



The Giant Killer

1 Samuel 17

Items Needed

- ✓ Bible with marked scripture
- ✓ Crayons/Markers/Pencils
- ✓ 1 Gallon of water or (1 Liter of water if using metric)
- ✓ String cut to 9'6" (290cm)
- ✓ Cut outs of story illustrations
- ✓ Print out of sling photo and illustration
- ✓ Print out of spear photo
- ✓ Print out of lesson take home summery
- ✓ Print out of coloring sheets



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Objective of Lesson

The objective of today's lesson is to demonstrate our Lord Jesus Christ's victory over His people's fierce and giant opponent - sin. The story of David and Goliath is a vivid and colorful picture of how God is willing AND able and MIGHTY TO SAVE His people from their sins.

Scripture Reference

1 Samuel 17 - Entire Chapter

Lesson Instructions

1. There are many beautiful and clear pictures recorded in God's word, the Bible, that teach us in vivid (bright and colorful) detail of how a perfect and Holy God can not only SAVE a sinful, vile, wretched man, but He can make him AS PERFECT as God Himself. That seems hard to believe I know, especially if you know something about how perfect and holy God REALLY is. It is hard for us to imagine how perfect and flawless God is because we don't have anything to compare that perfection to! Everything we see looks just fine to us, but God looks not on the outside of things but He looks on the heart, which is a whole different thing altogether.
2. I want to go over one of my favorite stories recorded in God's word, and that

is the story of David and Goliath. Our story is recorded in 1 Samuel 17. Let's see if we can't paint a picture for us to imagine. There are two mountains, one on each side with a valley in the middle. (Lay out the two mountain cutouts on the table and the cutout of the valley) We find Israel (Remember Israel in the Bible are God's chosen people) at war with a people called the Philistines. The Philistines were on one mountain and Israel was on the other mountain with the valley between them. (Add the army cutouts to each side) Every day a champion of the Philistines, a giant man named Goliath, went out into the valley. According to the scriptures, he was six cubits and a span tall. I read several people's estimations as to how tall that was, but the most consistent one is 9' 6" tall. (3.2 Metres) Let's see if we can't demonstrate how tall that is. (Pull out the 9' 6" string and lay it on the floor. Have the children lay beside it in order to get a reference to how big this giant really was.)

3. It says Goliath wore a helmet of brass and a coat of armor that weighed two hundred pounds! That is heavy! (Hold up the gallon of water) This is gallon of water and it weighs 8 lbs. (Have each child hold it) His armor was so heavy it would be like wearing more than twenty-five of these jugs of water. This giant of a man carried that armor with no effort at all. He wore bronze shin guards and he carried a bronze sword. His spear, I am sure, looked like a fence rail. Have you ever seen those wrought iron fence rails? (Hold up the picture of a tall wrought iron fence) I am sure that is what his spear looked like. The spear tip alone weighed over 15 lbs. (Like two jugs of water) I do good to pick up this ONE jug of water. He was a big and mighty warrior.
4. Goliath stood there in the middle of the valley and he called out to the Israelite troops. (Place the cutout figure of Goliath in the middle of the table) He came out and yelled, "Why bother using your whole army. Am I not Philistine enough for you? You are committed to Saul. He is your king. You trust his judgment. So why don't you let your King Saul pick your best fighter and put him against me. If he kills me, then all the Philistine people will

become your slaves, but If I get the upper hand and kill him, you will ALL become OUR slaves and serve us. We can stop a lot of bloodshed here. Just send a man out to fight. I challenge the troops of Israel this day. Give me a man and let us fight together."

