



BIG STORIES OF THE BIBLE 26

DAVID AND GOLIATH (1 SAMUEL 17)

Scripture: 1 Samuel 17:1-16, 32-50

Open: Greet, Praises, Requests, Pray

Supplies: Fabric strips, bottles/cans, goliath print out, small bean bag **OR** ping pong palls

Ask:

- Who was anointed king of Israel in our story last week? (David)
- Was he the one Samuel would have chosen? (No)
- Why not? (He wasn't impressed with his outward appearance, but God looks at the heart)
- Even though David was anointed king, he didn't become king for quite a long time.
- Today, we're going to learn about one of the most famous stories of David in the Bible. Can anyone think of it? (David and Goliath)

Activity while you read:

Because kids think they know this story, they may be inclined to check out. So every time you read the name David, have a volunteer hold up a yellow paper and have the kids say David in a small voice. Every time you say Saul, have a volunteer hold up a blue paper and the kids will say "Saul" in a disappointed voice. Every time you say Goliath, hold up a green paper and have the kids say "Goliath" in a big booming voice.

Read: 1 Samuel 17:1-16

Summarize

If you don't want to read the entire passage, you can use this summary: During the time when the story of David and Goliath took place there was a war between the Philistines and the Israelites. The two armies set up their camps between the cities of Sokoh and Azekah. The Bible says there was a Philistine warrior named Goliath that was over 9 feet tall! For forty days, every morning and night he came out of his camp and challenged the Israelites. Goliath said he would fight anyone from the Israelite camp one-on-one and the battle between them would decide who won the war! Whoever lost would have to be the others slaves!

Summary Continued:

When the Israelites heard Goliath they became very afraid, even King Saul was scared! But when David came to the camp and heard Goliath he completely trusted in God and was not afraid. David told King Saul that he would fight Goliath and that God would protect him. King Saul wanted to give David his armor but David knew it didn't fit him and he trust God to save him. So David went to a nearby stream and grabbed five smooth stones that he could use in his sling when he fought the giant.

Goliath laughed when he saw David because he was a young boy, not a warrior like him. David told the Philistines that God was with him and no weapon is any match for Almighty God. David and Goliath ran to fight each other; David grabbed one of the smooth stones from the stream and slung it hitting Goliath right in the forehead!

Ask

- Who were the Israelites at war with? Philistines
- What was intimidating about Goliath? He was very tall
- What did Goliath tell the Israelites? If he won the battle, he would keep them as slaves, but if they won the battle, the Philistines would be their slaves.
- Did David accept the armor King Saul gave him? No
- How did David beat Goliath? He slung a stone at his forehead
- Do you ever feel like you are up against a "Goliath"? Answers may vary
- What does the story of David tell you about your chances when you are up against a "Goliath"? Answers may vary (if you have God on your side you won't lose)

Activity:

Cut out, color and glue (or tape) the Goliaths onto a soda can or water bottle. Have the kids divide into two teams. Each child will throw the ball at Goliath. If they miss, grab the ball and hand it to the next person in line. Go until Goliath is knocked down. Play a few times.

Fun Facts about Slings:

- Slings were used in the military alongside archers
- A well-trained slinger could likely hit target up to 200 meters away (two football fields!)
- Many slingers were so accurate, they could hit a bird in mid flight
- The force that slingers could generate would be close to the force of a gun
- They used stones in a piece of leather with a hole in it and typically strings on each side
- They would gain speed by swinging it around their head and releasing it at just the right time

Comic Book Bibles:

Have the kids draw the story of David and Goliath. Save it to add to their Comic Book Bibles.

Memorize: 1 Samuel 17:47

Close in Prayer



