



3rd - 5th

February 2-3, 2013

DATE

David and Goliath

LESSON TITLE

I Samuel 17 (Pg. 321 NIV Adventure Bible)

WHERE TO FIND IT

God used David to defeat Goliath

MAIN POINT

schedule

Hang out with kids (10 minutes): Ask kids about their week. Get kids into groups and play games together.

Large Group (30 minutes): Model what it looks like to be engaged in large group. And don't be afraid to redirect kids who aren't!

Small Group (20-30 minutes): Keep kids in small groups until parents arrive. If you *all* have extra time at the end, you can review the video and songs together.

tips

There may be quite a few new kids this week. Help them feel welcome and included from the moment they walk in the room. Greet them warmly and introduce them to one another.

check-in/out

As kids leave, give them a comic book and diorama poster. Tell them to be sure to share the story with their parents and families.

large group heads up

Today is all about how God helped David rescue his people by defeating Goliath. The kids will get some pretty cool resources to help retell the story at home. Brush up on the story ahead of time, so you can be sure to help them practice retelling it in small group. You can find it in I Samuel 17 (Pg. 321).



instructions

Goal: to help kids retell the story, discuss how it applies to their lives, and understand how it points to Jesus

Why? This story is often posed as a reminder that God gives us strength to overcome—and that's true—but it's important that we show kids that this story also points to God's greater story: Jesus!

Tip: Pray for wisdom before small group begins. Talking about fears is hard, especially since some kids face really tough stuff. If you don't know how to respond to a kid, point them to Jesus!

QUESTIONS

CONNECT

1. Tell me your name and finish the sentence you finished in large group: *If I wasn't afraid, I would _____*. (Go first: give a kid-friendly example and help suggest ideas for them. It might be sitting with a new girl at school, standing up in front of their whole class at school, asking their friends to stop picking on other kids, etc). **Then let all kids respond. Remind them that we all have things we're afraid of because the world is full of wrong things! Then transition to talking about God's family** (below)

REVIEW

2. Why was God's family afraid? (Scary Goliath wanted to attack them)
3. Why *wasn't* David afraid? (He knew God would protect his family and that God is more powerful than anything or anyone)

(Continue on the next page before doing the Activity!)

ACTIVITY

SAY: This is an exciting story, because it shows us how powerful God is and how much he loves to rescue his family—that's us! Let's practice retelling it.

You each get a **God's Story paper** with numbered images. We're going to go around in order and see if we can tell the story. If you get stuck, that's okay! Ask a friend to help you! (If there are more kids than images, ask kids to share—don't leave anyone out. If there are more pictures than kids, give some kids two!)

(Start the story. Say something like):
Once, there was a guy named David. His job was taking care of sheep.

Go around, letting each kid add to the story. If a kid is stuck, ask others to help out, so that the kids are reviewing the story together— and refer to I Samuel 17!

(Continue on the next page!)

QUESTIONS

4. Because David trusted God, who was saved? (Not just David, but his whole family! The whole Israelite army!)
5. Many years later, who did God use to rescue EVERYONE from ALL the wrong things in the world? (Jesus!)
6. **GO TO ACTIVITY!!!**

REACT/RELATE/APPLY

7. What's one thing that you would like to ask God for the courage to do (or to face) this week? (Let kids respond; refer back to their fears if they're struggling to find an answer)
8. After kids share, read I Samuel 17:47 aloud: **The LORD doesn't save by using a sword or a spear. And everyone who is here will know it. The battle belongs to the LORD. He will hand all of you over to us.**
9. What do you think David meant when he said the battle belongs to the Lord? (On his own, he couldn't fight Goliath. But God would help him.)
10. How will that change the way you face your fear this week? (Let kids respond)

***Pray together, asking God to help kids with specific fears and thanking him that the battle is his, not ours. Tie it back to Jesus by thanking God that he rescued his family from ALL the wrong things in the world!**

***Kids may express some tough fears. Encourage them that knowing that Jesus rescued us and will one day recreate a perfect world for us to live in should give us the hope and courage to face *anything* even when it's not easy.

IF YOU HAVE EXTRA TIME, GO BACK TO ACTIVITY SIDE

ACTIVITY

**Kids may KEEP their God's Story sheet.*

THEN RETURN TO QUESTION #7

Extra time? Try one or more of these activities:

- Challenge somebody to retell the whole story by looking at the pictures!
- See if kids can act out the story, using the pictures as a guide.
- Watch the videos from large group together
- Grab a group game and play it together

At the VERY end, as parents have started to come, give each kid a comic book. Try to get them interested at the very end so they'll dive right into reading as soon as they leave with their families.

LARGE group

special notes

There's a poster of Goliath on the wall to help kids get perspective. The script also relates him to a big, scary football player in honor of the Super Bowl. Really play that up! Build the suspense, so that God's rescue through David has more impact!

presenter tips

We don't want to only show how God can help us overcome anything (a common and applicable theme in this story); we also want to connect it to Jesus' rescue. At the end of today's lesson, make sure you point kids to Jesus: He took on way more than Goliath to rescue God's family!

script

WELCOME

Hi everybody! Welcome to Kids' Club! I'm so glad you're here today. Today, we're celebrating Super Bowl weekend! Let's see what kind of fans we have in here. I want to hear all the _____ (insert one of teams) fans yell as loud as they can! (Let kids respond.) Great job! Now how about all the _____ (insert the other team) fans! (Let kids respond.)