5. (In v. 11 of chapter 17) When Saul and all of Israel heard those words of the giant Philistine they were upset and greatly afraid. They were terrified and they lost all hope. What does this teach us? It teaches us that by nature we are all slaves to sin. Sin is that great giant who, by nature, we are all enslaved to. Every single one of us is born in sin; we are born condemned. If this giant of SIN can be defeated then we can become Sons of God and not slaves to it forever.
6. This taunting by the Giant Goliath went on for forty days and forty nights. No man dared go up against him. A boy named David, a man who was chosen of God to be God's king heard this. One day, as the Giant appeared in the valley, David was there and witnessed the tormented army of Israel who were shaking in their boots. David said, "Can I ask you guys a question? Who is this Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God?" David said to Saul, "Let no man's heart fail because of him.. Don't be worried. I will fight with this Philistine."
7. Let me ask you a question. This giant Goliath represents our horrible sin. When you see your sin, has this giant sin caused your heart to sink and be upset and greatly afraid? Sin is a great giant. Perhaps you are thinking to yourself, "Who shall deliver ME from MY giant - My sin? There is only one, and, like David in our story, the Lord Jesus Christ, our appointed king and savior, met this giant of sin head on for His people. God commands us to fear not. "For I am with thee; be not dismayed. I am thy God." The Lord has fought for you. Over and over we are reminded it is the LORD that fights His people's battles. Why should our hearts fail? Why should we be afraid?
8. King Saul heard David say he would fight the giant and he said to David, "You are nothing but a boy! He is a man of war from his youth - not counting the

fact he is near 10 feet tall and probably weighs 600 lbs. and has 200 lbs. of armor on - and he is carrying a spear that is bigger than you." OH... We look on the outward appearance of men and not on the heart. It is true that this giant of sin we are up against is TOO powerful for you and I to overcome. OHHH but it is NO MATCH for our Lord Jesus Christ, who is God. The real question is, "Do you have faith in the Lord Jesus Christ?" "Do you believe God?" Then don't fear your giant of sin. Christ came into the world to save sinners, and He saves sinners by putting away, utterly destroying their giant tormentor of sin.

9. Saul tried to put his armor on David and it just swallowed him up. He was just a boy. David said, "Take away your armor. I don't need them. I don't need your armor or your sword." Christ our Savior doesn't need anything from us either. When David came out into the plain, (Place the cutout of David in the plain) this giant Goliath said to David, "Am I a dog that you come out to me with a staff?" He was insulted that this boy came out armed with nothing but a stick! David says with confidence, "The Lord deliver thee into my hand." You are my Goliath because God is going to give me the victory over you. I won't win this battle because I am strong or mighty. I will win this battle because GOD is strong and mighty. Never forget that salvation is a free gift from God. We are not saved by our strength but we are saved by God's strength. It can't be earned, merited, or deserved. God made it very clear that man did not win this battle; God did.
10. Picture this... Try to put yourself in David's shoes- Here is this big giant coming after you! David RAN toward the army to meet the giant Philistine. He ran! Can you imagine!!!?? This is what David was armed with: a smooth stone and a sling like this. Here this Giant was with all this armor and a great spear, but David had this. (Hold up photo of sling and smooth stone) David slung this smooth stone and hit the giant Philistine in his forehead so hard that the stone sunk into his forehead and he fell upon his face to the earth. (Hold up photo of how a sling and stone is used) - (Place the cutout of

Goliath face down in the plain) David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone; but there was no sword in the hand of David.

11. David ran and stood upon the giant Philistine's back and took Goliath's own sword, drew it out of the sheath and cut off his head. When the Philistines saw their champion was dead they ran. (Move the Philistine army off the mountain in your display)
12. What does this show us? Christ defeated and killed sin. Sin is defeated, dead and gone in Christ - put away forever. What a picture David is of our Lord Jesus Christ. I hope that God gives you eyes to see and ears to hear. Amen.

Lesson Activities]

- Coloring Sheet
- Cut out illustrations to assist in the telling of the story: you should have cut outs of the following... 2 mountain ranges, a valley, cut out of small boy representing David and a cut out of large man representing Goliath. Illustrations to cut out have been provided in this lesson packet.
- How much did Goliath's armor weigh? Bring a full sealed gallon of water to class to use in demonstration. A gallon of water is approximately 8 lbs. Or bring 1 sealed liter of water to class. (1 Liter = 1 KG)
- How tall was Goliath? Demonstration with the string. Cut a String to the length of 9 feet and six inches (290 cm). Lay it stretched out on the floor and have the children lay beside it to get a visual on how large this man was.
- Sling and stone photo illustration.

