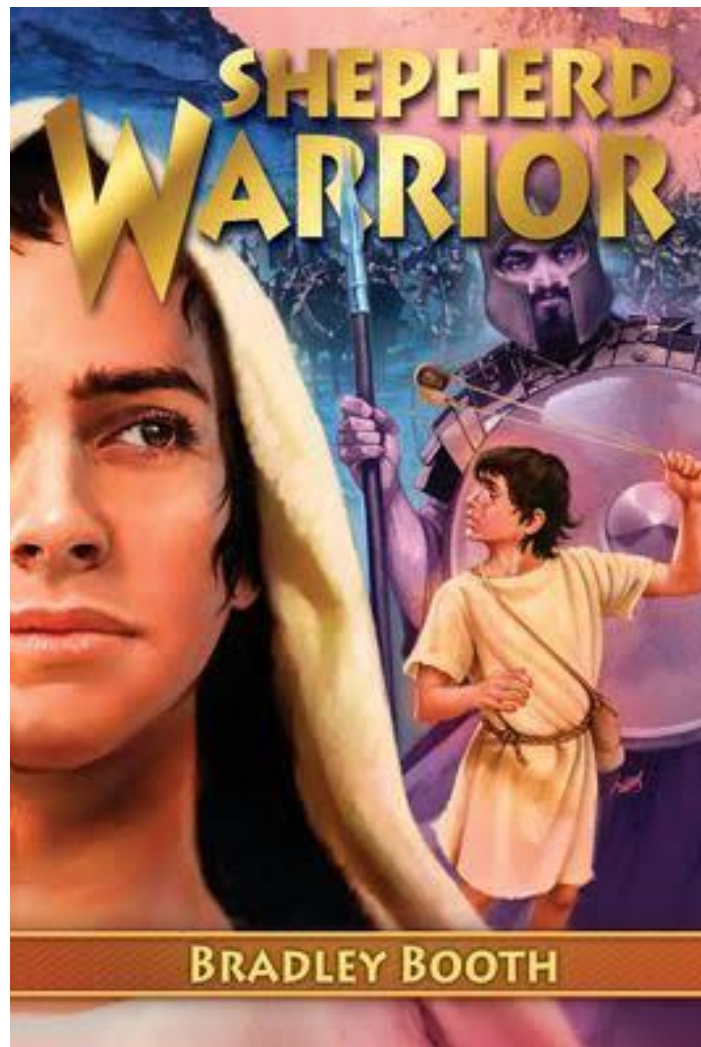


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**Reading Comprehension Worksheets
For *Shepherd Warrior* by Bradley Booth
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The pages that follow are reading comprehension questions and vocabulary for *Shepherd Warrior*, which is the first book in the fifth-grade *Pathways* reading program, the Seventh-day Adventist North American Division Language Arts Curriculum. For more information about Pathways, including standards, teacher resources, and scheduling suggestions, see <http://nadeducation.org/pathways/7>.



Shepherd Warrior - Chapter 1 - "A Time for War"

NAME _____ DATE _____

1. Write the COMPLETE sentence from the book that each word is found in. Then look up the word and write the definition that best fits in the sentence

p. 10 ferocious -

p. 10 sinewy (adjective) -

p. 10 whetstone -

2. On page 10, what do you think a "noble steed" is? (Use a dictionary to look up the two words if you don't know them!)

3. What is the king's name?

4. Give at least **three** reasons, from the chapter, why David wants to go to war with his brothers.

5. Write **five descriptive words** to describe how David's father, Jesse, might be feeling about sending three of his sons to war.

