

DAVID FACED GOLIATH

LIFE POINT

God helps people.



TRANSITION/GROUP TIME

SNACK

1s–2s: Place the snack on the tables.

3s–5s: Choose children to help serve the snack. Ask a volunteer to pray.
Remind the preschoolers to clean their snack areas.

MOVE TO GROUP TIME

1s–2s: Tell the Bible story as the children snack. Then allow the children to play in the room.

3s–5s: Direct the kids to take large steps as they move to group time.

INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

DAVID FACED GOLIATH—BASED ON 1 SAMUEL 17:1-50

- Encourage the kids to state if the objects are tall or short. Name objects such as ant, tree, baby, grown-up, house, crayon, and book. Mention that Goliath was tall. Tell the preschoolers to listen to hear how David defeated Goliath. Open the Bible to 1 Samuel 17. Tell the Bible story.

SUMMARIZE THE BIBLE STORY

(Use words in **bold** for babies–2s; all words for 3s–5s.)

- David took care of his father's sheep. **David's father told him to take grain, bread, and cheese to his brothers in the army.**
- **David heard** the Philistine champion, **Goliath, say terrible things to the Israelites. The men were afraid because Goliath was very large and very tall, but David knew that God would protect him.**
- **David picked up five smooth stones** before facing Goliath. **David told Goliath he came in the name of God.**
- **David put a stone in his sling and swung it. He let the stone go, and it hit Goliath in the forehead. Goliath fell to the ground. God used David to defeat Goliath and save the Israelite people.**

REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

- What animals did David take care of?
- What did David take to his brothers?
- How many stones did David choose?
- Who used David to defeat Goliath?

EMPHASIZE THE LIFE POINT

- Explain to the preschoolers that God helps people.

ROOM

YOUR TEACHING
PARTNERS

DATE OF USE

GOD LEVEL OF
BIBLICAL
LEARNING

God knows everything about me.

UNIT VERSE

We have good news!
God keeps His promises. Acts 13:32

WEEKLY VERSE

God will help me.
Isaiah 50:7

SING TOGETHER

Sing to the tune of “Mary Had a Little Lamb”:

*There is no one like You, God.
God is great. God is great.
There is no one like You, God.
There is no one like You.*

SAY THE BIBLE VERSE

Open the Bible to Isaiah 50:7. State: “God will help me. Isaiah 50:7.” Encourage the kids to jump when they say the word “help.” Repeat the verse several times.

PRAY

Encourage the kids to name ways God can help them. Lead the preschoolers in prayer. Thank God for helping you.

BIBLE-LEARNING ACTIVITIES

Emphasize: God helps people.

1. Play out a picnic. Lead the boys and girls to pack toy food and dishes in a basket. Encourage them to spread a blanket out on the floor. Guide them to unpack the basket and pretend to have a picnic. Guide them to repack the items in the basket when they are finished. Remind the preschoolers that David’s father asked him to take bread, cheese, and grain to his brothers. Tell the Bible story as the kids picnic. State that God helps people.

Adapt for Babies–2s: Play with toy dishes and toy food items.

2. Toss stones. Gather large pom-poms or beanbags and a container. Place the container beside an empty wall. Review that David defeated Goliath using one small stone. Give each child one at a time a pom-pom or beanbag. Challenge the children to toss their “stones” into the container.

Adapt for Babies–2s: Provide beanbags and pull toys for the 1s and 2s to load and pull.

3. Measure height. Gather painter’s tape, measuring tapes, rulers or yardsticks. Remind the preschoolers that Goliath was big and very tall. Lead the children to take turns standing against an empty wall to be measured. Put a

piece of painter’s tape on the wall the same height as each child, side by side. Write each child’s name on her strip of tape. When finished, challenge each preschooler to find and go stand in front of her tape. Compare the heights, saying that Goliath’s tape piece would be much taller than anyone’s tape pieces.

Adapt for Babies–2s: Look at tall and short items in the room. Remind the children that David was short and Goliath was tall.

4. Build with blocks. Provide large interlocking blocks. Encourage the kids to build tall towers with the blocks. Mention that Goliath was very tall. Talk about the Bible story as the kids build. Challenge the children to build the towers as tall as they are. Lay the towers down on the floor end-to-end. Try to make a line nine feet long. Say that Goliath was taller than this line is long. Remind the kids that David knew God would help him. Say that God helps people today. Thank God for helping people.

Adapt for Babies–2s: Build shorter towers with foam blocks.

CLEAN UP

Guide the kids to sing to the tune of “Are You Sleeping?”: “We can all work. / We can all work. / Yes, we can. / Yes, we can. / We can work together. / We can work together. / Yes, we can. / Yes, we can.” Encourage the preschoolers to sing the song again as they clean up the room.

TOSS BALLS

Set up six plastic cups in a pyramid shape on the ground or table top. Instruct the kids to take turns tossing a ball to knock down the cups. Challenge them to keep trying until each cup is knocked over. Encourage the preschoolers to set up the cups again so they can continue to play. Comment that Goliath was much bigger than David. Say that God helped David defeat Goliath, even though all he had was a slingshot and five stones.

DISMISS

Help the kids gather their papers and belongings. Thank them for coming. Remind the parents to review the Bible story on the Kids Activity Page.