Take Home Lesson Overview



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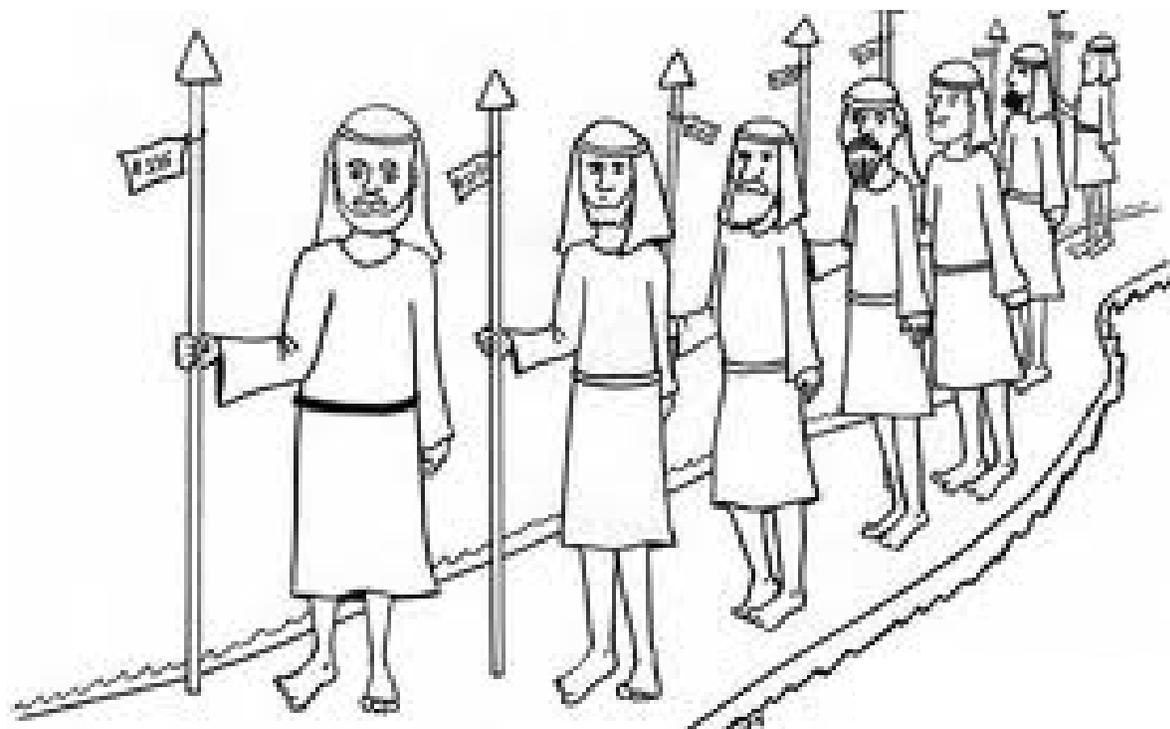
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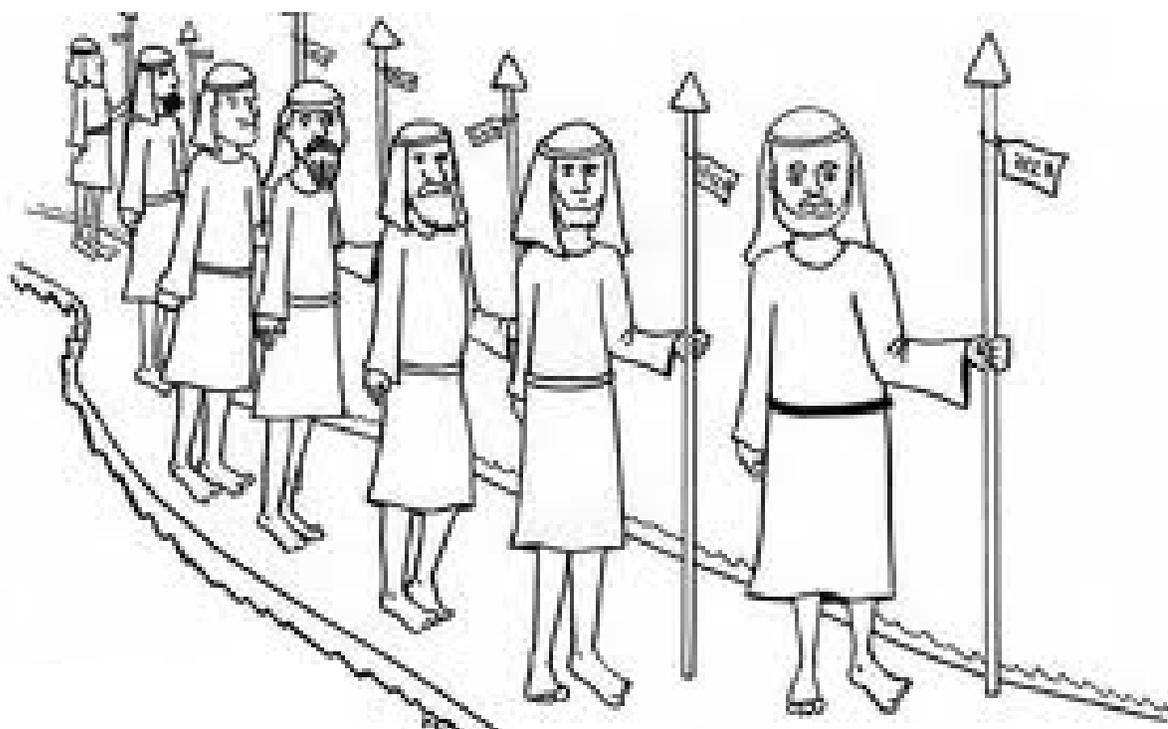
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Palestinian Army



