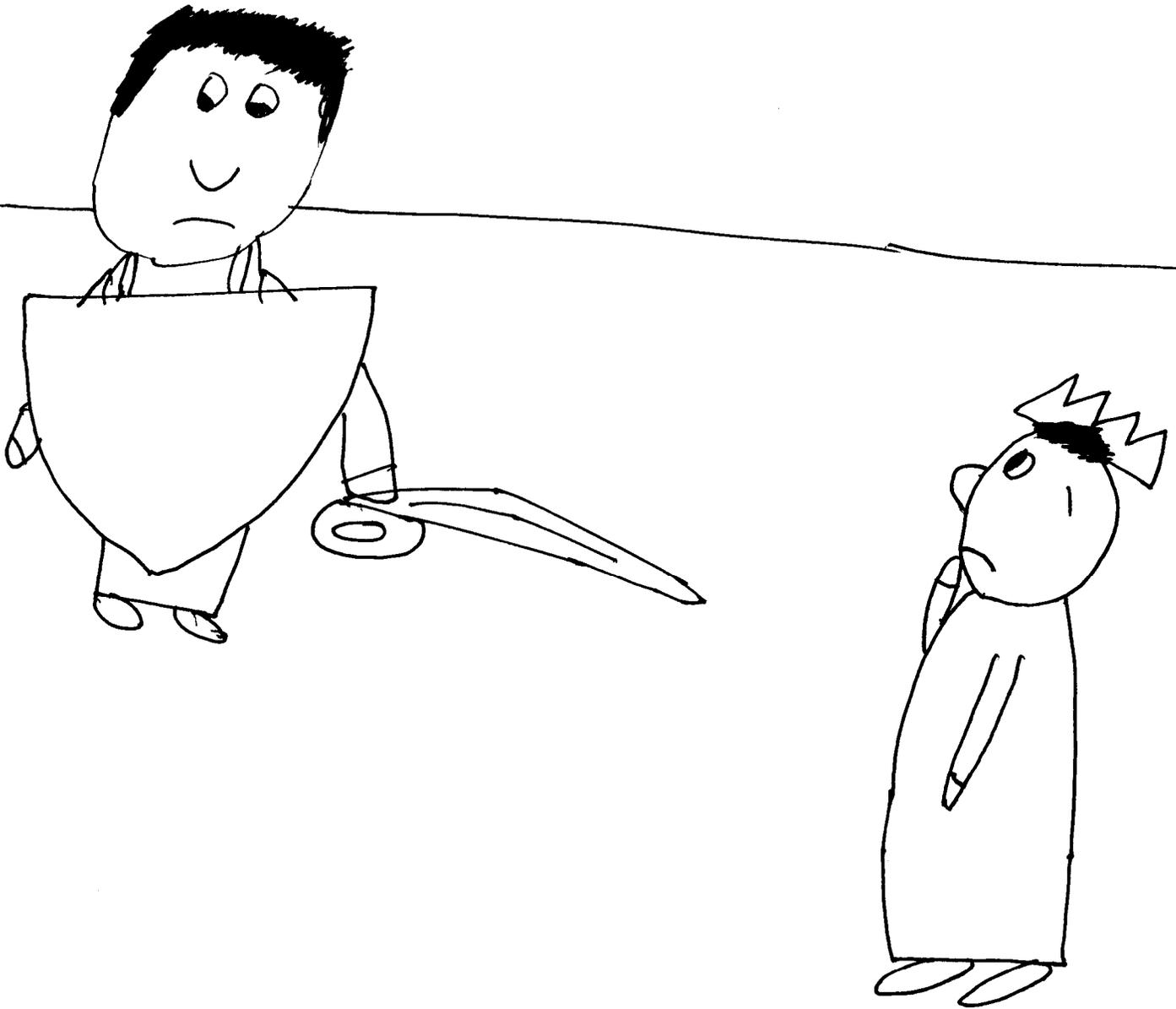
“I will fight Goliath!” David said when he got to King Saul. “You can not fight Goliath” King Saul said “Goliath is 100 times your size!” Then David told the king of a time when he was watching his father’s sheep.



