

God Is With Us All the Time • May 9-10

Bible Point: **God Is With Us**

Parent Bible Basis

When we think of David slaying Goliath, we tend to think, “Wow, what a miraculous thing that was.” And truly it was a miracle of God’s presence and power. However, if we begin to think that God is only interested in helping us with Goliath-size problems, we’ll miss out on the wonderful provision God makes for us day by day.

He’s not only concerned about our Goliaths, but about our Bella’s and our Abel’s and our Drew’s. He’s there to help us with the little trials and struggles that come our way. He’s concerned about the people we connect with each day, and definitely about the little ones we teach. And he’s willing to offer us God-size power to deal with those problems if we’ll rely on him as David did.

As you reflect on this story, also reflect on how fully you acknowledge God’s presence in your life all the time. Don’t just trust him for the big things—let him work in the little things of your life as well!

Prayer

- Read Joshua 1:9.
- If you really lived in acknowledgement that God was with you all the time, how would your life be different?
- What little things do you need to give to him right now?
- Pray: God, help me live my life in your presence, so that my toddlers will see my example of trust and faith. Help me to...

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 – Funny Feet

SUPPLIES: **funny-feet patterns, stiff paper, scissors, tape, markers/crayons**

Enlarge and photocopy the funny-feet patterns. Cut a pair of the enlarged patterns on stiff paper for each child.

Hand each child a pair of funny-feet cutouts. **Say:** Think of the big feet Goliath must have had! We can make these giant funny feet to remind us that God is with us everywhere our feet take us.

Encourage child to decorate their cutouts using markers. When child has finished, tape them to top of feet.

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.”

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, round cereal puffs, sling from last week's lesson, five smooth stones

Lay the figure of Goliath on the floor. Place the sling you made last week and the figures of David, the sheep, and the five smooth stones beside you. You'll also need a bag of round cereal puffs.

Scene 1

Say: We're going to hear an exciting Bible story today and learn that God is with us.

Hold up the figure of David. This is David. Let's tell David "hello." Encourage child to say, "Hello, David."

Say: David loved God, and God loved David, too. David had seven brothers, but he was the youngest and smallest. Even though David was small, he had a big job! Oh, listen! What can that sound be?

Make some sheep sounds.

Ask: • What animal makes that sound? (A sheep.) Set out the sheep from last week.

Say: David watched the sheep in his father's field. We can pat one of David's sheep. Let each child touch the fluffy sheep. 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 child.

Say: Ooo, look at the giant. His name is Goliath. Can you say that? Go-li-ath. Goliath was a big, mean guy who didn't love God. Let's stand up and 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 was really a mean guy!

Goliath didn't love God. Goliath's people and God's people were at war. Every day Goliath stomped back and forth and shook his sword and yelled mean things about God's people. That made David angry. All of God's soldiers were afraid of Goliath—but David wasn't afraid. David knew that God is with us, and he knew that 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 child in a rousing round of applause.

Say: David went to a stream and picked up five smooth stones. Hold up the stones and have children count them aloud with you. One, two, three, four, five. We can each have five pretend stones to count.

Hand child five round cereal puffs. Count the cereal "stones" together a few times, and then let child gobble up their pretend stones.

Say: David took a stone and put it in his sling.

Place a cereal puff 'stone' in the sling.

Say: David walked up to Goliath and said, "Goliath, you think you're big and strong with that shiny sword. But God is bigger than you or anyone else! God is with us, and he will win this fight!" Then David threw the stone and it hit Goliath. Bonk! It hit him in the forehead! Goliath fell facedown on the ground.

Tip over the figure of Goliath face-first.

Say: David won the battle because God is with us! Yea! Let's clap for God!

Lead children in clapping.

Say: Even though David was small, David's love for God was this big!

Stretch your arms out wide. And David knew that God is with us. Open your Bible to Joshua 1:9c, and show children the words.

Say: Let's sing a special song to remind us of our Bible verse: 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.*)

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

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

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.”

Print (OR pick up Craft at DBCC).

Supplies: funny-feet patterns, stiff paper, scissors, tape, markers/crayons

Copy on Card Stock or heavy weight paper, color, and attach to top of shoe with loop of sticky tape.