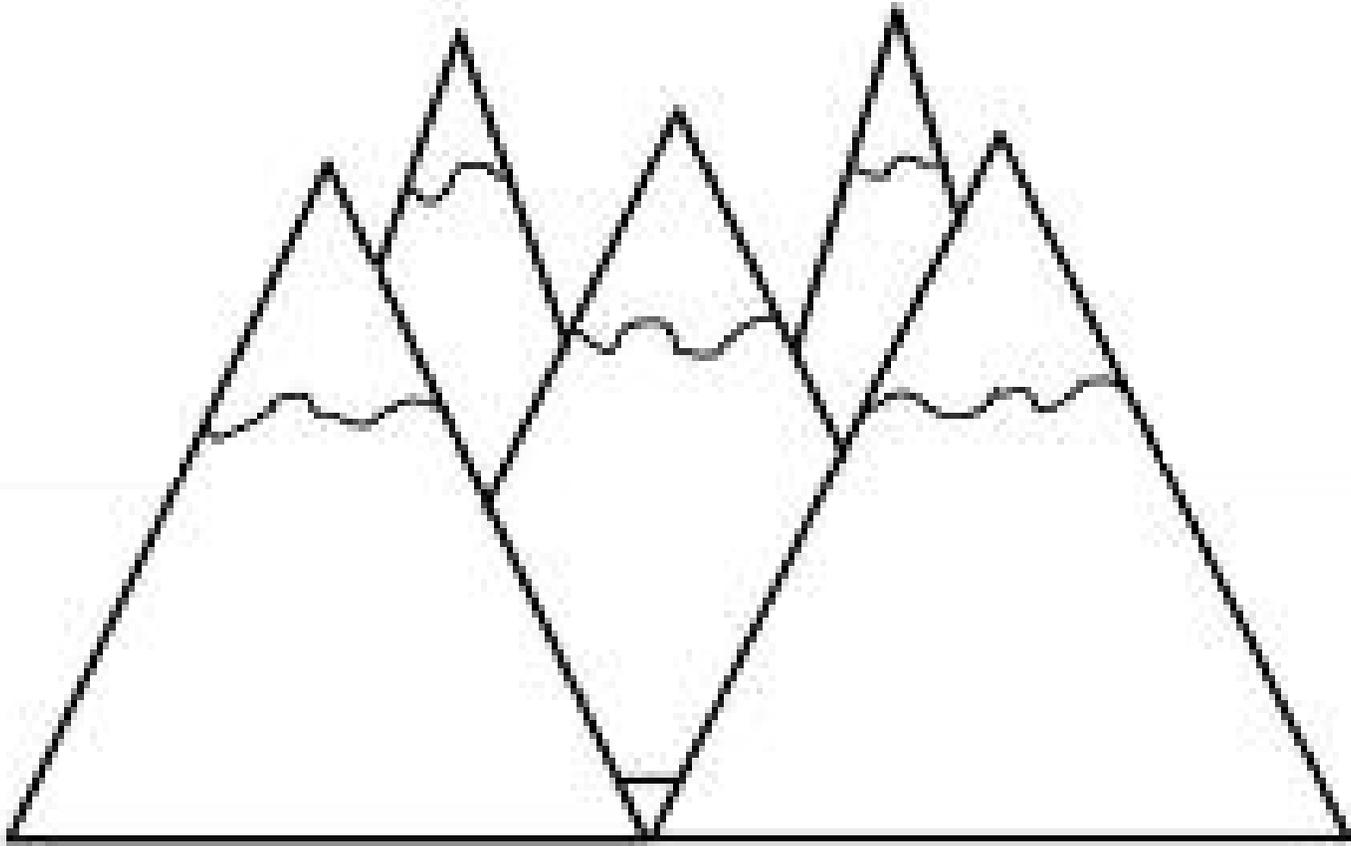
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