

# David and Goliath

## Bible Verse

I will live in the LORD's house as long as I live.  
(Psalm 23:6)

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## Bible Story

1 Samuel 17:1-51a

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## Leap of Faith

God's love is with me all the days of my life.

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## Before You Begin

**G**oliath was a giant—a symbol of the threat of the Philistines. David, on the other hand, was young—too young even to fight in the army. David was not frightened at the prospect of facing Goliath. David relied on God to be with him in a frightening situation. What David knew was that God was his real self-defense.

David's victory did more than simply defeat Goliath and the Philistines. The victory showed the Israelites and the Philistines that God is so powerful that even a young boy with five smooth stones and the power and strength of God in his heart can defeat a larger enemy.

The Bible story of David and Goliath is one of the most familiar in the Bible. Even people with no real knowledge of the Bible know at least the broad outline of the Bible story—a young boy with nothing but a slingshot defeats a mighty giant. The heart of the Bible story is that the whole army of Israel is frightened of Goliath and refuses to answer his challenge. David knows that victory is not up to him. It is in God's hands. This is a Bible story about David's faith and God's faithfulness.

Our desire as teachers and leaders of young children is to encourage young children to seek peaceful ways of solving their problems. Frequently, parents and teachers will tell a young child to use words rather than actions like hitting or pushing, and then expect the child to know what the appropriate words are. Young children frequently need to be given the words to use. If a child is hitting because his toy was taken, we need to say: "Tell Sally you did not like it when she took your car. Tell her she may not take your car because you are playing with it." As Sally is also sure to be upset, you can then say to her, "Sally, ask Mark if you may have the car when he is finished with it." Then let Sally know you will follow through and make sure she is the one who gets the car next.

Learning to get along with others is not easy, but it is a skill we all need to learn. Like Goliath, we can be defeated when we yell and threaten. Like David, we can depend on God's help and wisdom when we are dealing with others. Model dependence on God in front of the children. It will make your life and theirs more peaceful.



Requires  
preparation.



# Grow Together

The following activities may be done in interest centers as the children arrive or may be done with the entire group.

## Welcome

Supplies: Stickers, Attendance Chart (Resource Pak—pp. 12 & 13, 23), Bible, offering basket, CD player, CD-ROM

- Greet each parent and child. Play music (CD-ROM) as they arrive.
- Show the children where to place their offerings on the worship table.
- Have the Bible open to 1 Samuel 17:1-51a on the worship table.
- Give each child the Sticker of the slingshot to put on the attendance chart.



The Welcome Activities help the children become involved so that they find it easier to leave their parents or guardians.

## Fun Pak Center

Supplies: Fun Pak—7, glue or tape, craft sticks (3 per child)

- Help each child make the stick puppets from the Fun Pak (Fun Pak—7).

**SAY:** In our Bible story today, David is a boy who defeats a big giant named Goliath. Even though David was young, he was able to do something big!

## Activity Pages Center

Supplies: Bible Story Pak—7, crayons or markers, safety scissors, glue sticks

- Help the children cut off the picture strips on the edge of (Activity A) and (Activity B). Have the children color all the items. Help them cut out the items and then glue them to the correct spots on each page. Encourage the children to finish coloring the scene of David and Goliath on both pages.

**SAY:** David was a boy who depended on God to help him.

## Play Dough Center


Supplies: play dough, Bible Story Pak—7 (Activities A and B)

- Put out play dough, and invite the children to make stones like David used and a shield like the giant Goliath used. Show the children (Activity A) and (Activity B) if they need pictures to use as a guide.

**SAY:** David was a brave boy and did not rely on very much except God's help when he fought his giant, Goliath.

## Measuring Center

Supplies: wide masking tape (such as painter's tape), ink pen, ruler or yardstick

-  Measure out nine feet on the floor, and apply a strip of masking tape measuring nine feet long to the floor. If possible, use wide masking tape.
- Measure each child on the masking tape, and write his or her name on the masking tape.

**THEN SAY:** This is how big Goliath was, and this is how big you are. Goliath was a BIG man.

## Coloring and Stickers Center

Supplies: Brave David (Reproducible 7a), small rock Stickers, crayons

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🕒 Photocopy Brave David (Reproducible 7a) for each child.

