



# 3PK

September 19-20, 2015

DATE

David and Goliath

LESSON TITLE

1 Samuel 17

WHERE TO FIND IT

God is strong.

MAIN POINT

## schedule

**First 10 minutes of the service hour:**  
Engage kids in cooperative play activities to help them connect to other kids

**Next 5 minutes:** Connect Time

**Next 25 minutes:** Large Group

**Last 25 minutes:** Snack and Small Group

## tips

Snack is a great time to ask Small Group questions, because kids are sitting down and more focused! Have one person hand out the snacks, while the other starts asking kids about what they learned in Large Group.

## check-in/out

Ask kids:

- Who won in the fight, David or Goliath?
- Who helped David win the fight?

## large group heads up

The story of David and Goliath illustrates God's incredible strength, and David's faith. The world tells us that physical strength, like Goliath had, is what always wins, but God tells us that when he is on our side, his strength is the only kind that matters!



## connect time

**GOAL:** *Connect time is all about engaging kids in a short, interactive game to prepare them for Large Group.*

- **Clean up! (10 minutes after the service start time, when you get the 5-minute warning from the presenter)**
- Line Up
- Tell kids that they're going to copy you, and every time they do, you'll add a little bit more for them to copy!
- Do the following actions (and say them out loud), and let kids try to copy the increasing number of actions each time.
  - Clap once
  - Clap once, stomp your foot
  - Clap once, stomp your foot, wiggle your body
  - Clap once, stomp your foot, wiggle your body, touch the floor
  - Clap once, stomp your foot, wiggle your body, touch the floor, hop
  - Clap once, stomp your foot, wiggle your body, touch the floor, hop, clap
- Continue to add things to your sequence of actions. Kids may not be able to do all of them, but they'll have fun trying!

**As you walk into Large Group, encourage kids to put on their listening ears!  
Remind that HOPS will be showing us how we should act in Large Group, so we have to listen!**



## instructions

**Goal:** Kids will (1) retell the story of David and Goliath and (2) understand that God is strong.

**Why?** We all need God's help to accomplish big things! We want kids to understand that they can trust God to help them no matter what they're facing.

**Tip:** Trusting God to help us doesn't mean that he will always give us whatever we want. It means that he is on our side, helping us fight our battles and defeat the enemies that come our way.

## small group

### REVIEW THE STORY

1. Why was everyone scared of Goliath? (He was big, strong and scary)
2. Who was the person that was NOT scared of Goliath? (David)
3. Did David win the fight all by himself? (No)
4. Who helped David beat Goliath? (God)
5. Who else does God help? (Us)
6. What can God help us do? (Kids can answer with anything that is hard for them)

### 5 STONES

*\*This activity requires a little setup. Crumple pieces of gray paper into "rocks" (one for each kid).*

- **Ask:** Do you remember how many stones David picked up? (5)
- **Say:** We're going to throw some pretend stones into a bin, just like David threw his at Goliath with God's help!
- Have kids get in a line in an open area. Set out the plastic bin a few feet in front of the first kid.
- **Give kids 1 "stone"**, and tell them that they each get a turn to try and throw it into the bin. After they're done, they can go to the back of the line and wait until their next turn. Let them take turns for as long as they want!
- **Tell** kids that they can only try to throw the rocks into the bin, **not at each other.**

**\*Pray for kids before they leave, thanking God for helping us and being strong.**

**BEFORE KIDS LEAVE SMALL GROUP**, give each of them a ***Kids' Club sticker*** to wear home. The sticker encourages parents to join us in Kids' Club by becoming a volunteer. Tell kids to show parents their special sticker!

***Extra time?** Have kids do a coloring sheet. After that, have kids get in a circle around the bin, and have them each throw one rock at a time to change up the format a bit. You could also play a hiding game. Hide the rocks around the room while everyone closes their eyes, and then let them go looking for them!*

## special notes

Today's story can be a little scary for preschoolers, so be sure to focus on the broad terms of how David defeated Goliath, instead of the violent specifics of his death.

## presenter tips

Here's a link to this week's video about David and Goliath. Watch it to prepare for teaching:

David and Goliath:  
<https://vimeo.com/58576762>

## script

Hi Friends! Welcome to Kids' Club. I'm \_\_\_\_\_ and I'm really glad you're here today. Before we get started, I want you to meet my friend HOPS. She's going to remind us of the kind of choices we can make today in Kids' Club.