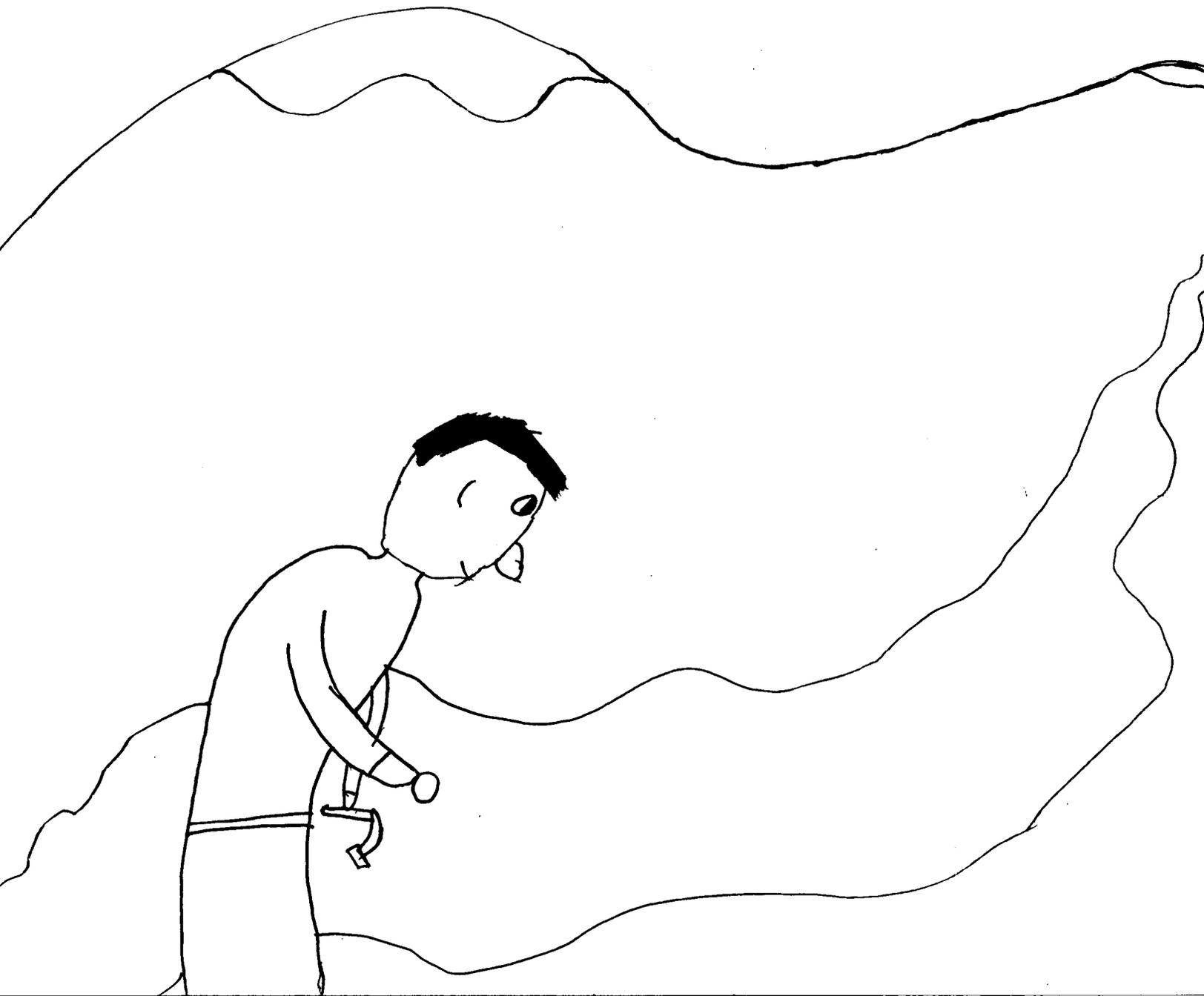
“I was watching my father’s sheep” he told the king, “and a lion and a bear came and took a sheep out of the flock. I got the lion by his beard and killed him. I also killed the bear. The Philistine shall die too, because he has challenged the army of God. All of the world will know there is a God in Israel.”



