



UNIT 12, SESSION 4

DAVID AND GOLIATH

1 SAMUEL 17

KEY POINTS

David didn't let his size or age stop him. • David remembered God is bigger than any giant. • David remembered God's faithfulness.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION

Who is bigger than any giant? God!

MEMORY VERSE

He will cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you will find refuge. Psalm 91:4



LEADER BIBLE STUDY

This week's lesson is perfect for children! It's all about how God uses small things.

As you prepare to serve this week, remember the story of Samuel choosing David to be the next king of Israel. David was just a young boy, small and overlooked, but God saw something special in him. Even after he was anointed, David didn't become king right away. He went back to doing ordinary things, like taking care of sheep.

That's important for us to remember: God is at work even in the waiting and in the everyday moments.

David was too young to go to battle like his brothers, but when the time came and he faced the giant Goliath, he trusted God completely. Others saw a small boy. David saw a big God.

As you teach this story (1 Samuel 16-17) this week, help your preschoolers experience it in a hands-on way:

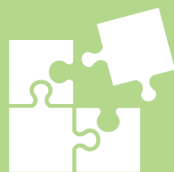
- When they hear "David", invite them to kneel down low; he was small.
- When they hear "Goliath", have them stretch up tall on their tiptoes.
- Let them hold a "sling" and count out five smooth stones.
- Show them how tall Goliath was by standing tall and reaching for the sky. These simple moments help children feel the story and understand it.

Most importantly, remind them David wasn't brave because he was strong. He was brave because he remembered how God had helped him before. God had taken care of him, and David trusted that He would do it again.

As leaders, this speaks to us too. You may feel small, underprepared, or unnoticed, but God uses willing hearts. The same God who helped David is with us today.

Take a moment to thank God for His goodness, both in your life and in the lives of the children you serve. Then, step into your role with confidence, knowing that no one is too small for God to use.

WELCOME & OPENING



Connect with children as service starts.

WELCOME

Play music through the undercabinet radio (flash drive), or connect your phone to Bluetooth through the radio and play Christian preschool/Bible songs as you greet children coming into the classroom. Help them transition in and feel welcome as they play games and interact with others.

MEMORY VERSE SONG

Gather children and sing to the tune of “Oh My Darling Clementine”:

He will cover you
with His feathers.
and under His wings
you will find refuge.
Psalm 91:4

THE LORD’S PRAYER/TEN COMMANDMENTS

Toddlers & Twos: Use the provided poster to review the Lord’s Prayer with the children in your class.

Threes & Fours: Using the provided poster, review the Ten Commandments with the children in your class. Read through each one, then have children repeat after you as you say them together.

TAKE-HOME



Give children a take-home connected to the lesson.

TAKE-HOME ITEM: STICKER & STONE POUCH

Give each child one of the provided stones, pouches, and stickers. Have them put their stone and sticker inside their bag. Review the lesson, pointing out the meaning of the stone and the words on the sticker.

Encourage children to take their bag home and use it to share the Bible lesson with their friends and family.





BABIES & TWOS BIBLE LESSON

One day, David took some food to his brothers at a battle. There was a big, strong giant called Goliath. Everyone was scared to fight this giant. But David remembered God was faithful and strong. David said, "I will fight this giant."

David went to talk to King Saul. King Saul gave his armor to David, but it was too big for him. David said, "I don't need your armor. God will look after me." David went down to the river and got five smooth stones. He went to fight Goliath.

Goliath thought it was a joke to send a little boy to fight him. David took a stone, put it in the sling, and shot it at Goliath. It hit Goliath's head and he fell to the ground. God had once again protected His people.

THREES & FOURS BIBLE LESSON

One day, David's father asked him to take some food to his brothers who were out at battle. When David arrived, he found everyone was scared of the enemy. There was a big strong giant called Goliath. He said, "Send one man to fight me. If you win, we will serve you, but if I win, you and your people must serve us."

David didn't understand why everyone was scared to fight this giant. David remembered God was faithful and strong. When a lion or a bear would attack David and his sheep in the field, God would always protect David. David knew God would do the same against Goliath.

David said, "I will fight this giant." He went to talk to King Saul. King Saul said that David must wear his armor to protect him. Saul was big and tall. David was small. Saul's armor was too big for him.

David said, "I don't need armor to protect me. God will look after me." David went down to the river and got five stones. Then he went out to fight Goliath.

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SNACK & CLOSING



Continue to engage children near the end of the morning.

SNACK & DISCUSSION

Have everyone wash their hands, then serve a snack. Ask the following questions and retell parts of the lesson as needed.

1. What was your favorite part of today's Bible lesson?
2. What did you learn about God in today's Bible lesson?
3. What did David use to fight Goliath?
4. Who is bigger than any giant? **God!**

CLOSING ACTIVITIES

Sing the clean up song. Have children help put toys on tables.

Gather them on the rug in a circle and have one volunteer read today's Bible lesson from the children's Bible. Have a regular Bible ready as well.

Sing the "B.I.B.L.E." and "Everything in the Bible is Absolutely True" songs. Remind children that the Bible is God's Word and the most important book in the whole world!

The other volunteer should stand at the door and help with pick up, matching stickers, gathering children's things, etc.

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 binders to the cabinet.

THANK YOU FOR SERVING WITH US!