



DAVID & GOLIATH

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Concept

God is bigger and stronger than anyone or anything.

Goal

Children will learn that God is bigger and stronger than anyone or anything. God wants people to be His friends so He can make them strong and courageous.

Passage

1 Samuel 17:1-49

Key Verse: "I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel... This day the Lord will deliver you up into my hands."

1 Samuel 17:45,46

Planning Ahead

Lesson Supplies	Craft Supplies
<p>Activity Station:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Several pieces of scrap paper</i>• <i>Grocery-size paper bag</i>• <i>8½" x 11" printed Goliath</i> <p>Lesson:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Backpack* (teacher provide)• <i>Paper lunch bag stuffed with paper, top folded over</i>• <i>Plastic sword</i>• <i>Large rubber band</i>• <i>Five pieces of scrap paper</i>• <i>Broom (or 2 pieces of brown paper taped together and rolled up to be a staff)</i> <p>Extension:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>The Rhyme Bible, L.J. Sattgast</i>	<p>Learning Activity #2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Paper lunch bags, 1/child• Printed picture of Goliath for lunch bag, 1/child• Scrap paper, 5/child• Glue sticks• Crayons, markers

*TEACHERS PLEASE NOTE

For clarity, the italicized areas in the Planning Ahead section indicate supplies that are in—and should be returned to—your classroom SHARED SUPPLY bag.

Background Information/Teacher Helps

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The Philistines and Israelites positioned for battle well within the borders of the Promised Land, less than 20 miles southwest of Jerusalem. The Israelites quake at the giant champion chosen by the Philistines. They have lost sight of their God as they have placed the king between themselves and their true ruler, God. Saul was responsible for Israel as her king. He was a huge man (1 Sam. 10:23) and should have faced the giant. However, he viewed the giant through worldly eyes and did the “smart” thing—hid in camp!

When David arrived in camp, he heard the defiance of the Philistine giant and assessed the situation. Seeing that no one else was rising to the occasion, David volunteered to fight Goliath. First, he faced opposition within the Israelite camp. His own brother turned on him, angry at David for even inquiring into the challenge. The king offered help that was not really help, i.e.; armor that would hinder David’s movement and a weapon that he’d never tried. David kept his eyes on God. He did not rise at Eliab’s anger and he refused Saul’s help. He knew that God was able to use him just as he was. We do not know if his thoughts turned to the promise of God through Samuel that he should someday be king, or to God’s promise to his people that they should possess the land, or to his love of God’s character. David had many reasons to proclaim, “You come to me with a sword, a spear, and a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have taunted. This day the Lord will deliver you up into my hands, and I will strike you down... that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel” (1 Sam 17:45-46, NASB).

When we stand against God’s enemies many will try to interfere, even within our own “band.” Some will resent the implication that they aren’t doing enough when we enter into the work. Others will offer their solutions that in the end might steal from the glory being attributed to God. David was committed to God’s honor, to battling God’s enemy in a way that would “let all the earth know that there is a God.” David’s relationship with God gave him the confidence he needed to go forward.

This week, as you prepare to go forward with God’s message for the children in your class, thank Him that He has given you “five smooth stones”—just what you need to do His work. Ask that He would be glorified as the children seek a relationship with Him for themselves. Ask that you might encourage them to do battle by sharing Him with others.

Set Up

- The week before class: The teacher playing David in the Lesson should prepare to bring a backpack.
- The day of class: Wad scrap paper into “stones” for the Lesson. Put the lunch bag stuffed with paper, the plastic sword, and the large rubber band in the backpack.

Incorporation Lg. Group

Activity Stations

- **Game – Knock Down Goliath**
 - **Instructions:** Make a Goliath target by taping or gluing the large picture of Goliath on the paper grocery bag. Students can add features and color his shield and sword. Wad a number of paper "stones" from scrap paper. Stand the open bag on a table with Goliath facing them. Have children take turns throwing paper balls at Goliath. As they're throwing ask them if they know who is bigger and stronger than anyone or anything.