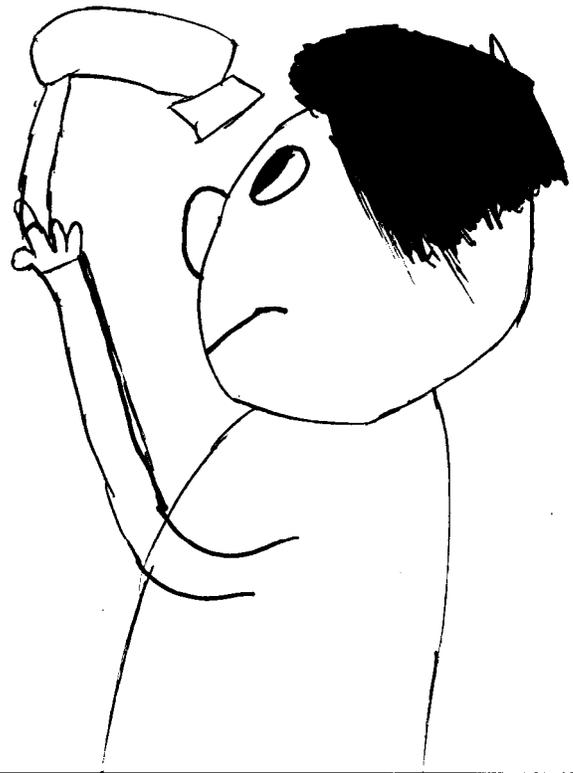
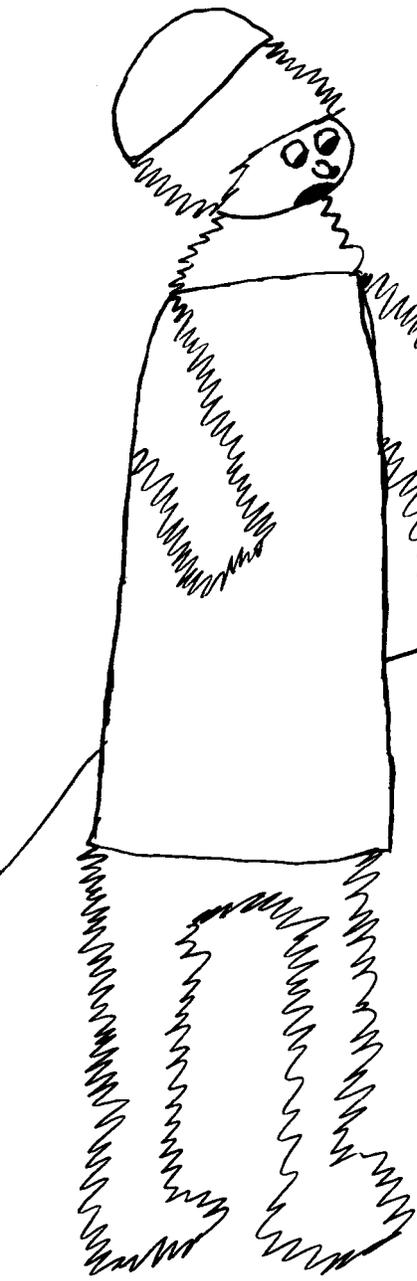
King Saul knew that David was going to be in great danger. So he gave David his armor. It was too big. "I do not need this armor" David told King Saul, "I have God." So he took off the armor.



