

# **GOD IS . . . OUR STRENGTH**

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## **CHARACTERS - PEOPLE**

MICHAEL  
DAVID  
GOLIATH  
“RINGMASTER”  
PAUL  
SILAS  
GUARD  
EXTRA PRISONER

## **CHARACTERS - PUPPET**

COUCH POTATO  
KING JAMES

## **PROPS**

PUPPET STAGE  
POTATO CHIPS  
WEIGHTS & WEIGHT LIFTING GARB  
LITRE OF PEPSI  
T.V.  
CHAIR  
BIBLE  
RINGMASTER GARB  
BELL  
GOLIATH COSTUME, SWORD, SPEAR  
DAVID COSTUME, SHIRT WITH PAW PRINTS, SLINGSHOT & “STONE”  
JAIL  
CHAIR/STOOL FOR GUARD  
BRICK WALL, LOOSE BRICKS  
TATTERED CLOTHES FOR PAUL & SILAS  
CHAINS  
SWORD FOR GUARD

## **SOUND EFFECTS**

EARTHQUAKE

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LIGHT CUE - UP ON SINGERS

CUE SONG - ROCK THE WORLD

WORSHIP LEADER - Opening Prayer

LIGHT CUE - DOWN ON SINGERS, UP STAGE LEFT

COUCH POTATO: *(comes up in puppet stage and, while eating chips, begins watching Michael lifting weights.)* HEY DUDE, WHADAYA DOIN MAN?

MICHAEL: I'M LIFTING WEIGHTS.

COUCH POTATO: WHAT FOR? *(eats more chips)*

MICHAEL: IT BUILDS MUSCLES, LIKE THESE. *(flexes muscles)*

COUCH POTATO: COOL MUSCLES, DUDE! BUT . . . LOOKS LIKE AN AWFUL LOT OF WORK MAN. WOULDN'T YOU RATHER SIT HERE AND EAT SOME CHIPS AND SWIG SOME PEPSI? *(burps loudly)* AND THERE'S PROBABLY SOME REALLY GREAT SHOW ON THE TUBE.

MICHAEL: NO WAY! WHAT A WASTE OF TIME. I TAKE CARE OF MY BODY BECAUSE IT'S THE TEMPLE OF GOD. I OWE IT TO HIM TO EAT RIGHT AND EXERCISE.

COUCH POTATO: WELL, I EXERCISE TOO - - - SORTA. THOSE LITRE BOTTLES ARE PRETTY HEAVY YA KNOW! AND I WORK OUT MY ARMS BY LIFTING ALL THESE CHIPS TO MY MOUTH. *(eat more chips)*

MICHAEL: YEAH, I BELIEVE IT. *(somewhat sarcastic)* IT'S OBVIOUS YOU'RE IN REALLY GREAT SHAPE. *(sits down and begins reading bible)*

COUCH POTATO: WHAT ARE YOU DOIN NOW?

MICHAEL: I'M READING MY BIBLE.

COUCH POTATO: MAN, YOU'RE LIKE, REALLY MISSING OUT. WOULDN'T YOU RATHER WATCH T.V.?

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MICHAEL: WHAT FOR? I EXERCISE TO KEEP MY BODY STRONG, AND I READ MY BIBLE TO KEEP MY MIND AND SOUL STRONG. I'VE JUST BEEN READING THE STORY OF DAVID AND GOLIATH, - WAY COOL, MAN.

COUCH POTATO: WELL, YOUR BODY'S SURE STRONG ENOUGH. . . . WHY DOES YOUR MIND AND SOUL NEED TO BE STRONG?

MICHAEL: YES, MY BODY IS STRONG. BUT THE BIBLE LET'S US KNOW THAT PHYSICAL TRAINING IS ONLY OF SOME VALUE, BUT GODLINESS HAS VALUE FOR ALL THINGS. RIGHT KIDS? (*kid's respond*) GOD IS WHERE I GET MY "REAL" STRENGTH. (*to kids*) ISN'T THAT RIGHT? MAYBE YOU OUGHTA LAY OFF THE CHIPS AND THE T.V. AND "BUILD UP" YOUR TIME WITH GOD.