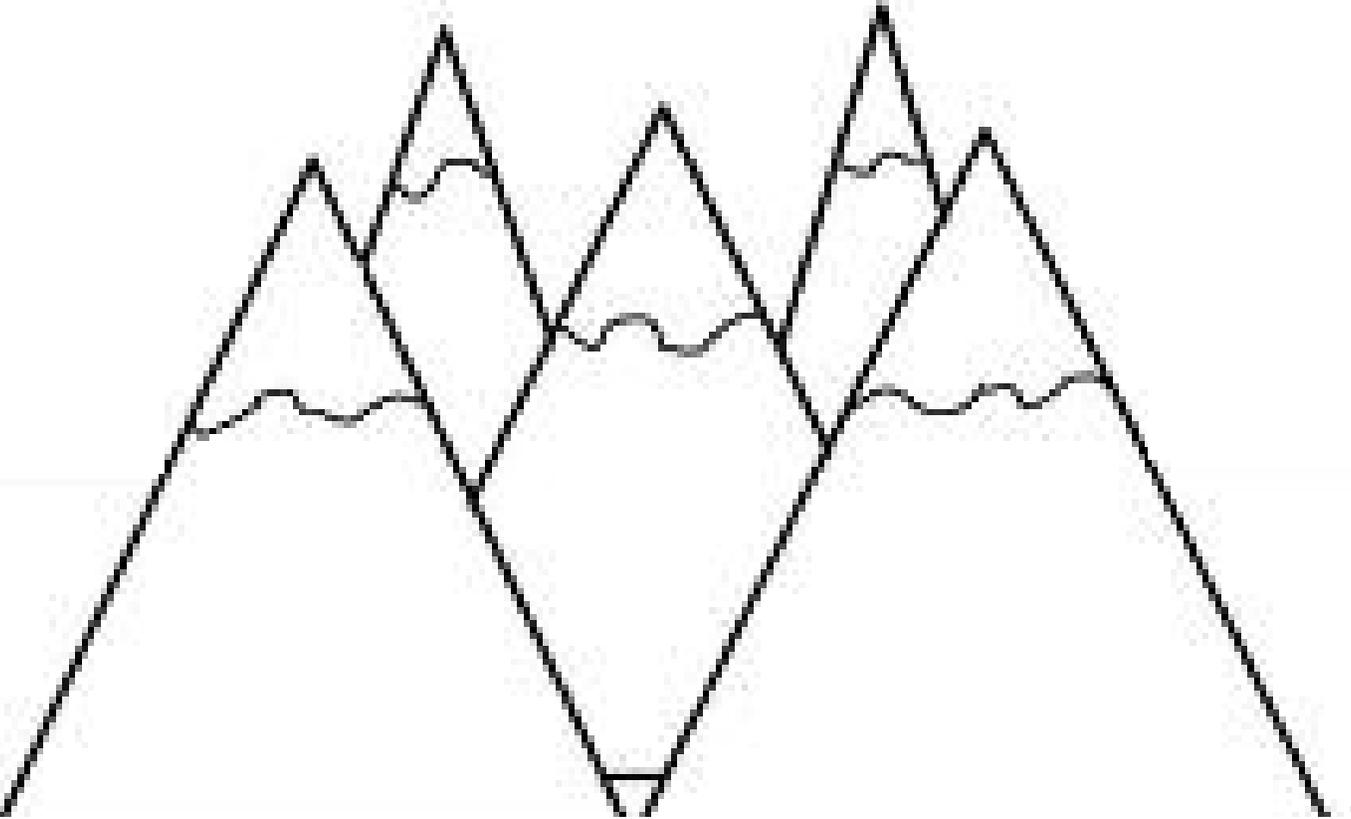