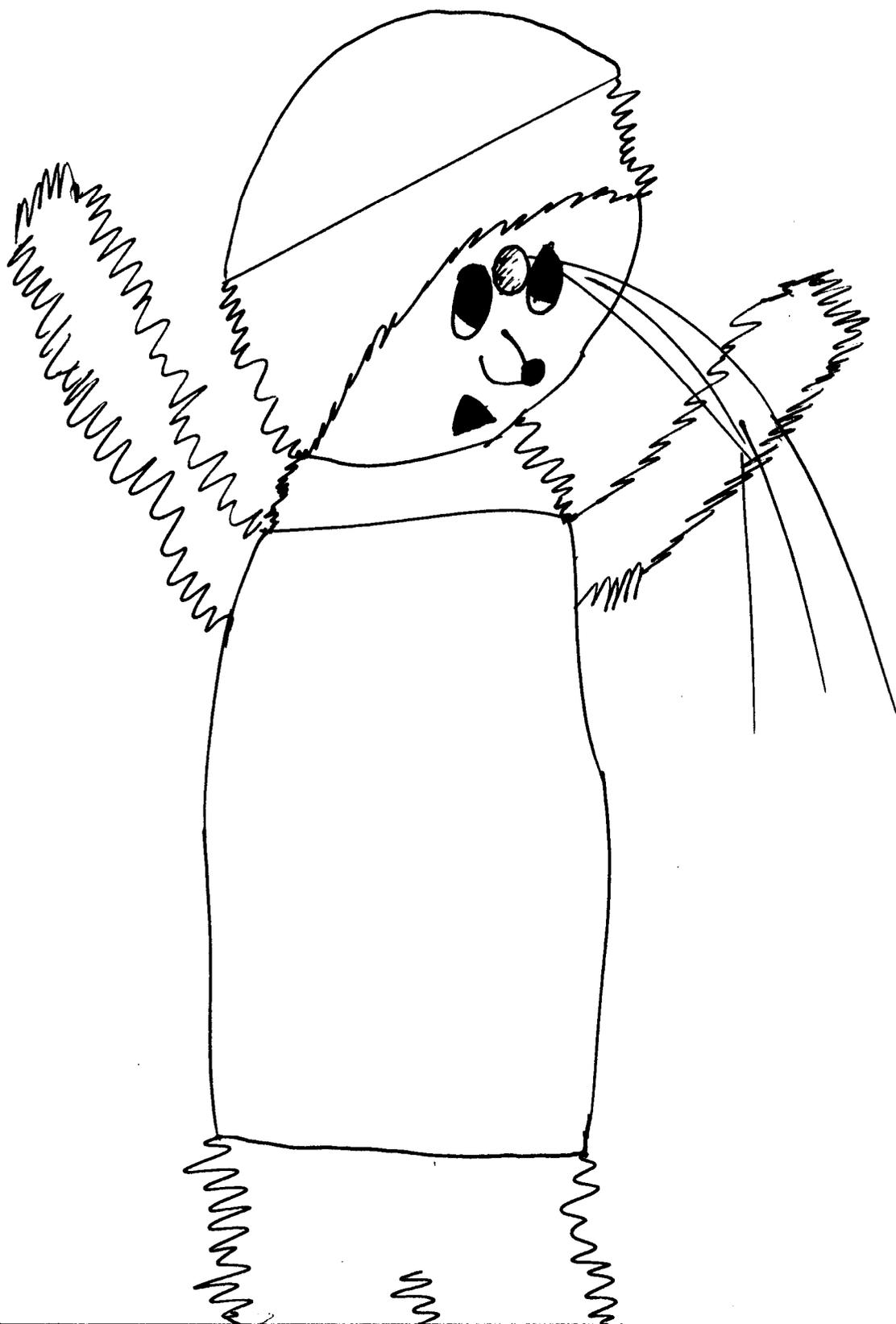
David went to a brook and got five small round stones. He put them in his shepherd's bag, drew his sling, and went back to the army camp.



The Philistines were surprised when they saw a little boy running to kill Goliath. "Am I a dog!" Goliath cried when he saw David, "You send this little boy to kill me!" David yelled back to Goliath "You come to me with a spear and shield, but I come to you in the name of God!" David took a rock out of his bag and slung it to Goliath.



The rock, guided by God, hit Goliath between the eyes so hard that Goliath fell dead. David had killed Goliath!



When the other Philistines saw this they were scared! They ran for the hills. Israel's army ran and got them all. That day David proved that with God, all things are possible.

