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Lesson Overview

In today's lesson, we're going to learn about a famous story in the Bible about David and Goliath. David was the youngest son in his family and his job was to take care of the family's sheep. His older brothers were soldiers in king Saul's army. David would go out to visit his brothers on the battlefield to bring them food and supplies. One day, David went to the battlefield and heard this big giant teasing the Israelite army. His name was Goliath and he was a huge, mean dude. The Israelite soldiers were afraid of him and Goliath knew it. So, he taunted the Israelites telling them to come out to fight him. He said that if they beat him, the Philistine people would do whatever the Israelites wanted. David heard what Goliath was saying and he was angry that nobody was brave enough to fight Goliath. So, David told king Saul that he would fight the giant. David knew that God was on his side so he wasn't afraid. He picked up his slingshot and some rocks and went out to face Goliath. He put a rock in his sling and slung it at Goliath hitting him square in the head! The giant fell and the Israelite soldiers couldn't believe it! Here's the point. David knew God was with him so he was brave. God is with us in any battle we face, too, so we can be brave like David.

Big Idea

Anyone can win when God is on their side

Key Question

Why was David so brave?

Memory Verse

1 Samuel 17:47b "This is the Lord's battle!"

Classroom Agenda

1. (5 min) **Let kids start working on Activity Page #1.**
2. (5 min) **WARM UP: Share a time you were afraid to do something but you did it anyways.** (Tip: Maybe you had to give a speech or try out for a new team. David knew he didn't need to be scared with God on his side.)
3. (5 min) **PREVIEW: Write out the Big Idea, Memory Verse, and Key Question on a whiteboard.** Have the kids copy it down on Activity Page #1 (if applicable).
4. (20 min) **LARGE GROUP: Gather for songs and videos with other kids.** Then return to class to finish this guide.
5. (2 min) **RECAP: Read the Lesson Overview (see above).**
6. (3 min) **KQ: Answer the Key Question.** (Answer: **Because he knew God was in charge.** (As a shepherd, David experienced God's protection a lot. David had to fight off lions and other scary animals to save his sheep and God was with him every time. So, when David saw Goliath, he wasn't afraid. He knew God would help him to defeat him, too. David also understood that defeating Goliath was another way God would prove his power.)
 - **Bonus Questions:** What was David's job and how did that job prepare him for this battle? **4-5th** When you're afraid, what will you do to remember that God is with you and will help you to be brave?
7. (5 min) **EXPLORE: Read Deuteronomy 31:6. What does this verse say to us? What does this verse say about God?** (Answer: We should be strong, courageous and we don't need to be afraid. God is in charge and he is with us in every situation. He won't fail us or leave us.)
8. (10 min) **PLAY: Choose a group activity from Activity Page #2.**
9. (5 min) **CLOSE: Share prayer requests and pray as a class.** Encourage kids to use the Family Guide at home with their parents - and remind them to go online to pursueGODkids.org to find this week's lesson video.

Teacher instructions: Choose an activity for your classroom.

OPTION 1: DAVID'S SLINGSHOT CRAFT

Instructions:

- Give each kid 3 popsicle sticks and a pipe cleaner. Have them create cool designs on their sticks using markers.
- Then have the kids glue the popsicles together making a "Y". Then, have them glue each end of the pipe cleaner to the top of the "Y" making a sling.
- As they work, read the story of David and Goliath from 1 Samuel 17:4-11,32-37, 48-49. Remind the kids that David wasn't afraid because he knew God was on his side. We don't have to be afraid, either, because God will help us fight any battle we face, too.

Supplies needed: Popsicle sticks (3 per kid), Pipe Cleaners (1 per kid), Glue, Markers

OPTION 2: LESSON REVIEW JEOPARDY

Instructions:

- Divide the class into two teams. Give each team a bell or ringer.
- Read a question from below, first to ring in gets a chance to answer. If correct they get a point. If wrong, the other team gets a chance to answer for a bonus point. Team with the most points, wins.

Questions:

1. Who was our story about today? (David)
2. What was David's job? (Shepherd)
3. T or F: David was the oldest kid in his family. (F)
4. Where would David go to see his brothers? (battlefield)
5. From what book is our Memory verse found today? (1 Samuel)
6. What was the name of the giant? (Goliath)
7. T or F: Goliath was taunting the Israelites. (T)
8. What did David use to beat Goliath? (sling shot and 5 rocks)
9. Why wasn't David scared? (God was on his side)
10. Who came to rescue us from sin? (Jesus)

Supplies needed: Bells/Ringers

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BIBLE STORYLINE

David and Goliath

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Anyone can win when God is on their side.

Key Points:

- David was the _____ of eight sons, and his three oldest brothers were soldiers.
- _____ was a huge warrior champion, fighting for the bad guys.
- Goliath mocked Israel for _____, but no one was brave enough to fight him.
- David fought Goliath and killed him with a _____.
- Anyone can win when _____ is on their side.

Memory Verse:

| 1 Samuel 17:47b “This is the Lord’s battle!”

Talk About It

1. *What’s your favorite part of the video? What’s one thing you learned from it?*
2. *Share a time you were afraid to do something but you did it anyways.*
3. *What was David’s job before fighting Goliath?*
4. *How big was Goliath? What did Goliath say would happen if someone defeated him?*
5. *Read Deteronomy 31:6. What does this verse say to us? What does this verse say about God?*
6. *How will you apply this lesson to your life this week?*

Instructions: Color the picture and solve the puzzle.



Big Idea

Key Question

Memory Verse

1 Samuel 17: _____ " _____ is the
_____ battle!"