COUCH POTATO: MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT! (*throws chips in the air*) I BETTER GO LOOK FOR MY BIBLE. THANKS!! (*exits*)

MICHAEL: I'D BETTER GO HELP. I SAW THE SHAPE OF HIS ROOM! (*Michael exits stage left*)

LIGHT CUE - DOWN STAGE LEFT, UP ON SINGERS

CUE SONG - I'M NOT SUPERMAN/ MY GOD IS AN AWESOME GOD

LIGHT CUE - DOWN ON SINGERS, UP CENTER STAGE

RINGMASTER: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WELCOME TO ONE OF THE MOST TALKED ABOUT PRIZE FIGHTS IN THE WORLD. IT'S HAPPENING IN A VALLEY BETWEEN TWO MOUNTAINS AND BETWEEN TWO ARMIES. ONE ARMY IS THE PHILISTINES - THEY DO NOT BELIEVE IN THE ONE TRUE GOD. THE OTHER ARMY IS GOD'S ARMY, THE ISRAELITES. THIS BATTLE HAS COME DOWN TO A FIGHT BETWEEN TWO CHAMPIONS. KIDS ARE YOU READY FOR THE GREAT BATTLE? (*kids answer yes*) THEN RING THE BELL AND BRING IN THE FIRST CHAMPION! (*walks over to kid in audience to let him ring bell*) IN THIS CORNER WE HAVE THE GIGANTIC CHAMPION FROM THE PHILISTINE ARMY. HE'S BIG, HE'S LEAN, HE'S A MEAN FIGHTING MACHINE. . . . LET'S HEAR IT FOR "GOLIATH!" (*kid's boo!*) COME ON, LET'S HERE IT FOR HIM KIDS. HE LOOKS LIKE A WINNER TO ME . . . LOOK HOW BIG HE IS. HE'S A SURE BET TO WIN THIS FIGHT . . . DON'T YOU THINK SO KIDS? (*kid's boo*)

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RINGMASTER: LET'S SEE WHO HIS OPPONENT IS. RING THE BELL *(walks over to kid in audience to ring bell)* AND IN THIS CORNER IS THE CHAMPION OF THE ARMY OF THE ISRAELITES. IT'S BEEN SAID THAT HE KILLED THE LION AND THE BEAR WITH NOTHING BUT HIS TWO HANDS. WOW! HE MUST BE PRETTY STRONG TO DO THAT . . . HERE HE IS ALL THE WAY FROM THAT LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM WHERE HE . . . *(says quizzically)* TENDS SHEEP? OH WELL, LET'S HEAR IT FOR HIM KIDS . . . HERE'S DAVID! *(kids yell & cheer)* YES, HERE'S OUR CHAMPION OF THE BEAR AND THE LION. HERE HE IS *(disappointed)* GOSH, HE LOOKS KIND OF PUNY . . . BUT LOOK THERE, I CAN SEE THE PAW PRINTS OF THE BEAR AND THE LION RIGHT THERE ON HIS SHIRT! *(leans over in secret to kids)* WELL, THIS ISN'T GONNA BE MUCH OF A FIGHT KIDS. JUST BETWEEN YOU AND ME, THAT LITTLE SHEPHERD BOY *(points to David)* IS IN **BIG** TROUBLE! LET'S HEAR A QUICK WORD FROM BOTH OUR FIGHTERS. NOW GOLIATH, WHAT DO YOU THINK OF YOUR OPPONENT DAVID?

GOLIATH: *(laughs with disgust)* HAA! HAAA! THEY SEND A BOY TO DO A MAN'S WORK. *(looks & talks to audience)* LOOK, ALL HE HAS TO FIGHT WITH IS A STICK! DOES HE THINK I'M A DOG AND WE'RE GONNA PLAY FETCH? *(laughs a nauseating laugh)* HEY DAVID, YOU SCRAWNY PIP SQUEAK, YOU DON'T HAVE A CHANCE!! *(leans forward toward Ringmaster like he wants a piece of David)*

RINGMASTER: ALL RIGHT - - - NOW, HOLD ON! YOU'LL GET YOUR CHANCE. NOW DAVID, WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO SAY ABOUT GOLIATH?

DAVID: *(boldly leans towards Goliath)* GOLIATH, YOU COME TO ME WITH A SWORD AND A SPEAR, BUT I COME TO YOU IN THE NAME OF THE LORD, THE GOD OF THE ARMIES OF ISRAEL. THE LORD DOES NOT DELIVER BY SWORD OR BY SPEAR. THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S AND HE WILL GIVE YOU INTO OUR HANDS.