- Invite the child to color the picture of David holding his slingshot and bag on Reproducible 7a.
- Give the child the 5 (small) rock Stickers, and invite him or her to apply them to David's shepherd's bag.

**SAY:** In our Bible story today, David was a young boy who was able to defeat a great giant because of his faith in God. David had BIG faith!

## Mission Moment

Supplies: church-shaped envelope (Leader's Guide—p. 122), heart Stickers, crayons

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**SAY:** I will call each of you to take little David Steps to the Bible Circle Area; but before you take the steps, you must say: *David was not afraid of Goliath!*

- Once the children are in the Bible Story Circle, **SAY:** In our Bible story today, David was a young boy when he fought Goliath. David depended on God's help many times in his life. God loved David, and David loved God. Christians show their love for God in many ways. One way we show our love is by giving what we have to help others. This month we are helping people who live far away in a country called Russia. In that country, the people need churches in which to worship God. We are collecting money this month to send to the people so that they can build churches. Remember to bring the church envelopes that you are collecting money in for this mission project back to Sunday school on October 27. Our money will go a long way to help God's children. Even though you are young, like David was, you can help God's children.



Give each child who was not present last week a church envelope (Leader's Guide—p. 122) and heart Stickers.

## Proclaim the Word

### Visit Leaper's Pointe

Supplies: Grow! DVD (Ages 3-6), DVD player

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- Play the theme song "Leap of Faith" (Ages 3-6, DVD), and encourage the children to sing along and do the motions. Then show the children the "GROW, Proclaim, Serve" video for today's session.

**SAY:** Mondo Solo acts out the Bible story of David and Goliath.

## Learn the Bible Verse

Supplies: Bible Verse Poster (Resource Pak—p. 4), Grow! DVD (Ages 3-6) and DVD player

- Point to the Bible Verse Poster (Resource Pak—p. 4) and **SAY:** “I will live in the LORD’s house as long as I live” (Psalm 23:6).
- Say the Bible verse to the children several times, and invite them to repeat it.
- Divide the children into three sections and teach each group of children the part of the Bible verse that you want them to say. Divide the Bible verse in this way: *I will live/ in the LORD’s house/ as long as I live.* Practice saying each section with each group of children. Tell the children to say their part of the Bible verse when you point to them.
- Play the Bible verse section of the DVD. Encourage the children to learn the signs in American Sign Language and to say the Bible verse: “I will live in the LORD’s house as long as I live” (Psalm 23:6).

## Experience the Bible Story

Supplies: Bible Story Pak—7

- Give each child the Bible story for today (Bible Story Pak—7). Invite the children to make the suggested motions.

**ASK:** Who were the Israelites afraid of? (*Goliath*)

David did not need armor to wear to fight Goliath, but what did he use?  
(*a slingshot, five smooth stones, and God’s help*)

**SAY:** Even though David was young, he was able to do a great thing with God’s help.



Always focus directly on the children when asking them questions. They will respond better to you.

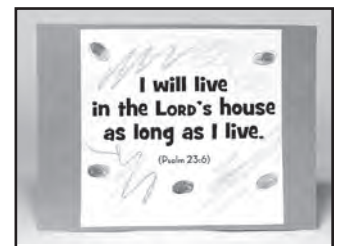
## Serve With Love

### Bible Verse Art

Supplies: Bible Verse Art (Reproducible 7b), washable ink pads, crayons or markers, glue sticks, construction paper, scissors

- Photocopy (Reproducible 7b) for every child. Trim off the top and bottom.
- Show the children how to press their thumb onto the ink pad and then onto the five “stones” on Reproducible 7b.
- Invite the children to color AROUND the Bible verse and the “stones.”
- Read the Bible verse to the children.
- Have the children glue their Bible Verse pages onto construction paper.
- After the glue has dried, show the children how to roll the Bible Verse paper from each side to make a scroll.

**SAY:** Our Bible Verse today is from the Book of Psalms in the Bible. David wrote much of the Book of Psalms. The Bible verse means that we will always be close to God all our lives, just like David.



