

LESSON 2

DAVID AND GOLIATH

LESSON AT A GLANCE

WONDER TRUTH: God Will Always Be Victorious

SCRIPTURE: 1 Samuel 17

GOD'S BIG STORY: King Saul and the nation of Israel overcome a giant challenge when they face the mighty Philistines and their powerful champion, Goliath. But God brings a miraculous victory through a young shepherd boy named David.

Activity: Stone Sensory Bin

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Worship

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Designed for families to engage in the wonder of God together at home. This resource includes a video, worship playlists, activities, and more!

Activity: Stone Sensory Bin

SUPPLIES: shallow bin, blue shredded paper, stones (5)

Leader Tip: Make sure the stones used for this activity are not small enough to present a choking hazard.

Before kids arrive, hide the stones in a shallow bin filled with blue shredded paper.

Greet the kids warmly and welcome them to church.

Welcome! Today we're talking about someone named David who used five stones to do something amazing! In the story, we'll hear how David gathered five stones from a river. Let's find five stones in this bin.

Have kids find the stones in the sensory bin. After they find all five, encourage the kids to count the stones with you.

Activity: Big and Small

SUPPLIES: several big items (such as basketball, furniture, shapes cut from paper), several small items (such as a block, ball pit ball, crayon, small toy)

Gather a variety of items in different sizes. Be sure your smaller objects won't pose a choking hazard for small children. Help kids notice the difference between big and small items. Hold up items and ask whether each one is big or small. You can have kids help you sort these items into piles based on size.

Today we're going to learn about someone who was small and someone else who was very big! Let's look at these items and see which ones are small and which are big! David was small, but God helped him fight someone who was big. God helped David win.

Our Wonder Truth tells us GOD WILL ALWAYS BE VICTORIOUS. This means God will always win. Encourage the kids to do the following motions while you repeat the Wonder Truth. Older toddlers can say the words with you as they do the motions.

GOD—Point up.

WILL ALWAYS BE—Sweep hands out from the center of your body.

VICTORIOUS—Flex both arms.

Worship

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: songs from the [Victory Early Childhood Spotify playlist](#)

Today, we're learning God will always be victorious!

We'll learn in today's part of God's big story how He is always the winner. Let's sing and praise together.

Play songs from the [Victory Early Childhood Spotify playlist](#) and encourage the kids to sing and dance with you.

God's Big Story

SUPPLIES: Bible, stones (5), small or medium-sized cardboard boxes (at least 3)

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: [God's Big Story Video](#)

Our part of God's big story today is a great story from the Bible about a person named David. Encourage the kids to say "David." **Let's find out from the Bible what happened to David!**

Show the kids the God's Big Story Video or read the story from the Bible or use the Script provided.

Set out five stones on the ground and stack the boxes into a tower.

David was a small, young shepherd from Bethlehem. Shepherds take care of sheep. While David was out taking care of the sheep, a big, tall warrior named Goliath said he wanted someone to fight him! Let me see you stand big and tall like Goliath with your scariest face! Pause and have kids show their best "Goliath" faces.

All the people were very, very scared. Let's all make our best scared faces! Pause and have kids show their expressions. **David trusted God. David knew God was always with him. He told everyone that God had saved him from scary lions and bears and God would save him from the big warrior Goliath.**

Even though David was small, he decided he would fight Goliath! So David picked up his staff, shepherd's bag, and sling. Then he went to a stream and found five smooth stones. Go to where the stones are and pick up one stone at a time and count them. **Let's count to five. One, two, three, four, five. David walked out to meet Goliath. Then David ran toward Goliath and took a stone, put it in his sling, and flung it at Goliath. Thunk! It struck Goliath in the forehead. The big man fell down dead. Let's all fall down like Goliath.** Pause and encourage the kids to fall down. You can also knock down the tower of boxes (or let the kids help knock it down).

David beat Goliath! He didn't even need a sword. David just needed God to help him win the battle against Goliath! Let's celebrate that God is victorious! Invite kids to give high fives and jump up and down to celebrate.

Prayer and Blessing

Let's talk to God. God, You are always victorious. Help us be strong and brave because we know You are with us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Encourage the kids to hold their hands out in front of them, with palms up, as if their hands were open to receive something. Tell them to listen and receive the blessing as you speak it over them.

Blessing: **May the God who is always victorious give you His strength and power. He loves you and is with you everywhere you go.**

Activity: Goliath Knockout

SUPPLIES: small or medium-sized cardboard boxes (at least 3), tape, playground ball (optional)

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: Goliath Face Printable

Before kids arrive, print the Goliath's Face Printable and tape it to one of the boxes. Set up the boxes by stacking them into a tower with the Goliath face on the top.

Today we learned that David trusted in God, and he beat Goliath with God's help! We can remember that God will always be victorious! Let's take turns knocking down Goliath just like David. We can be victorious because God is always with us.

Let the kids use their hands and legs to take turns knocking down the stack of boxes. Restack them each time they are knocked down. You can also let the kids use a playground ball to knock them down.