Introduction Lg. Group

Hey boys and girls, come on over and sit down. (Show the five stones.) Look at these five stones. Does your mom say, “Don’t throw rocks?” Why? Rocks can hurt, because they are real weapons. We’re going to learn about a young boy named David who killed a giant with five stones like these. The big giant named Goliath was as tall as this room and bigger than any person any of us has ever seen. Goliath hated God’s people and wanted to fight them. He wore armor like a soldier and had three sharp weapons, a sword, a spear and a long pole with a sharp knife on the end. David was a small boy with no armor and only five stones like these. How do you think David was able to kill the giant?

Lesson Lg. Group

Drama – David and Goliath presented by 2 teachers

Characters: David and Narrator

Instructions: Make sure the stuffed lunch bag, the plastic sword and the large rubber band are in the backpack. Lay the 5 paper "stones" on the floor.

Narrator: A young boy named David was sent by his father to take food to his brothers in God’s army. This army was the Israelites. When he got there he saw a giant enemy. This giant, who was named Goliath, wanted one of the Israelites to fight him.

David:

Open up backpack and pull out the stuffed paper lunch bag. Look at giant in horror as you drop the lunch bag. Turn to look at the children, pointing over your shoulder with your thumb as you whisper.

He said that he challenges the Israelites to find someone who can fight as well as he does. He says that if he wins, God's people will have to be the servants of his army. If the Israelite wins, then Goliath's army will serve God's people. He is making fun of God's army! But he doesn't know that I am God's friend. He doesn't know that God is bigger and stronger than anyone or anything.

Narrator: David heard what Goliath said. He knew that God is bigger and stronger than anyone or anything. So he told King Saul that he would fight the giant. David's brother got mad at him. He told David that he was going to be in trouble for leaving his father's sheep. David knew that his sheep were okay; he'd left them with a sheep sitter! But he didn't fight with his brother. He was thinking about what that God wanted him to do. He saw that all the soldiers were afraid to fight Goliath. But he knew that God is bigger and stronger than anyone or anything. So he volunteered to fight Goliath because he trusted God to fight the giant for him.

The king offered David his weapons and his armor.

David:

*Pull a plastic sword out of your backpack, staggering under its "weight."
Shake your head no and put the sword on the ground. Pull out and put on imaginary armor. Waddle around as if it is very big and cumbersome.*

Narrator: David tried Saul's armor but it was too big and he wasn't used to it. He knew that God is bigger and stronger than anyone or anything. God had given him the strength to kill a bear and a lion without a big sword and armor. And he knew that God would give him the strength to kill Goliath, too.

Looking around, David found his usual weapon just lying around.

David:

Look around and pick up the five paper "stones."

Narrator: He found five small, smooth stones. He reached in his backpack and got out his sling.

David:

Pull the rubber band out of your backpack.

Narrator: He picked up his shepherd's stick.

David:

Grab the broom (or brown piece of construction paper rolled up).

Lesson Continued

Narrator: Goliath yelled at David as David went to fight him, “Am I a dog that you come to me with sticks?”

David: You come to me using a sword, a large spear and a small spear. I come to you in the name of the Lord of heaven's armies. He's the God of the armies of Israel! You have spoken out against him. Today the Lord will give you to me. I'll kill you... Then all the world will know there is a God is Israel! (1 Samuel 17:45-46, International Children's Bible)

Shoot a paper rock at the picture of Goliath on the wall.

Narrator: David took a stone, put it in his sling and hit the giant on the forehead. The giant was knocked down and David ran over and killed him. God had saved David! God used David to save His people from the great, big giant, Goliath.

Let's get into small groups to talk about this.

Goliath was a great big bully, wasn't he? He was so big and so strong that to all the people it looked like there was no chance that a small boy like David could beat him. And they were right, except that God is bigger and stronger than anyone or anything. And God was with David.

All of us are afraid sometimes. Sometimes we are afraid of people who are big bullies. Sometimes we are afraid of problems that seem like great big giants to us.

- Are you ever afraid? What frightens you? (Allow children to respond. Preschoolers generally fear that their parents won't return when they leave, are afraid of large dogs, may fear the dark, may fear strangers or older children.)
- You know, sometimes I am afraid... (teacher share age-appropriate personal fear). But just like David knew that God is bigger than anything or anyone, we can know that God is bigger and stronger than anything or anyone. He is so big and so strong that He gave David the courage and the strength to fight and kill that big giant.

