



Cape Buffalo Information

Cape buffalo are some of the most dangerous animals in Africa. Although they look and behave somewhat like cows, cape buffalo injure many people. Cape buffalo are almost two meters tall at the shoulder. They have thick horns that cover their foreheads and can be one meter long.

Cape buffalo live together in a large group that is called a herd. Living in a herd protects them from being killed by lions and other animals. When cape buffalo males get old, they often leave the protection of the herd and live alone. Living by themselves, these cape buffalo are often killed by lions.

Cape buffalo spend most of their day and night feeding on grass. They can also run very fast. Although they are slow when beginning to run, cape buffalo can actually run faster than a lion (56 kmph).

The Buffalo is Strong



**THE BUFFALO IS STRONG
(Teacher's Version)**

The African sun had already disappeared below the horizon, and soon it would be dark. All the buffalo in the herd knew danger would come in the night. Lions were hiding in the tall grass near to where the buffalo were feeding.

The day before, a baby buffalo had been born. In the last light of day, the mother buffalo called to the baby to stand closer to her.

The strongest members stood on the outside edge of the herd. They would protect the herd if the lions attacked.

It was now dark except for the light from a thin slice of moon. The sound of the buffaloes' hooves could be heard as they moved restlessly through the grass. Suddenly, one of the buffalo guards sounded an alarm. The lions were attacking the herd! One of them rushed past the buffalo guards and entered the central part of the herd where the mother and her baby stood. By the light of the moon, the mother buffalo lowered her head and pointed her horns toward the advancing lion. She charged toward the lion and smashed into its side. With a loud yowl, the surprised lion turned away from the mother and baby buffalo. The lion disappeared into the tall grass and did not return.

The mother buffalo had protected her baby by being strong and brave.

Buffalo Song

“Be Bold! (echo)
Be Strong! (echo)
Strong like the buffalo--Oh! (2 x)
(repeat)
Be strong in the Lord your God!

THE STORY OF DAVID AND GOLIATH

(I Samuel 17:1-58)

During the time of King Saul, God's people the Israelites were at war with the Philistines. The armies were camped on two facing hills. A valley divided them.

The Philistines had a champion who was named Goliath. He was a giant man, nearly three meters tall. He was so strong that the shaft of his spear was the size of a man's wrist. Every day for forty days, Goliath stood before the Israelite army and shouted at them. He said, "Send someone from your army to fight me. Whoever loses, his nation will serve the winner." When the Israelites heard this, they were afraid. They thought that no one could defeat the giant Goliath.

Young David, son of Jesse, came to visit his three older brothers and bring them food. They were with the Israelite army that was fighting the Philistines and the champion, Goliath. Early in the day, David left his father's sheep and traveled to where the Israelite army was camped. As David spoke to his brothers, Goliath again stood before the Israelite army and shouted at them. When the Israelites heard Goliath's threats, they were afraid and ran from him.

After he saw Goliath and heard his insults, David asked, "Who is this man that would stand against God's army?"

David then went to King Saul and said he would fight the giant Goliath. David said, "No one should be afraid of Goliath. With God's help I will fight him."

King Saul replied, "You are a boy and Goliath is a trained soldier. How can you stand against him?"

David said, "With God's help I have learned to protect my father's sheep from a bear and a lion. The Lord will also help me to defeat Goliath."

On his way to fight Goliath, David stopped by a stream and got five smooth stones. David put the stones into his pouch. With these, his staff, and a sling in his hand, he stood before Goliath. As Goliath rushed to attack him, David placed a stone in his sling and released it at the giant. David's stone hit Goliath in the forehead. The great champion Goliath fell to the ground and died.

This was the first of many victories the Lord gave David as he fought for the Israelite army. God was with him and made him strong.

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE: "...be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power."
Ephesians 6:10