INTRO: GOLIATH WAS SCARY

Well, we'll see who wins this afternoon! I bet they're both feeling nervous, and hoping for the courage to play their hardest! Let's all think about what WE need courage to do. I want you to finish this sentence. Finish it in you head for now; then we'll share: "If I wasn't afraid, I would _____."

Think about it for a second. Maybe you would tell your friends not to make fun of somebody at school. Maybe you would go to bed without a nightlight. Maybe you would tryout for soccer. Turn and tell a friend how you would finish that sentence: if I wasn't afraid, I would _____. (Let kids turn and tell their friends—can ask kids to share)

GOD'S FAMILY WAS SCARED

Well guess what? Sometimes we all struggle to find the courage to face things in our lives. Today we're going to hear a story about how God's family was scared. They were scared of a person. See, there was a guy, a WARRIOR who wanted to attack them! (**Point to the poster on the wall.**) His name was Goliath. He was HUGE and horribly mean.



script continued

And Goliath was part of a whole army called the Philistines. And every day for FORTY days, Goliath *dared* God's family to find somebody brave enough to fight him. And every day, God's family was too scared. Nobody would do it. Let's try to imagine why they were so scared...

See, (**point to the poster on the wall again**). Goliath was actually THIS tall in real life! Let's see if there's anybody in this room who can reach him! Go ahead, stand up and see how high you can reach. See what it would feel like to have this guy standing over you, wanting to attack you. (Let kids crowd around Goliath, reaching or even jumping to see if they can get as high as him. While you're there, say):

And look at this sword! (Stretch your arms across and let kids see if they can stretch their arms that far). It's huge! We don't know exactly how big Goliath's real sword was...but probably pretty big. Wow, let's get away from him! Head back to your seats. (Leaders can help kids sit.)

Whew—pretty scary, right? And nobody—not even any of the soldiers--were strong enough to fight Goliath! So they all just sat for 40 days while he made fun of them for being scared.

GOD HELPED DAVID FIGHT GOLIATH

But God loves his family. And he wanted to rescue them from this awful guy who wanted to attack them. So God sent somebody *new* to the battlefield, somebody who wasn't afraid to fight Goliath. And because he wasn't afraid, he killed Goliath—and rescued God's whole family!

This person's name was David. But what's crazy is, David was just a kid! He wasn't a soldier at all. He didn't even have a sword! So, as we watch, I want you to see if you can figure out why David was NOT scared to fight Goliath.

Video: God's Story / David and Goliath

Did anybody figure out why David wasn't scared? (Let kids respond.) Yes, GOD was with David! And GOD is more powerful than anything or anyone: he is DEFINITELY more powerful than Goliath. That's why David didn't have to be scared!

He stepped right up to Goliath and told him that! Remember, he said:

SLIDE: I Samuel 17:45- You are coming to fight against me with a sword, a spear and a javelin. But I'm coming against you in the name of the LORD who rules over all. He is the God of the armies of Israel. He's the one you have dared to fight against.

Goliath used powerful weapons, but David was fighting with help of God, who is more powerful than the biggest weapon we could imagine! He is strong enough to overcome any of our fears, and to help you do all the things you are afraid of!

GOD ALWAYS RESCUES HIS FAMILY

Not only that, but history shows us he LOVES to rescue us (**show picture of timeline**—point to David). Here, Goliath wanted to attack God's family. So God sent David, a kid, to rescue them.



script continued

And one day, many, many years later (move down the timeline to Jesus' rescue), God would send another Rescuer—JESUS—to rescue God's family from something WAY worse than scary Goliath: Jesus rescued us from ALL the wrong things in the world.

The last thing David said to Goliath before he killed him was this: ***(show SLIDE): I Samuel 17:47 The LORD doesn't save by using a sword or a spear. And everyone who is here will know it. The battle belongs to the LORD. He will hand all of you over to us.***

Now, no matter WHAT big scary awful thing we face, we don't have to be afraid. Jesus fought the biggest battle of all: he died to rescue us from every single wrong thing in this world. One day, he'll re-create a perfect world for us to live in forever without fear or sadness or anything bad. Knowing we are loved and rescued can give us courage to face anything!

WORSHIP

Now, let's watch a video with a song to remind us of this story. You can just sit and watch this. As you watch, think about how great it is that God helped David!

Music Video: One Rock One Shot

Now let's stand and sing one more together! This is all about how we can trust God to help us overcome anything, just like he helped David. We know he LOVES to rescue and help his family!

Worship Video: I'm Not Alone

PRAY

Can somebody come up and thank God for rescuing his family?



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PREP needs



small group supplies

1 per kid

- God's Story Page: David and Goliath (in color)
- Diorama posters (to be handed out at the end)
- Comic books (to be handed out at the end)

large group supplies

- NIV Adventure Bible (mark page 321)
- 9' Goliath poster

a/v needs

1. God's Story: David and Goliath
2. SLIDE: I Samuel 17:45- You are coming to fight against me with a sword, a spear and a javelin. But I'm coming against you in the name of the LORD who rules over all. He is the God of the armies of Israel. He's the one you have dared to fight against.
3. SLIDE: Picture of timeline
4. SLIDE: I Samuel 17:47 The LORD doesn't save by using a sword or a spear. And everyone who is here will know it. The battle belongs to the LORD. He will hand all of you over to us. (underline that phrase)
5. Music Video: One Rock One Shot (Music Mae)
6. Worship Video: I'm Not Alone
- 7.

special room set-up

Assemble the 11x17 squares into a large, 9' tall Goliath and stick them on a wall so kids can get perspective on his height

connect questions

Tell me about David.
How did God rescue his family?

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