David knew that God was strong because he was God's friend. Do you know that you can be God's friend, too? God sent His son, Jesus, to die on the cross to pay for our bad choices so we can be friends with God. You can become God's friend when you tell God that you are sorry for your bad choices and want Him to forgive you. When God becomes your friend He makes you strong so you can make good choices.

Let's pray now and thank God that He is bigger and stronger than anything or anyone. And let's thank Him that Jesus died on the cross so we can be God's friend. If we know God we can be brave and strong like David.

Transition

Learning Activity#1 Sm. Groups

**Learning
Activity# 2
Lg. Group**

Transition

**Learning
Activity# 3
Lg. Group**

**Optional
Activity**

Craft – Goliath Game

Instructions: Give each child a lunch bag and a printed picture of Goliath. Color the picture and decorate the bag. Glue the picture of Goliath to the front of the bag. Loosely wad a few sheets of scrap paper. Open the bag and stuff it with the wadded up paper. Fold the top down and tape or staple shut. Wad 5 half-sheets of scrap paper to make 5 stones.

Let's play "Knock Down Goliath" with your paper bags.

Game – Knock Down Goliath

Instructions: Have children use the games they made in Learning Activity #2.

Story – David and Goliath, 150-161, The Rhyme Bible

Instructions: Read the story and talk with the children about David's courage. He was brave because he trusted that God is bigger and stronger than anyone or anything, not because he was bigger or stronger than the giant was.

David and Goliath
Bible Guy Skit

(Bible Guy enters carrying a small bag or pack with pork chop doggie toy inside)

B.G. : Hi! I'm Bible Guy. I spent the day at the market and now I'm on my way home.

[stops, looking thoughtful; then he points]

If I go home that way it takes a long time. Or I could go over this bridge over here (points off stage), but no one ever goes over the bridge, even though it's a lot shorter. Do you know why? There's this big, mean guy with a big, mean dog that always stands in front of the bridge. He's there every time we come home from market. He doesn't own the bridge or anything. He's just a bully and he makes us give him money to cross the bridge. Most people give him the money because we are all afraid of him.

[looks in his bag]

I bought some things at market so I don't have any money. Looks like I'll be taking the long way home... or... I could try to cross the bridge without paying. (thoughtful pause) What he is doing is wrong! I need to stand up to him! OK Ready? Here I go... I'm going... Here I go...

[makes several false starts, then stands, biting his nails]

OK, now how tough can this be? I can do this.

[boldly walks off stage,(make sounds of dog growling and snarling and man shouting) – then comes back in]

I forgot how nasty that dog can be, but I have a plan...

[pulls plastic pork chop dog toy out of his bag and holds it up, then confidently walks off stage again. –(there is no snarling, but make threatening shouts) – he runs back in again.]

I forgot how big that guy is.

[stands on tip-toe and stretches his hand up, then stretches his hands out to show large size]

The dog likes me now, but I'm really scared of that guy. (shakes in fear) I really don't want to take the long way home. What can I do?

You know, this reminds me of David and Goliath. David knew that God was bigger and stronger than anyone or anything, even the giant, Goliath, and he went right out there to fight him. What this guy is doing is wrong! I have Jesus in my heart so I know God's power is in me and God is bigger and stronger than anyone. I'm going to tell this guy I won't pay him. He might try to scare me, but I can stand up to him with God's power. OK... here I go... I'm going... here I go...

You know, I'm still really scared. You know what would help? If you guys could cheer for me. Just keep saying, "God is bigger and stronger." Ready? (leads them in saying "God is bigger and stronger") Great! Again, louder! "God is bigger and stronger!"

That helps a lot. Keep saying that. Here I go! [walks off stage; again the sound of shouting is heard]

(off stage) God is bigger and stronger than anyone or anything. What you are doing is wrong and I won't pay you!

[re-enters from another area, if possible]

I did it! I trusted God to make me strong and courageous and I stood up to that bully. He let me cross the bridge. I guess he never heard about God's power. I bet he's never heard about God's love either. I think next time I will tell him all about how God loves him and sent His son Jesus to die on the cross to pay for the bad choices he's made. He has to know that what he is doing is a bad choice.

I bet he doesn't know he can ask Jesus into his heart and be forgiven. You know what? I'm got going to wait until next time. I'm going to tell him right now!