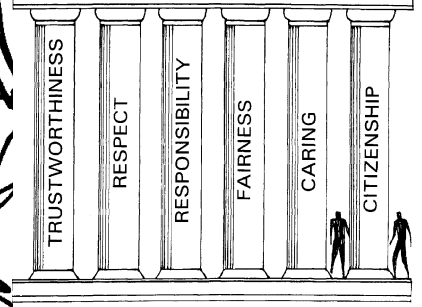


Living Characters

Lubbock Christian University Center for the Development of Character

Character



Part 1

Background Information

The Philistines were constant enemies of the Israelites. Saul was the first king of Israel, but he had problems. His army would go to the battle bravely shouting their battle cry, but were paralyzed with fear when it came to facing one giant man.

This story clearly demonstrates several **Character Words**.

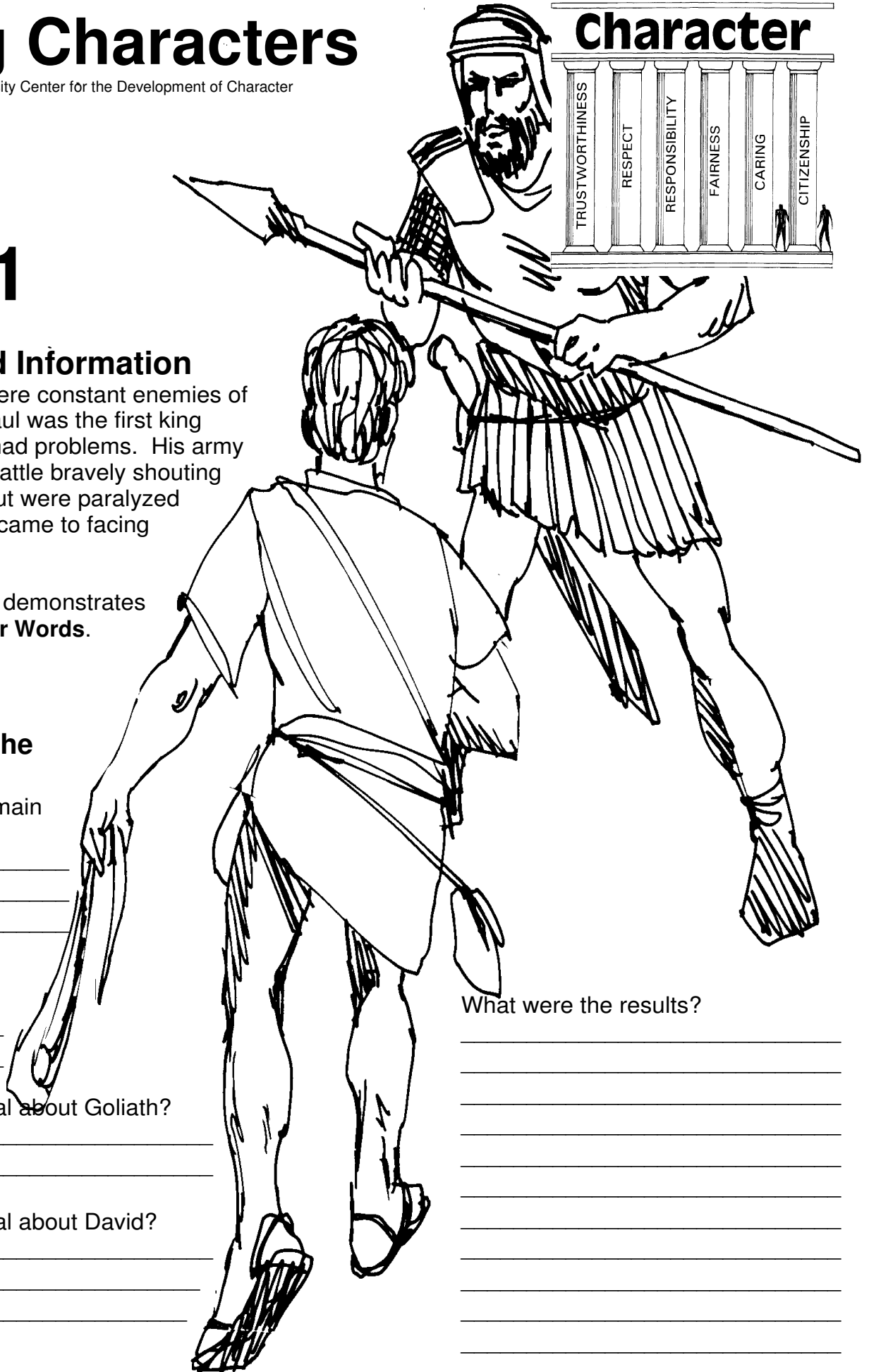
Give a brief overview on the story.

Who were the 3 main characters?

Name two other characters.

What was unusual about Goliath?

What was unusual about David?



What were the results?

Six Pillars of...

Understanding Values and Virtues

Every nation in the history of the world (including the Philistines) has had character principle for its people to live by. The basic principles are the same as what we are considering in the **Living Characters** series. The Israelites lived by the Mosaic Law which is the major source of all the pillars of character.

The **Ethical Process** in finding solutions to any problem.



Think

Weigh all the parts which make up the problem. Separating the symptoms from the causes.

Investigate the perception of the ethical dilemma. Is it based on selfishness, self-interest, self-protection or self-righteousness. (The four natural enemies to ethics.)

Now, is right or wrong involved? How do we determine which is involved?

Know your ethical vocabulary (six pillars). Review and reflect on their supporting words.

Look for the higher ethic or standard.

Evaluate the outcome. Is it truly a good character decision?

List the **character words** found in each of the main characters.

Explain how each character word is demonstrated.