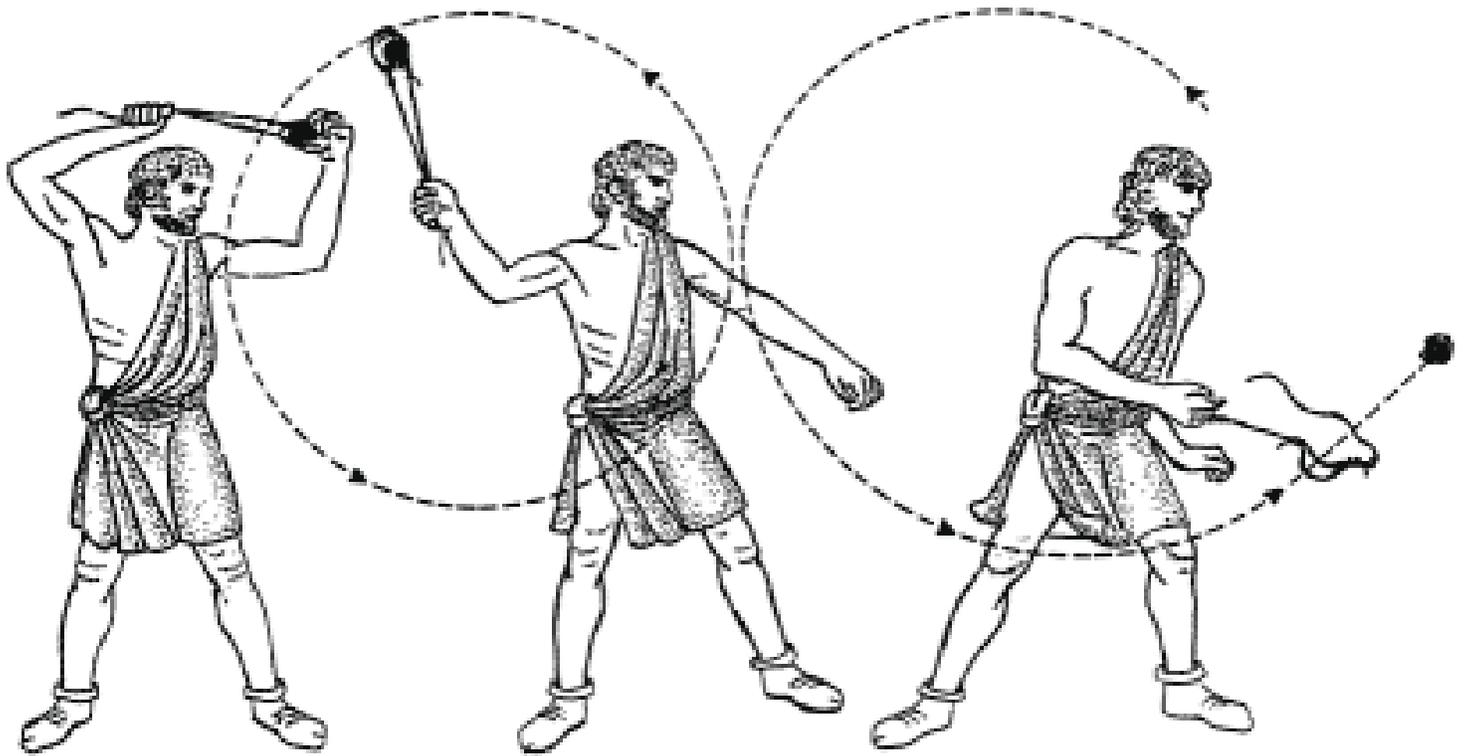
Goliath

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