Shepherd Warrior - Chapter 2 - "Left Behind"

1. Write the COMPLETE sentence from the chapter that contains each of the following words. Then look up the word and write the definition that best fits in the sentence.

p. 14 barbarians -

p. 16 pagan -

p. 17 hectic -

2. Tell me, in detail, why David is angry with Eliab.

3. Why did David want to hate the Philistines?

Shepherd Warrior - Chapter 3 - "The Lazy Servant"

1. Write the COMPLETE sentence from the chapter that contains each of the following words. Then look up the word and write the definition that best fits in the sentence.

p. 18 vigilant -

p. 20 deliberately -

p. 22 resonant -

p. 23 imperceptible -

2. Re-read the first paragraph on page 18. It is written very poetically. Tell me some things you like or don't like about how it is written.

3. On page 21, what does the sentence, "It is always better to be safe than sorry" mean?

4. Why hadn't Shimei been watching the sheep?

5. On page 22, what do you suppose the sentence "Joab couldn't carry a tune in a bucket" means?

6. Using complete sentences, tell me what some of the dangers are that a shepherd must face.

***Shepherd Warrior* - Chapter 4 - "Under Attack"**

1. Write the COMPLETE sentence from the chapter that contains each of the following words. Then look up the word and write the definition that best fits in the sentence.

p. 24 ewe -

p. 25 laceration -

p. 30 chimed -

2. How many sheep (including rams, ewes and lambs) is David responsible for?

3. Why is Joab admiring David?

4. How does David explain his bravery?

***Shepherd Warrior* - Chapter 5 - "Best of Friends"**

1. Write the COMPLETE sentence from the chapter that contains each of the following words. Then look up the word and write the definition that best fits in the sentence.

p. 31 skeptical(ly) -

p. 32 sarcasm -

p. 34 conspicuous -

2. Why does David practice using his sling with his left hand too?

3. What message did Shimei bring to David?

4. Why do you think David and his brothers have been called to a feast by the prophet Samuel? (You will not be graded on whether you are right or wrong, just on your thinking and writing.)

Shepherd Warrior - Chapter 6 - "A Secret Meeting"

1. Write the COMPLETE sentence from the chapter that contains each of the following words. Then look up the word and write the definition that best fits in the sentence.

p. 36 heifer -

p. 40 anoint(ing) -

2. What do you think David prayed about as the oil was poured over his head?

3. Why do you suppose someone would want to spy on David and Samuel?

4. What do you suppose God has chosen David to do?

Shepherd Warrior - Chapter 7 - "The Night Stalker"

1. Write the COMPLETE sentence from the chapter that contains each of the following words. Then look up the word and write the definition that best fits in the sentence.

p. 41 crevice -

p. 42 antics -

p. 44 sentry -

p. 44 stupor -

2. Who is Ahab?

3. Why did David have bear claws in his pack? What did he use them for in the story?

4. God helped David kill the bear, but David was still upset. What does David do to calm himself down?

Shepherd Warrior - Chapter 8 - "A Mystery Solved"

1. Why is David so tired?

2. Why was David called home this time?

3. Why is Abi concerned about David's safety in the royal court?

Shepherd Warrior - Chapter 9 - "The Crazy King"

1. Write the COMPLETE sentence from the chapter that contains each of the following words. Then look up the word and write the definition that best fits in the sentence.

p. 54 courtier -

p. 55 drab -

p. 55 incense -

2. On page 53, what do you suppose "tongue tied" means?

3. On page 54, what does the person speaking mean when he says, "I know common folk are dumb, but I didn't know you were deaf too"?

4. Page 55 tells us, "David remembered Abi's advice." Who is Abi?

5. On page 57 what do you think, "Taste and see that the Lord is good" means?

6. On page 58, what does "David's heart skipped a beat" mean?

7. Why is David afraid?

8. How does the king feel about David?

Shepherd Warrior - Chapter 10 - "Panic Attack"

1. Why did David get sent home from the king's palace?

2. Why is David upset about his family packing up when he gets home?

3. On page 64, what does the sentence, "Eliab was so full of himself that he didn't even have time to think of what others might want" mean?

4. What did David want to do? What did he decide to do? What were his reasons?

Shepherd Warrior - Chapter 11 - "A Narrow Escape"

1. What were some possible reasons for King Saul's strange behavior?

2. Draw a picture in the space below showing David, the sheep and the attacking wolves according to the description in the chapter.

