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# DAVID DEFEATED GOLIATH

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## CHRIST CONNECTION

The Israelites were helpless to defeat Goliath, but God sent David to save them. We are helpless to defeat sin and death, but God sent Jesus to save us by dying for our sin and rising again.

## BIG PICTURE QUESTION

Is anything greater than God? No, God is greater than everything.

## MEMORY VERSES

Jeremiah 10:6-7a

# PREPARE



Take time to reflect  
on today's lesson.

## LEADER BIBLE STUDY

The story of David and Goliath reveals more than a battle between a shepherd boy and a giant. Through this showdown, we recognize how the powers of this world set themselves in opposition to the one true God. While Israel needed someone to face Goliath on their behalf, we too need a Savior to defeat our enemies—sin and death.

Where did David find strength to fight against Goliath? How does the story point us to the true Hero, Jesus?

David was no stranger to the faithfulness and protection of God. He said to Saul, “The Lord who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine.” David saw the threat of Goliath, yet recognized he had what Goliath didn’t—the favor of the Lord of Armies. David trusted God would secure the victory for His own name’s sake. Just as God had proven Himself faithful in David’s battles against lions and bears, David knew Goliath posed no threat to those whose faith is in God.

David’s faith in the Lord of Armies encourages us to remember how God has provided us with the victory through His Son, Jesus. The true hero of this story is Jesus—the foreshadowed victor in the battle against sin and death—who took to the cross to defeat the grave and rose again so we may find new life in Him.

Lead boys and girls to see that, like David, we can trust in God for salvation and in every circumstance we face. While we may not find ourselves going to war with a giant like Goliath, we do face the reality of sin and death and cannot save ourselves. We need a Savior who has already won the battle! Pray that kids place their hope not in themselves or the things of this world but in Christ alone.

# WELCOME



Connect with kids as they arrive.

## OPENING ACTIVITIES

Greet each kid as they arrive. Use this time to build relationships and help new kids connect to your group. Before heading to Large Group, you can play a game, chat with kids, or do the Memory Verse Activity below as a group!

## MEMORY VERSE

There is none like you, O LORD; you are great, and your name is great in might. Who would not fear you, O King of the nations? For this is your due.

**Jeremiah 10:6-7a, ESV**

## MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY

This is the first week of a new unit, which means we have a new memory verse! On the TVs in your classroom, select and play the motion video to teach kids the hand motions to aid in memorizing this unit's memory verse.

As a class, repeat the motions on the video 2-3 times to get the hang of it.

*Note: Our next Bible Bucks Day will be on July 27!*



# LARGE GROUP LESSON



Review what we're learning in Large Group.

## DAVID DEFEATED GOLIATH

The Philistines gathered for war against Israel. The Philistines stood on one hill, and the Israelites gathered on another hill. There was a narrow valley with steep sides between them.

Then a champion named Goliath came out from the Philistine camp. He was nine feet, nine inches tall and wore bronze armor that weighed 125 pounds. He had a long spear, and the tip of the spear weighed 15 pounds. He shouted to the Israelites: "Why are you lining up for battle? Choose one of your men and have him come down and fight me. If he wins, we will be your servants. If I win, then you will be our servants."

Goliath threatened the Israelites every morning and every evening for forty days. Saul and all the Israelites were terrified.

One day, Jesse sent his son David to bring supplies to his brothers who were in the Israelite army. He heard the words Goliath used to threaten the Israelites. David said, "Who does Goliath think he is, that he should mock the living God and his army?"

Someone heard what David said and reported it to Saul. So, Saul had David brought to him. David said, "Don't let anyone be afraid of this Philistine. I will go and fight him!"

Saul replied, "You can't go and fight Goliath. You're just a young man, and he's been a warrior for a long time!"

David answered, "I have been tending my father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a lamb, I went after it, struck it down, and rescued the lamb. The Lord who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine."

Saul said, "Go, and may the Lord be with you."

Saul had his military armor put on David. David said, "I can't walk in these," because he was not used to them. He took them off. Instead, he took his staff and sling, and chose five smooth stones. Then David approached Goliath.

David said, "You come against me with a sword and spear, but I come against you in the name of the Lord of Armies—you have defied him! Today, the Lord will hand you over to me. Then all the world will know that Israel has a God, and that the battle is the Lord's."

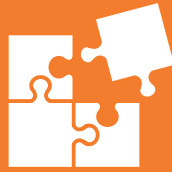
When Goliath ran to attack David, David ran toward him. David pulled out a stone, slung it, and hit Goliath on the forehead. Goliath fell facedown to the ground and died.

## CHRIST CONNECTION

The Israelites were helpless to defeat Goliath, but God sent David to save them. We are helpless to defeat sin and death, but **God sent Jesus to save us by dying for our sin and rising again.**



# ACTIVITIES



Do crafts and games with kids after Large Group.

## MAIN ACTIVITY

Give each kid a paper cup, a balloon, and scissors. Have kids cut the bottom of the cup off, tie a knot at the end of their balloon, and cut the top of the balloon off. Make sure the balloon is only about  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the length of the cup.

Kids can stretch their balloon over the bottom of the cup so the balloon tie is flat against the bottom of the cup. Once everyone has their cups ready, put the provided picture of Goliath on the wall and pass out marshmallows. Challenge kids to hit Goliath by putting a marshmallow in the cup, pulling the tied portion of the balloon back, and letting go to launch the marshmallow.

## CONNECT THE DOTS



David didn't have the strength to defeat the giant Goliath on his own. God gave David the power to defeat Israel's enemy. We also have a giant enemy we can't defeat on our own—sin and death. But God provided victory for us through Jesus! Jesus defeated our enemy through His death and resurrection.



## K12 BIBLE SKILLS ACTIVITY

Take the Chance cards and put them on the whiteboard using tape. Divide kids into even teams.

Taking turns, ask each team a question from the provided sheet. If they get the answer correct, they can choose to either gain a point for their team or take a chance card. Continue until all the questions are answered. The team with the most points wins!

## 345 BIBLE SKILLS ACTIVITY

Divide your group into two teams and give each team one of the provided buzzers.

Name a book of the Bible, and whichever team buzzes first gets to answer whether that book is in the Old or New Testament. Correct answers earn a point. The team with the most points at the end of available time wins!

# CLOSING ACTIVITIES



Continue to engage kids before parent pick-up.

## BIBLE STORY REVIEW

**Ask the following questions and lead your small group to discuss.**

1. Why did Goliath fail and lose the battle?
2. David trusted God was with him. Why is God's presence a comfort to believers?
3. Does trusting God mean everything always works out the way we want? Why not?
4. When have you trusted God during a hard time?
5. All of Israel, except David, was scared of Goliath. How can we be brave like David?

## HAVE EXTRA TIME?

Go to the Leader Folder on one of the TVs in your room. (*Hit the back button until you see it.*) There, you'll find games and activities to do with your group!



## BEFORE YOU GO...

**Second service leaders, please clean up by doing the following:**

1. Put all extra supplies and binders back in the curriculum bins.
2. Clean all trash off the tables.
3. Put all crayons, markers, etc. back in the appropriate containers and cubbies.
4. Erase the whiteboards and put markers/erasers back in the holder.
5. Turn off the TVs as you leave.

**THANK YOU FOR SERVING WITH US!**