### **Video: HOPS Share with Others** *(about 1 minute)*

(Holding up the Bible for kids to see) This is God's story. Out of all the stories in the world, this story is the most important. Do you know what it's called? (Let kids respond "the Bible".) That's right, the Bible! It's God's Rescue plan.

In the beginning, God made the whole world and everything in it. And it was all GOOD. Give me a big thumbs up! (Let kids respond. Then change your tone.)

But THEN, something bad happened. Adam and Eve disobeyed God, and all the wrong things came into the world. Things like sadness and death. Show me your sad face. (Let kids respond.)

Even though Adam and Eve disobeyed God, God loved them anyway! He planned a great rescue so that Adam and Eve—and you and me—could be close to God again! Do you know who the rescuer is? (Let kids say: Jesus!) That's right! Jesus!

### **INTRO: DAVID**

Today we're learning about a kid named David. Can you say, "David"? (Let kids respond.) Good job! David was young, just like you! He was a shepherd, which means he took care of sheep! (**Click to show slide.**) Can you all make a sheep sound? (Say "baaaaah" along with kids.) He had lots of older brothers, and he was pretty small too. He stayed home and took care of the sheep while his big brothers went off to fight in an army! But guess what? God had a special plan for him, even though he wasn't a big soldier like his brothers.



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David's brothers were about to fight a big battle against an enemy called the Philistines. Can you say, "Philistines"? (Let kids respond.) Good job! The Philistines were not a nice army. They wanted to destroy God's family! Can you believe it? (Act really worried and scared.)

### **GOLIATH ARRIVES**

One day, David went to visit his brothers, and while he was there, something BIG happened. A man named Goliath came out. **(Click to show slide.)** Goliath wasn't just a regular man though. Goliath was huge! He was taller than any man in the army. Can you all stand up as tall as you can on your tippy toes? (Let kids respond.) He was way taller than that! Okay, sit back down. (Let kids sit.) He was also really, really strong. Can you all show me your muscles and act as strong as you can? (Let kids respond.) Wow, you guys look strong! But Goliath was much, much stronger.

Everybody was scared of Goliath. Everyone except David. You see, David knew that God was stronger than any soldier, and definitely stronger than Goliath. Let's watch a video to see what happened between David and Goliath. As you watch, try to figure out if David was scared of Goliath or not.

### **VIDEO: God's Story/David and Goliath (short version)**

Wow! So was David scared to fight Goliath? (Let kids respond, "no!") No way! He knew that God was on his side, and that God would help him.

### **GOD IS STRONG**

David believed something that nobody else did. He believed that God would help him defeat Goliath, because God is strong. And guess what the best part of this story is? God helps US too! Let's all do something fun to show that God is strong, and he can help us do scary things, just like David did.

When I say, "God is...", you yell out as loud as you can "STRONG!" and put your arms up like this (hold your arms up in a strong pose). Let's practice. When I say, "God is," you say, "STRONG!" Okay, ready to do it for real this time?

- God is...STRONG!
- God is...STRONG!
- God is...STRONG!

Good job everybody! I bet your grown ups could hear you all the way back here! You know, God helps us in a lot of ways. One way he helped us was by sending a rescuer; someone to rescue us from all the wrong things in the world. Do you know who that is? (Let kids respond, "Jesus!") Good job!

### **PRAY (Break it down into small, repeatable phrases)**

Dear God. Thank you for being so strong. Thank you for helping us. We love you. A-men!

### **WORSHIP**

I'm so glad that God is strong enough to help us with anything. Let's sing songs to him and thank him for being strong!