3. Is David proud of himself for scaring off the wolves? Why or why not? Give support from the chapter.

***Shepherd Warrior* - Chapter 12 - "The Secret Passageway"**

1. Write the COMPLETE sentence from the chapter that contains each of the following words. Then look up the word and write the definition that best fits in the sentence.

p. 73 invigorating (base word: invigorate)

p. 73 tedious -

2. On page 75, what does the word "spell" mean in the following sentence, "Now, if you two will spell me for a few minutes, maybe I can catch a few winks." What does "winks" mean?

3. Where does the shaft in the cave lead to?

4. What is it used for?

5. What does David want to tell Joab, but doesn't? Why doesn't he?

***Shepherd Warrior* - Chapter 13 - "Battle of the Bandits"**

1. What does this sentence on page 81 mean: "They were both pretty much dead to the world right now." ?

2. Why does David feel the city of Jebus would be a perfect place for the capital of Israel?

3. Why does David's father want him to come home?

4. What kind of trouble did Shimei get into this time? What is his punishment?

5. Tell me what you think or how you feel when you read the words, "If God is for us, who can be against us."

Shepherd Warrior - Chapter 14 - "A Surprise Weapon"

1. Draw a picture showing the Israelite and Philistine camps using the details from the chapter.

2. Go online and look up how many feet are in a cubit. If the giant is six cubits tall, how many feet is he?
3. Write three or four complete sentences telling me your feelings about the Philistine giant making fun of God.

Shepherd Warrior - Chapter 15 - "The Challenge"

1. Write the COMPLETE sentence from the chapter that contains each of the following words. Then look up the word and write the definition that best fits in the sentence.

p. 95 blaspheme -

2. Why does David want to fight Goliath?

3. How does David's brother, Eliab, respond to David's willingness to fight?

4. What do you think the two heavily armed guards are going to do with David?

Shepherd Warrior - Chapter 16 - "Man of the Hour"

1. Write the COMPLETE sentence from the chapter that contains each of the following words. Then look up the word and write the definition that best fits in the sentence.

p. 99 papyrus -

p. 100 preposterous -

p. 102 intrigue(s) -

2. What does David want to do more than anything?

3. Why doesn't David think Israel should use the military strategy on the map?

4. Why do you suppose King Saul let David fight Goliath? After all, if he loses, all of Israel will become the slaves of the Philistines!

5. What weapons did David choose to use?

Shepherd Warrior - Chapter 17 - "An Army of One"

1. Do you think David's brothers have a right to be upset with him for wanting to fight Goliath? Why or why not?

2. Do you feel like you have the faith David has to fight Goliath? Why or why not?

3. What challenges in your life do you feel you need God to help you with? How has he helped you in the past?

Shepherd Warrior - Chapter 18 - "The Battle Belongs to the Lord"

1. Read this chapter to yourself first as practice. Date and Sign:

I read this chapter to myself.

DATE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

2. Read this chapter aloud to an adult. Date and have the Adult clearly sign their name

I read this chapter aloud to an adult with lots of passion and emotion!

DATE : _____

ADULT'S Signature: _____

1. Why did David win the battle?

Shepherd Warrior - Chapter 19 - "National Hero"

1. Write the COMPLETE sentence from the chapter that contains each of the following words. Then look up the word and write the definition that best fits in the sentence.

p. 117 valiant -

2. What part of the victory meant the most to David? Why?

3. What did David's mother tell him about hate? Do you agree or disagree with her? Why?

***Shepherd Warrior* - Chapter 20 - "Homecoming"**

1. Write the COMPLETE sentence from the chapter that contains each of the following words. Then look up the word and write the definition that best fits in the sentence.

p. 122 scud(ded) -

2. What other great things do you know of that happened in Bethlehem?

3. Write several **paragraphs** discussing this book - what you have learned, liked, etc.