

## God Is With Us Because He Loves Us • May 16-17

### Bible Point: **God Is With Us**

### Parent Bible Basis

- God is with us because he loves us.

It may seem strange that two armies would occupy hills opposite each other and wait for 40 days without attacking. However, if either army rushed down its hill and across the valley and then tried to rush up the other hill to attack, that army would likely suffer tremendous casualties. So each army waited for the other to attack first.

The mighty Saul, who stood a head taller than the other Israelites, was afraid to fight Goliath. But David, who was probably only 17 or 18 years old at the time, knew that God was with the Israelites and that God would defeat Goliath. Anyone who trusts fully in God can do great things for him!

### Prayer

- Read Ephesians 2:10.
- What good things do you think God has planned for you to do?
- Pray: Lord, help me to live out the plans you have for me. Help me to guide my students to faith in you by...

Pray for the children in your family and for God's direction to help you prepare to teach the lesson.

Before starting Lesson gather all **SUPPLIES**

### ■ Bible Craft – David's Harp

**Supplies:** 4 Large Craft Sticks, 4-6 Rubber Bands, Hot Glue Gun, Paint, Crayons or Markers, Optional – small decorations for harp, Tacky Glue. **DIRECTIONS AT END OF LESSON**

### Goliath Bowling – **Supplies:** 6 Plastic Cups, Goliath Pattern, tape, newsprint or scrap paper (or small ball)

Tape Goliath pattern(s) to 1-6 cups. Set cups in a triangle, similar to the way bowling pins are arranged. Take turns rolling the "stone" (small ball) and knocking over the Goliath cups. Tell child that in today's Bible story they'll learn that God helped David topple a nasty giant named Goliath.

### Bible Song – Supplies - **Bible**

**Say:** Who does Jesus love? (Pause) How do we know that? (Pause) The Bible tells us.

Show children the Bible. **Say:** The Bible is God's special book. The Bible tells us about God and Jesus. Let's sing a song about the Bible. Sing **"God's Special Book"** to the tune of "Row, Row, Row Your Boat." Tell children that in today's Bible story they'll learn that God helped David topple a nasty giant named Goliath.

This is God's special book.  
Yes, it's God's book you see!  
I learn about all God has done  
And his love for me!  
(Repeat.)  
Bible!

Additional Song Options: **Jesus Loves Me**, **The B-I-B-L-E**  
You can Sing Along with DBCC Children's Song Video

# Bible Story: *God Is With Us*

SUPPLIES: *Bible, David/Goliath figures, sheep-or cotton balls (all from May 2-3 Lesson), 5 small stones, Goliath cups (from Game Section), newspaper or sheets of scrap paper*

*Lay the figures Goliath and of David, the sheep (or cotton balls) and the five stones beside you.*

## Scene 1

Open your Bible to Joshua 1:9c and show children the words.

**Say:** Our Bible verse tells us that God is with us. Today we're going to hear an exciting Bible story about a boy named David who knew that God is with us. Set out the figure of David. This is David. He was a shepherd boy who loved God very much. David spent his days in the fields watching over his father's sheep and playing his harp.

Set the sheep (or cotton balls) beside the figure of David.

**Say:** David loved the sheep and stayed with them all the time—just as God loves us. Let's say a fun rhyme about David and his sheep.

Say the following finger rhyme one time, and then encourage children to follow along slowly a few times.

**Here is David.** (*Hold up an index finger on one hand.*)

**Here is a sheep.** (*Make a closed fist with your other hand.*)

**They stayed in the fields** (*put your finger and fist together*)—

**Awake and asleep.** (*Blink your eyes, and then pretend to sleep.*)

**Say:** David loved his father, and he loved the sheep. But most of all, David loved God. He loved God more than anything! But there was someone who didn't love God. Let's see who that mean man was.

## Scene 2

Place the figure of Goliath in front of the children.

**Say:** Ooo, look at this big man. His name is Goliath. Can you say that? Go-li-ath. Let's stand up big and tall like Goliath. Stretch way up—Goliath was very, very tall! And Goliath was growly and mean. Grrr! Let's say a fun rhyme about Goliath. Lead children in the following action rhyme.