## I Am Brave Masks

Supplies: large rock Stickers, crayons or markers, paper plates, adult scissors

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✪ Cut the middle out of large paper plates by folding them and cutting out the centers. Write: “I am brave.” on the outside rim of the paper plate.

- Invite the children to place the (large) rock Stickers on the rims of their paper plates, and then color the plate masks however they wish.
- Encourage the children to hold their masks up to their faces and say: *I am brave* when you ask them these questions:

**SAY:** When I am afraid to go into my Sunday school room or my preschool room, I can remember that God is with me just like God was with David, and **I say: I am brave.**

When it is nighttime, and I am afraid to go to bed, I can remember that God is with me just like God was with David, and **I say: I am brave.**

When I have to sit next to someone new in children’s choir, I remember that God is with me just like God was with David and **I say: I am brave!**

**SAY:** God is with us all the time even when we are afraid, just like God was with David.



## Food for the Family

Supplies: crackers, cheese, napkins

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**SAY:** In today’s Bible story, David took food to his brothers. David probably took them hard bread and maybe cheese. We will have cheese and crackers today to remind us of the food David and his brothers ate.

- Have every child wash and dry his or her hands.
- Ask a child to help by passing out napkins to every child at the table.
- Pass out crackers and cheese slices to the children.

**PRAY:** Thank you, dear God, for this healthy food that will make us strong and brave. Amen.

## Worship

### “Deborah the Dalmatian” Puppet

Supplies: “Deborah the Dalmatian” Puppet (Resource Pak—pp. 9 & 16)

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- Have Deborah **SAY:** In our Bible story today, David was a boy, but he fought against a big giant named Goliath, and David won. Everyone was afraid of Goliath, but David believed that God was with him and would help him be strong and brave. If you are ever afraid of anything, all you have to say is: God is with me, and I’m strong and brave.
- Encourage the children to say that line after you by repeating it in small sections. Split it up like this: **God is with me/ and I’m strong and brave.**

**ASK:** Isn't it nice to know that God is always with us?

**PRAY:** Thank you, dear God, for always being with us, helping us to be strong and brave. We know you love us, and we love you, too. Amen.

## Bible Story Mural

Supplies: Bible Story Mural (Resource Pak—pp. 5 & 20, 8 & 17), tape

- Point to the Fall Mural (Resource Pak—pp. 5 & 20).

**SAY:** In today's Bible story, David used his slingshot.

- Invite a child to tape the leaf with the slingshot to the Mural.

## Sing and Pray

Supplies: CD-ROM and CD player, or Grow! DVD (Ages 3-6) and DVD player


- If you have the DVD, play and watch the children sing and dance to "Let the Music Play." Invite your children to copy the children on the DVD, and to sing along with the DVD. OR
- If you do not have the DVD, play "Let the Music Play" on the CD-ROM, and encourage the children to parade around the room listening to the song, singing with the song, and pretend to sling a slingshot.

**PRAY:** Dear God, thank you for being with David so that he could do something great. Please be with us so that we can do something great for you and be STRONG and BRAVE because you are with us. Amen.



