

## David and Goliath

'The young hero and the horrible giant' (from 1 Samuel 17)  
from 'the Jesus Storybook Bible'

**Supplies:** 'The Jesus Storybook Bible' OR Children's Bible to read passages as listed.

**Say:** We will look at one of the most famous Bible passages – David and Goliath.

**Read:** **Pages 122 and 123 from 'the Jesus Storybook Bible' OR 1 Samuel 17:4-10**

### Discuss

1. Was Goliath on the side same side as the Israelites or was he on the enemy's side?
2. How would you describe Goliath?
3. What did Goliath challenge the Israelites to do?

**Read:** **Page 125 from 'the Jesus Storybook Bible' OR 1 Samuel 17:11,16,23-24**

### Discuss

4. How did the Israelites feel about Goliath's challenge?
5. Did anyone take up Goliath's challenge?

**Read 1 Samuel 17:25**

### Discuss

6. How did King Saul of Israel respond to Goliath's challenge?

**Read 1 Samuel 17:32**

### Discuss

7. How did young David respond to Goliath's challenge?

**Read 1 Samuel 17:38-40**

### Discuss

8. What weapons did David use in his battle with Goliath?

**Read:** **Page 126-127 from 'the Jesus Storybook Bible' OR 1 Samuel 17:41-44**

### Discuss

9. Was Goliath afraid of David? Why or why not?

**Read 1 Samuel 17:45-47**

### Discuss

10. According to David, who will defeat Goliath?
11. Was David afraid of going against Goliath?

**Read:** **Pages 128-129 from 'the Jesus Storybook Bible' OR 1 Samuel 17:48-50**

12. Who won in the end?
13. Who is the real hero in this story?

## Memory Verse: 'For the battle is the Lord's' 1 Samuel 17:47b

**Say:** We can learn from this story.

In this story, David was a much smaller, younger and more inexperienced fighter as compared to Goliath. David could not win the battle by his own strength and David knew it too. But David took up Goliath's challenge anyway.

David was fighting not for himself but fighting God's battle. And because of this, David knew that God was with him and God would defeat Goliath because God always wins his battles.

We can also stand up to challenges in the way David did, even when the odds are against us. If we trust God and are faithful and obedient to him, God can overcome problems in our lives and accomplish great things through us. Even if we are small!

### CRAFT:

#### ■ Stone Necklaces

Set out cereal loops and 14-inch lengths of yarn or string. Let each child string five "stones" on his or her piece of yarn. Remind children that David used stones to fight Goliath. Then help children tie their pieces of yarn into loops to make nifty necklaces to wear. Provide extra cereal for snacking, and retell the story of David and Goliath as children munch pretend stones.

#### ■ David Plays the Harp

**Say:** David would play his harp when watching his father's sheep. This would help them be calm at night.

David also played his harp for King Saul when he was afraid.

"So, it came about that whenever the (evil) spirit from God was on Saul, David took a harp and played it with his hand; so, Saul would be refreshed and be well, and the (evil) spirit would leave him."

1 Samuel 16:23 AMP

What things do you like when you are feeling afraid? (Lay in my parents bed, listen to music, hug my best stuffed animal.)

**Directions:** Color David and his harp, cut on dotted lines, attach David's arm with brad.

### SNACK:

#### ■ Smile-a-Mile

**SUPPLIES:** rice cakes, spreadable cream cheese, mini chocolate chips, tube of red icing

**Say:** Who is with us all the time? (God.) We've been learning that God is with us. God is with us because he loves us. That's why he sent Jesus to be our forever friend. It makes us thankful to know that God is here loving us all the time. Let's tell God how thankful we are for his love. Fold your hands.

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

Pray: Dear God, thank you for your great love. Thank you for always being with us. We love you, too. In Jesus' name, amen.

**Then say:** Since we're so thankful that God is with us, let's make happy faces on our snacks. Help child spread cream cheese on a rice cake and set out the mini chocolate chips. Show children how to place mini chocolate chip eyes and noses on their cookies. Then use the tube of red icing to add a smile to each of the snacks.