Saul

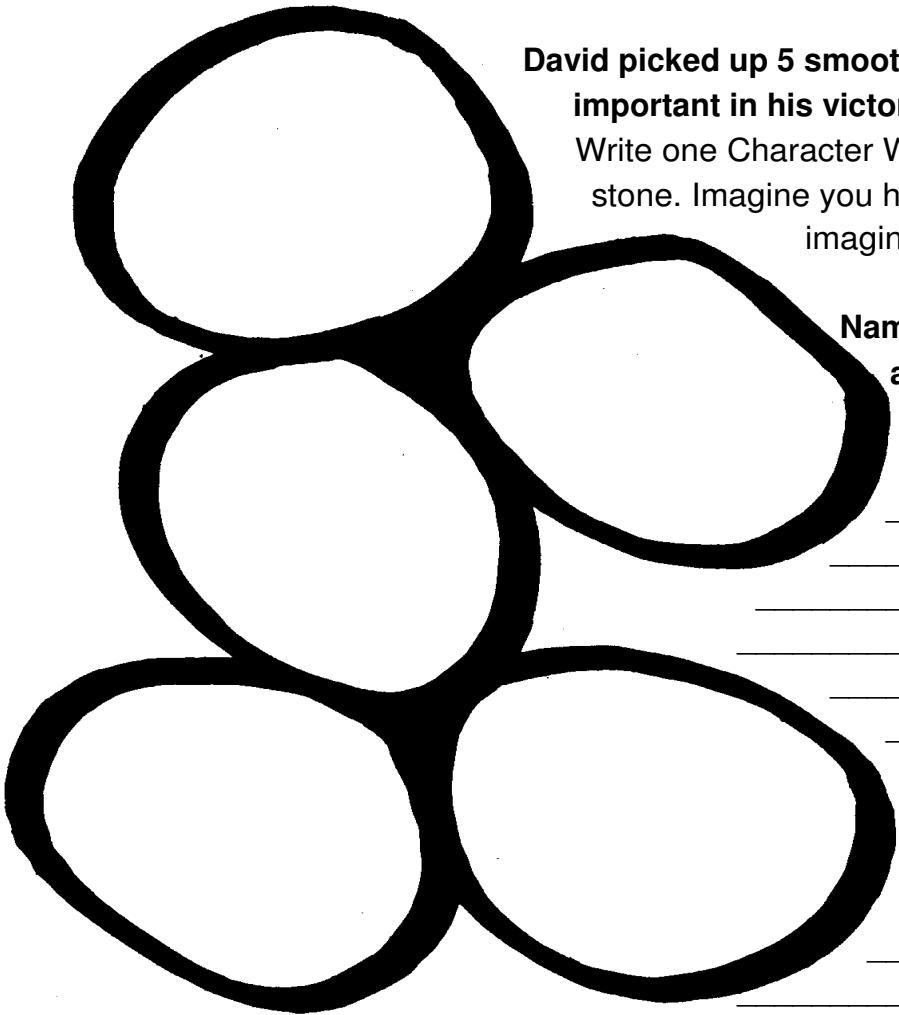
David

Goliath

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Did David have to face the giant? _____
Why did he face Goliath? _____

How did David's faith in God help his character?



David picked up 5 smooth stones that were very important in his victory over Goliath.

Write one Character Word found in this story in each stone. Imagine you have a bag for stones. Carry your imaginary bag with you this week.

Name some other Character Words that are already in the imaginary bag you carry around with you at all times.

Part 2

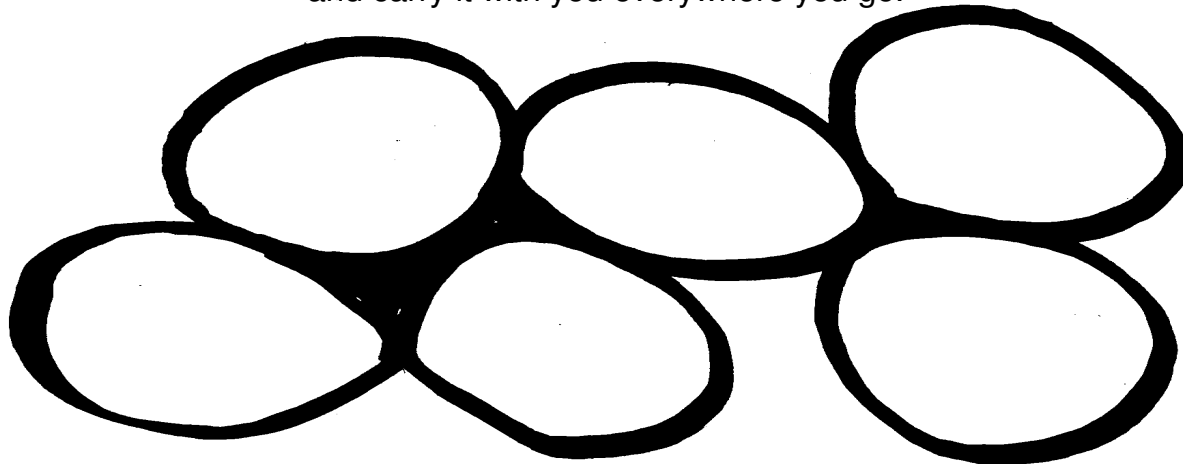
Character is what I do!

What are some things in my life that would be like David facing Goliath?



What Smooth Character Stones will I carry around this week to help me continue developing the good character in need?

Find 6 small smooth rocks. *Write one Character Word on each rock.* Put it in a bag or pocket and carry it with you everywhere you go.



My Diary

How did I use the character concepts last week?

Family Time



What questions can I ask that will help my family benefit from this story?
