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DAVID DEFEATED GOLIATH

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CHRIST CONNECTION

God sent David to help the Israelites. God sent His Son, Jesus, to help everyone. When we trust in Jesus, we have life with God forever.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION

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

MEMORY VERSE

LORD, there is no one like you. You are great. **Jeremiah 10:6**

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.

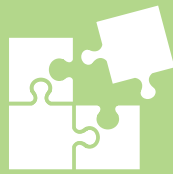
Where did David find strength to fight against Goliath? How does the story point us to the true Hero, Jesus?

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 children place their hope not in themselves or the things of this world but in Christ alone.

OPENING & ACTIVITIES



Connect with children through games and activities.

WELCOME

Play music in the background as you greet children coming into the classroom. Help them transition in and feel welcome as they play games and interact with others.

ACTIVITY #1: SING A SONG

Gather children and sing the song below to the tune of “For He’s a Jolly Good Fellow”:

LORD, there is no one like You.
There is no one like You.
There is no one like You.
LORD, You are great!
Jeremiah 10:6

(Repeat)

CONNECT THE DOTS



Our memory verse phrase says, “LORD, there is no one like you. You are great.” Is anything greater than God? No, God is greater than everything!

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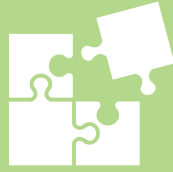
Goliath yelled at the soldiers and told them to send someone to fight him. When David brought food for his brothers, he agreed to fight Goliath because he knew God would help him. He took his sling and five stones. Goliath fell and didn't get up, so David won the battle. God gave David power to defeat Goliath. God sent Jesus to help all of us. When we trust Jesus, He forgives our sins and helps us.

ACTIVITY #2: EXPLORE SLINGSHOTS

Show children how to use the provided slingshots. Put the Goliath poster up on the wall, then let children practice aiming at and hitting Goliath with their slingshots and the provided marshmallows.

At snack time, allow children to have a few marshmallows to eat.

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EXTRA TIME: GATHER STONES

Go outside and gather five stones. Allow children to explore, pick up, and touch the stones.

Say the memory verse phrase together and remind children of parts of the Bible story as they look at the stones.

CONNECT THE DOTS



David trusted God to help him defeat Goliath. He believed God is greater than everything. David gathered stones and a sling to use against his enemy. God gave David power to defeat Goliath.



DAVID DEFEATED GOLIATH

The Israelite army was getting ready to fight the Philistines. The two big armies stood on opposite hills with a deep valley between them.

The Philistines had a giant warrior named Goliath. Goliath was very tall—almost 10 feet tall! He wore heavy armor, and every day Goliath came out and shouted at the Israelites. “Send someone to fight me!” he said. “If you win, we will serve you. If I win, you will serve us.” Goliath did this every day for 40 days. All the Israelites were scared, even King Saul.

One day, David—who was just a boy—came to the battlefield to bring food to his brothers in the Israelite army. David heard Goliath’s challenge. He said, “Who does Goliath think he is to challenge God’s army?”

When King Saul heard what David said, he called for David. David said, “I’ll fight Goliath!” Saul was worried because David was young, but David said, “I protect my father’s sheep from lions and bears.” David trusted God would help him defeat Goliath.

Saul gave David his armor, but it was too big. So David went to face Goliath with only a sling and five smooth stones. David told Goliath, “God will help me win this battle!” Then David used his sling to throw a stone at Goliath. The stone hit Goliath on the forehead. Goliath fell facedown to the ground and died.

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SNACK & CLOSING



Continue to engage children near the end of the morning.

SNACK & DISCUSSION

Wash hands or use hand sanitizer. Serve a snack. Show children the Bible story picture as you ask the following questions and retell parts of the story as needed.

1. What was your favorite part of today's Bible story?
2. What did you learn about God in today's Bible story?
3. What did David use to defeat Goliath?
4. Is anything greater than God? No, God is greater than everything.

CLOSING ACTIVITIES

Pick up toys and games from around the room and put them away. After the room is cleaned up, set out markers or crayons and let children work on today's Bible story coloring page or activity page until their parents arrive.

You can also choose a book to read to children as they work or for those who don't want to work. Please make the effort to have children quietly engaged in the last few minutes of the service. When parents arrive to pick up their child, share about something their child enjoyed doing or did well today.

BEFORE YOU GO...

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

1. Spray down toys with disinfectant.
2. Spot sweep if needed.
3. Return toys to closet, close door.
4. Throw away any trash left on counters and in room.
5. Return storage cubes to Rm 108.

THANK YOU FOR SERVING WITH US!