



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. He made David strong and courageous so he could kill the giant, Goliath. 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>The Beginner's Bible David and Goliath story cube</i> <p>Introduction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Five small stones*</i> <p>Lesson:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Read Aloud Bible Stories Vol. 4, Ella K. Lindvall</i> <p>Learning Activity #1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Several pieces of scrap paperGrocery-size paper bag8½" x 11" printed Goliath	<p>Activity Station:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">David & Goliath color page, 1/childCrayons, 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

Incorporation Lg. Group

Introduction Lg. Group

Lesson Lg Group

Before class: Tape or glue the large Goliath figure on the paper grocery bag for Learning Activity #1.

Activity Stations:

- **Coloring – David & Goliath**
 - **Instructions:** Give each child a picture to color.
- **Story – The Beginner’s Bible David and Goliath Story Cube**
 - **Instructions:** Follow the arrows to unfold the cube as you read the story.

Hey boys and girls, come on over and sit down. (Show the five marbles-“stones”.) Look at these five stones. Does your mom say, “Don’t throw rocks?” Why? Rocks can hurt, can’t they? 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. David was a small boy with no armor and only five stones like these. Let’s read to find out how David was able to kill the big, mean giant.

David and the Biggest Man

Instructions: Read the story from pages 99-125 of the Read Aloud Bible Stories Vol. 4.

Goliath was a great big bully, wasn't he? He was so big and so strong that none of the people thought a small boy like David could beat him. But God is bigger and stronger than anyone or anything, and God was with David. David was brave because He trusted God, not because he was bigger or stronger than the giant was. He knew that God is bigger and stronger than anyone or anything.

What are you afraid of? (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 and stronger 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 made David strong and courageous so he could 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? Jesus died on the cross to pay for our bad choices so we can be friends with God. You can be 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 and helps you make good choices.

Lesson Continued

Then you can tell your friends and family that God wants to be their friend, too. God wants us to tell everyone how to become His friend.

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. Let's ask Him to help us tell our friends about God's love.

Transition

Let's play "Knock Down Goliath." Let's remember that God helped David knock down the giant, Goliath, with five stones because God is bigger and stronger than anything or anyone.

Learning Activity#1

Game – Knock Down Goliath

Instructions: Use the Goliath target for this game. 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. Children also can pull the strip taped or stapled to the bottom front of the bag to make the giant fall, if doing it with the paper stones proves difficult. As they're doing this, ask them if they know who is bigger and stronger than anyone or anything. Who worked through David to beat that giant? Also ask them who wants to work through them to beat God's enemies and tell people about God's love.

Optional Activity

Play a favorite game such as "Follow the Leader," etc.

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!