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**Song: Be Strong**

**Song: Thank You Lord**

**Song: King of the Jungle** (extra song if you have time left over)

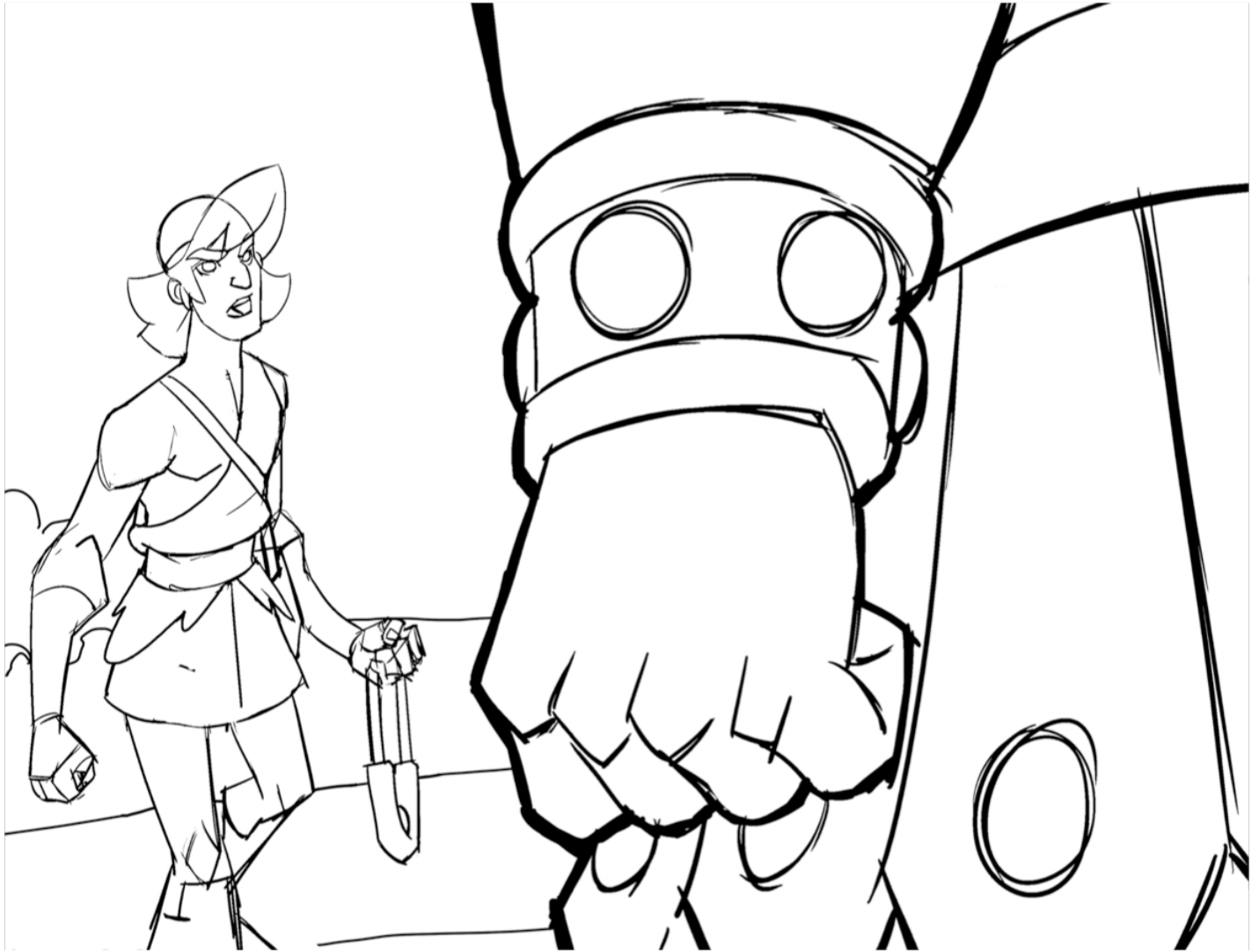
Dismiss kids to small groups. (Be creative as you dismiss them. Ask them to come give you a high five first, or maybe tiptoe or hop to their groups.)



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**Per kid:**

**Per kid:** 1 piece of gray paper, 1 rectangular KC sticker

**Per group:** 1 plastic bin, Bible

**Per Group:** Bible

1. Song slide: for when kids enter the room (All that You Need instrumental; mp3 only; can be downloaded on website)
2. Video: HOPS Share with others (<https://vimeo.com/99633584>)
3. Slide: Sheep
4. Slide: Goliath
5. Video: God's Story/David and Goliath (<https://vimeo.com/58576762>)
6. Song: Be Strong
7. Song: Thank You Lord
8. Song: King of the Jungle

Who helped David beat Goliath?  
Is God strong?