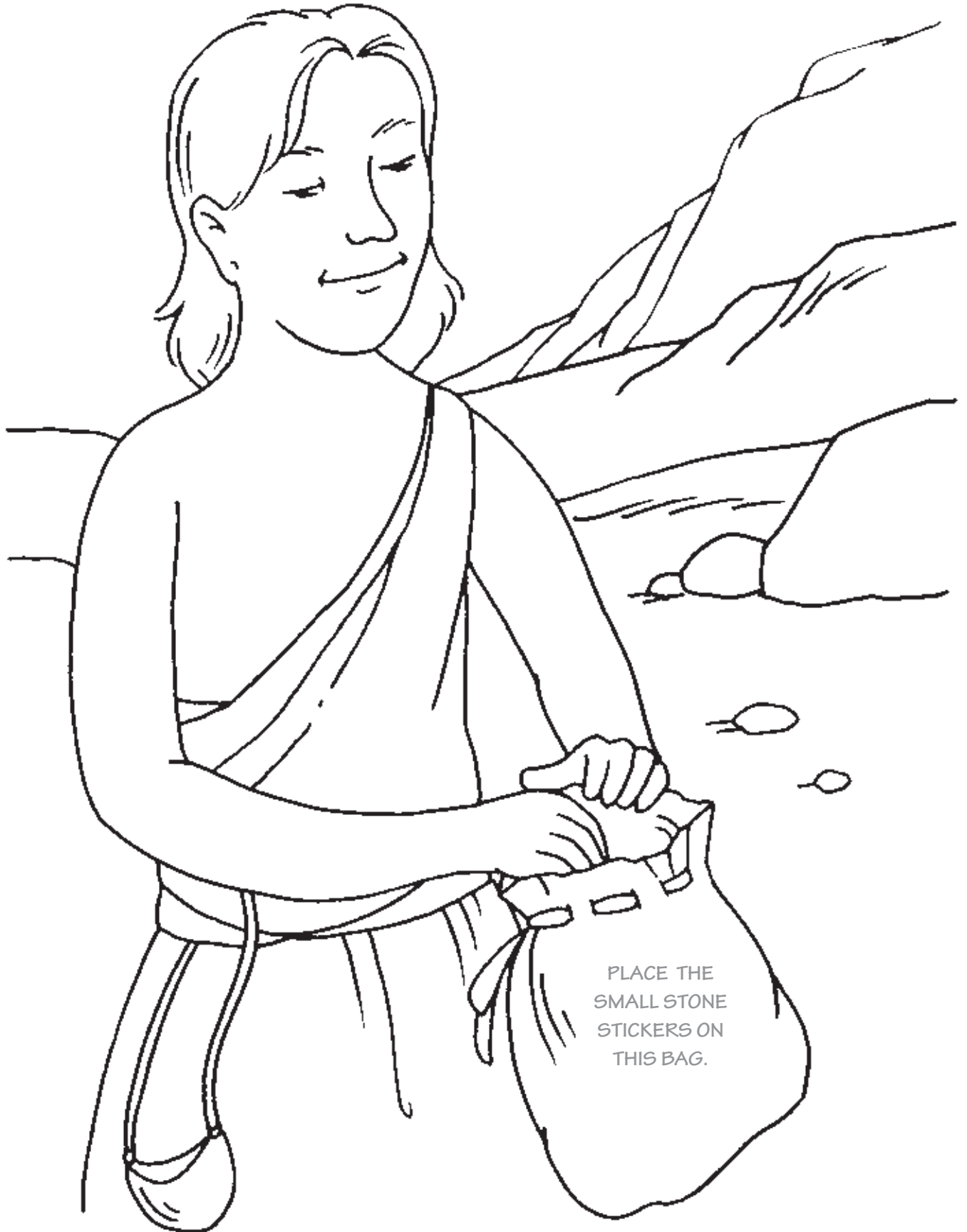
Tell the children that David became a great king because he always knew that God was with him.

## Plan for Next Week

 Photocopy The Chest of God (Reproducible 8a) and David's Crown (Reproducible 8b) for each child. Cut out the crown pieces.

- You'll also need gold glitter crayons, gold paint, gold crayons, and/or gold markers; paintbrushes; and paint smocks to decorate the Chest of God (Reproducible 8a).
- **Stickers:** Locate the oval-shaped David Stickers to add to the crowns, the Chest of God Sticker, and the Jewel Stickers.
- **Raisin-Oatmeal Cookie Recipe (Reproducible 8c).** Gather the ingredients to make raisin-oatmeal cookies with the children. You'll need: 1 box of spice cake mix, 4 egg whites, 1 cup uncooked quick-cooking oats, 1/2 cup vegetable oil, 1/2 cup raisins; utensils, large bowl, cookie sheets, and pot holders. *Or, if you wish to have a simpler snack,* provide slices of bread, honey, and raisins.
- **Star of David:** Gather 6 jumbo craft sticks (per child), markers or washable paint and brushes, paint smocks, glue, string or yarn, newspaper, and (Optional: small decorative adornments). Make a sample ornament to show the children. Check your supply of white glue to make sure it squirts easily and that you have plenty.
- **Supplies:** Depending on the activities you choose, you may also need: yellow crayons, aluminum foil and a sharp pencil or object (for leader's use only for poking holes), and new aquarium gravel or other small items that make noise.

# Reproducible 7a: Brave David



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