**Tall** (*stretch up tall with your arms in the air*),

**Short** (*bend low to the floor*),

**Or in between** (*stand in your regular stance*)—

**The giant, Goliath, was big and mean!** (*Make a mean, growly face.*)

**Say:** Goliath didn't love God.

Move the figure of Goliath back and forth as if he's stomping.

Every day Goliath stomped back and forth and shook his sword and yelled mean things about God and about God's people. That made David angry. All of God's people were afraid of Goliath—but David wasn't afraid. David knew that God is with us, and he knew God would help him fight Goliath. Do you think David won the fight? Let's find out!

## Scene 3

*Hold up the figure of David.*

**Say:** David knew that Goliath was big, but David knew that God is bigger than anything or anyone! And David knew that God is with us. Let's clap for God! Lead children in a rousing round of applause.

David found five smooth stones in a little stream. Hold up the stones and count them aloud. **Then say:** We can make pretend stones. Hand each child a sheet of newspaper, and have children crumple the papers to make "stones." Let's count our stones

Then line up the Goliath cups from Option 1.

**Say:** David put a stone in his sling and walked up to Goliath. David threw the stone and hit Goliath. Bonk! It hit him in the forehead! Goliath fell facedown on the ground. Tip the figure of Goliath over face-first. Let's toss our paper stones at the Goliath cups. We'll see if we can topple them like David toppled Goliath!

Let children toss their paper stones at the cups and continue tossing until each cup is toppled. That was fun! But it's really fun to know that God is with us.

## ■ “God Is With Us” Song

### SUPPLIES: Bible

Open your Bible to Joshua 1:9c, and show children that today’s Bible verse, God is with us, comes from God’s Word. Lead the children in singing “God Is With Us” (adapted from Joshua 1:9c) to the tune of “The Farmer in the Dell.” For extra fun, do the motions in parentheses.

Goliath stood so tall. (Stand on your tiptoes.)

David was so small. (Squat down.)

Clap your hands and turn around (clap twice; then turn around)—

God is with us all! (March in place.)

David trusted God. (Cross your arms over your chest.)

He made Goliath fall. (Crouch down.)

Clap your hands and turn around (clap twice; then turn around)—

God is with us all! (March in place.)

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Clap your hands and turn around (clap twice; then turn around)—

God is with us all! (March in place.)

**Say:** Isn’t it great that God is with us? God loves us and is with us all the time. God loves us so much that he sent his Son, Jesus, to be our friend. If we are friends with Jesus, we will live with him in heaven someday. David learned that God is with us all the time and that he never leaves us alone. Even though God’s people were afraid of Goliath, David wasn’t afraid because he knew that God helps us.

## SNACK - Giant Bananas

### SUPPLIES: bananas, small bowl, napkin, mini chocolate chips

After they wash their hands, gather children at the table and ask:

**Say:** • Who is always with us? (God.)

We’ve been learning that God is with us. And God is with us all the time, everywhere we go. Let’s say a prayer and thank God for being with us. Fold your hands.

### HAVE CHILD(REN) PRAY – may need prompting

**Pray:** Pray: Dear God, thanks for being with us wherever we go. We’re glad you never leave us alone. We love you. In Jesus’ name, amen.

Set out small bowl of mini chocolate chips. Hand each child a napkin with half of a peeled banana on it.

**Say:** We’re going to make yummy giants with these bananas. You can use chocolate chips to make your giant’s eyes, nose, and mouth. Show children how to carefully press the chocolate chips into their bananas for facial features. Then let children enjoy nibbling their “giants.”

## David’s Harp Craft



Paint or color Craft Sticks as desired. Carefully Hot Glue the two side sticks to the back of the top Craft Stick. Add 4-6 Rubber Bands (that are slightly shorter than the distance between top and bottom of the Harp).

Feed bottom Craft Stick through bottom of rubber bands. While firmly holding the top of harp on flat surface; add hot glue to two sides, carefully stretch and attach to sides. Hold in place till dry.