

DAVID FACED GOLIATH



TRANSITION/GROUP TIME

SNACK

Include the kids in the distribution of the snack. Ask for one or more volunteers to pray. Lead the boys and girls to clean up after the snack. Thank them for their help.

MOVE TO GROUP TIME

Direct the boys and girls to stomp like a giant as they move to group time. State that today they will learn how God used a young man to defeat a champion named Goliath.

INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

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

- Name different objects. 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.

SUMMARIZE THE BIBLE STORY

- 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.

LIFE POINT

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” Lead the kids to say the verse with you. Encourage them to jump when they say the word “help.” Repeat the verse several times.

PRAY

State that God helped Daniel defeat Goliath. God helps people. 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 up 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. David heard that Goliath was saying mean things. The men were afraid. God used David to defeat Goliath.
- 2. Play a game.** Instruct the kids to sit in a circle. Play a game like “Duck, Duck, Goose.” Walk around the outside of the circle. Gently touch each child’s shoulder. Say: “David, David, Goliath.” Instruct the child you touched when you said “Goliath” to stomp around the circle. Instruct her to choose the next “Goliath.” State that Goliath was very tall and very large. The Israelites were afraid of him. David knew God helps people. God used David to defeat Goliath.

3. Gather sheep. Use painter’s tape to make a square on the ground. Scatter cotton balls around the outside of the square. Instruct the kids to pretend the cotton balls are sheep. Tell them to gather the sheep inside the pen by blowing the cotton balls inside the square. Mention that shepherds take care of sheep. Remind them that David was a shepherd. Even though David was a shepherd and not in the army, God used David to defeat Goliath.

4. Draw together. Place a long piece of paper on the ground. Tape several pieces of paper together if a long piece of paper is not available. Place a smaller piece of paper beside the long one. Point out the different sizes of the paper. Guide the preschoolers to draw on both papers things they remember from the Bible story. Mention that Goliath was very tall. He was much bigger than the Israelites. They were afraid of him. David knew that God helps people. God helped David.

CLEAN UP

Guide the kids to sing the following words 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 10 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 all the cups have been knocked over. Encourage the preschoolers to set the cups back up so they can continue to play. Comment that Goliath was much bigger than David. David knew God helps people. 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.