Say
The Israelites were terrified of Goliath. He was nine feet tall, had huge armor, a spear, and a shield. Every day Goliath would walk onto the battlefield, challenge the Israelites to a fight, and say mean things about God. The Israelites did not want to mess with Goliath. One day David was sent to check on his brothers on the battlefield. David got there just in time to hear the mean things Goliath had to say. David was not happy about the words Goliath used to talk about God. David loved God and knew that God was on the side of the Israelites. David told King Saul, “I will challenge Goliath! I know God’s love is with me all the days of my life. God will protect me and help me win.” David gathered five stones to use in his sling. Goliath saw David and laughed. David stood straight and said, “God is on our side. God is with me.” David put a stone in his sling. He whirled the sling about his head and let the stone fly. The stone hit Goliath, and he went down. David was victorious.

Play
God was with David always. We can trust that God is with us too. Take your child on a walk. While you walk, be on the hunt for five stones. When you return home, using paint or permanent markers, help your child write five words—one on each stone—that describe God, faith, or your family. Let the stones be a reminder of God’s love for us.

Pray
Dear God, help us feel your love all the days of our lives. We trust you are always with us. Amen.

The Israelite army was terrified! The Philistines and the Israelites were fighting, but the Philistines had a secret weapon—a more-than-nine-foot man named Goliath! Every day Goliath would call out to the Israelites, “I am the champion of the Philistines! Send one of your men to fight me!” The Israelites were too afraid to fight Goliath.
One day David was sent to the fight to check on his big brothers. David’s brothers were in the Israelite army, and they needed some food. David got to the battleground just in time to hear Goliath taunting the Israelites and making fun of God. “Who does Goliath think he is, taunting the army of God?” asked David. “God is on our side!” King Saul got word that David was on the battlefield and sent for David. David told Saul, “No one should lose courage because of Goliath. God is on our side. I trust God is with me. I will fight Goliath!” Saul said, “You can’t go fight Goliath! You are just a young child.” “I take care of my dad’s sheep. Sometimes I have to fight lions and bears to keep the sheep safe. God protects me when I fight the lions and bears. God will keep me safe when I fight Goliath.”

David grabbed five stones and put them in his pouch. He picked up his sling and walked out to Goliath. “You can’t hurt me. You and your God are not big enough!” said Goliath. “You may be bigger and have a large spear, but I have God!” said David. David put one of the stones into his sling. He swung the sling over his head and let the stone go. The stone hit Goliath! Goliath went down, and David was triumphant. God’s people were overjoyed!

I will live in the Lord’s house as long as I live.
Psalm 23:6

* based on 1 Samuel 17:1-51a *
Fill in the Blanks
Fill in the missing letters using the decoder.

Decoder

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Dot-to-Dot

Connect the dots to see what David used to win the victory for the Israelites. Then, color the picture.
I Can Serve God!
God’s love is with me all the days of my life.

Teach me your way, Lord, so that I can walk in your truth.
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Parsley
Bitter herbs
Shank bone
Haroseth
Lettuce
Matzoh
Grape juice
Egg