GOLIATH: OH YEAH, PHOOEY . . . *(calls David names)*

RINGMASTER: O.K. MEN, I MEAN BOYS, UH, MAN AND BOY, I WANT A CLEAN FIGHT, NO PINCHING, NO SPITTING, AND NO NASTY NAME CALLING . . . LET THE FIGHT BEGIN! *(rings bell)*

*The two fighters do a "Raiders of the Lost Ark" move - Goliath yells out and flails his sword real fancy then stands there proudly (like, beat that if you can) David puts stone in sling, swings it around, throws, hits Goliath and Goliath goes down.*

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RINGMASTER: WHAT AN INCREDIBLE FIGHT . . . THE WINNER AND CHAMPION, DAVID! (*kids cheer*) YES, THE BATTLE BELONGS TO DAVID, THE SHEPHERD BOY . . . WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO SAY, DAVID?

DAVID: I HAVE ONLY ONE THING TO SAY - THE BATTLE BELONGS TO THE LORD. (*puts fist in air and praises God*) THANK YOU, LORD!

RINGMASTER: THAT'S IT KIDS. SEE YOU NEXT TIME AT RING SIDE.

LIGHT CUE - DOWN CENTER STAGE, UP ON SINGERS

CUE SONG - GOD IS BIGGER THAN A GIANT

WORSHIP LEADER: WOW, GOD REALLY CAME THROUGH FOR DAVID, DIDN'T HE? THE OLD TESTAMENT IS FULL OF STORIES WHERE PEOPLE RELIED ON GOD TO BE THEIR STRENGTH. BUT THE NEW TESTAMENT HAS IT'S SHARE TOO. THERE WAS THE TIME THAT THE APOSTLE PAUL AND HIS FRIEND SILAS WERE IN JAIL AND.....

LIGHT CUE - DOWN ON SINGERS, UP ON STAGE RIGHT

GUARD: (*sleeping in chair*) SETTLE DOWN IN THERE!

PAUL: (*begins singing softly*) MY GOD IS AN AWESOME GOD . . . (*Silas joins in*)

PRISONER: THESE GUYS JUST GOT BEAT UP AND THROWN INTO JAIL, AND NOW THEY'RE SINGING PRAISES TO GOD! OH BROTHER! YOU DON'T HAVE A REASON TO SING - YOU'RE IN JAIL!

SOUND CUE - EARTHQUAKE

*All prisoners move from their left to right and back again several times. Paul makes the loose bricks fall on their heads.*

SILAS: LOOK, THE DOORS ARE OPENED AND OUR CHAINS ARE UNDONE.

PRISONER: (*excited*) THIS IS A MIRACLE!

GUARD: (*wakes up*) WHAT'S HAPPENING? EARTHQUAKE! THE PRISONERS HAVE ESCAPED! MY CAPTAIN IS GOING TO KILL ME. (*draws sword*) MAYBE I SHOULD END IT ALL NOW!

PAUL: DO NOT HARM YOURSELF. WE'RE ALL IN HERE.

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GUARD: (*runs to see prisoners*) SIRs, WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

PAUL: BELIEVE IN THE LORD JESUS AND YOU AND YOUR FAMILY WILL BE SAVED.

GUARD: LET'S GO TO MY HOUSE RIGHT NOW AND WE CAN TELL THEM ABOUT JESUS TOO! (*They exit stage right*)

LIGHT CUE - DOWN ON CENTER STAGE, UP ON SINGERS

CUE SONG - CATHY DITTY (PAUL & SILAS IN JAIL)

LIGHT CUE - DOWN ON SINGERS, UP STAGE LEFT

DAVID: (*Entering stage left as Couch Potato comes up in puppet stage*) HEY, COUCH POTATO, THAT WAS A GOOD WORK OUT.

COUCH POTATO: YAH, SINCE I TOOK YOUR ADVICE AND STARTED READING MY BIBLE, I'VE STARTED TO PRAY ABOUT WHAT I SHOULD BE DOING WITH MY TIME AND I FOUND OUT THAT YOU'RE RIGHT. GOD DOES WANT ME TO BE STRONG. FROM NOW ON HE'S GOING TO BE MY STRENGTH. (*David and Couch Potato freeze*)

LIGHT CUE - UP ON SINGERS

WORSHIP LEADER: WOW, COUCH POTATO REALLY LEARNED A GOOD LESSON.....(*as King James comes up in puppet stage*) LOOK KIDS, HERE'S OUR FRIEND. JAMES. I BET HE'S GOT A BIBLE VERSE FOR US.

KING JAMES: I SURE DO, MR. WORSHIP LEADER.  
KIDS, REPEAT AFTER ME:  
I CAN DO ALL THINGS  
THROUGH CHRIST  
WHICH STRENGTHENETH ME.

PHILIPPIANS 4:13

WORSHIP LEADER: Closing Prayer

CLOSING SONG