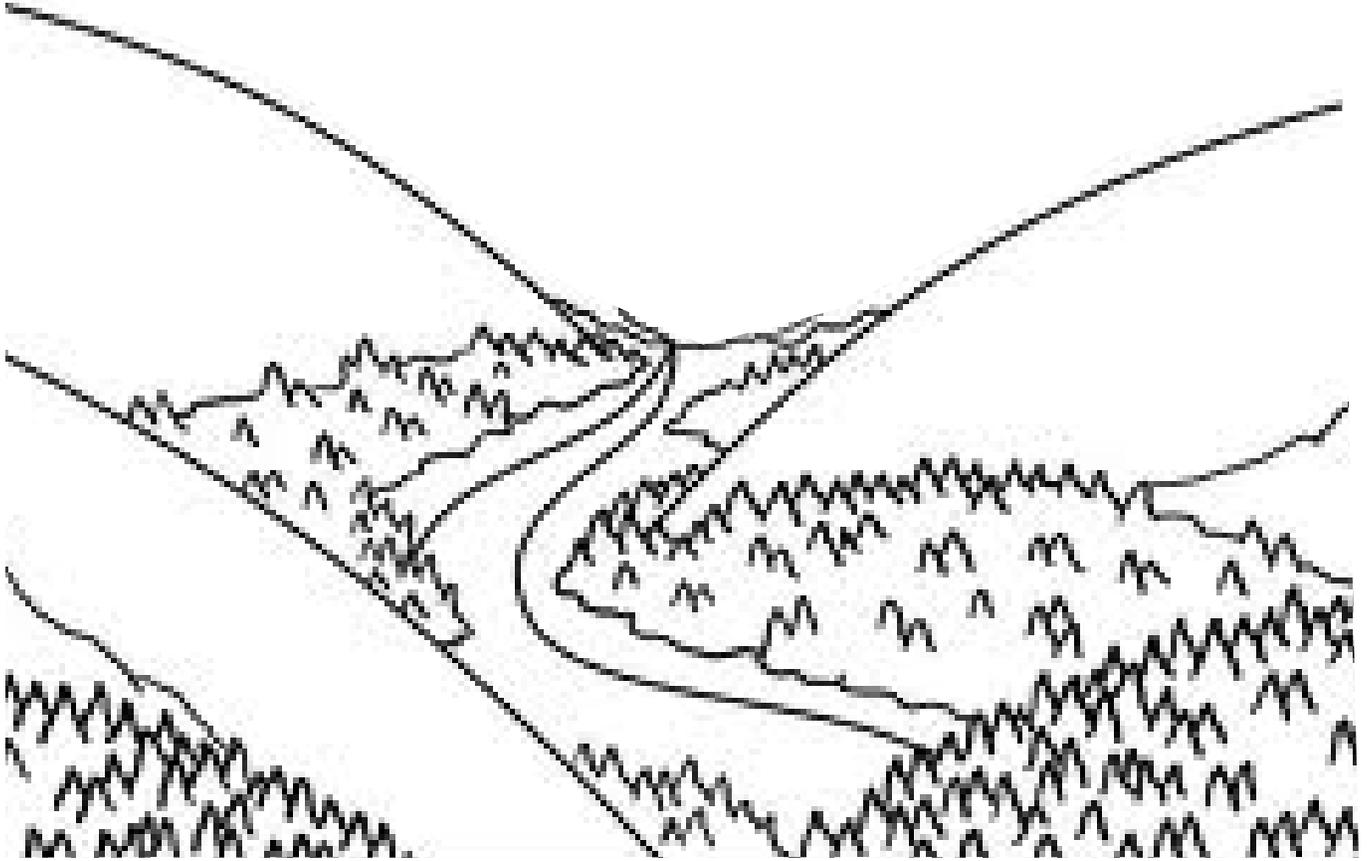


Mountain Range 2





Valley



Wrought Iron Fence Example



