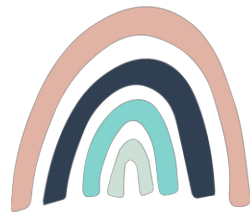


EXPLORING GOD'S WORD

DAVID & GOLIATH

A BIBLE LESSON FOR KIDS IN 1ST, 2ND, AND 3RD GRADES



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This packet was designed to be an easy way to teach foundational Bible stories to kids in first, second, and third grades. Each lesson in this series is structured the same and can be taught in about 40 minutes!

Step One: Read or watch the Bible story.

Gather your group and read the story of David and Goliath from your children's Bible.

Would you rather watch it? Many animated Bible stories are available for free on YouTube. Try searching "David and Goliath Bible Story for Kids" in the YouTube search bar. Be sure to watch it fully before showing it to your class to ensure it's appropriate.

Background Information:

Goliath was a giant, standing about 9.9 feet tall! He had a reputation for being a fierce warrior, and the Israelites were terrified of him.

Who was David?

A man named Jesse had eight sons. David was the youngest of these sons. He was a shepherd and spent much of his time caring for the family sheep. David and his family were Israelites. **David would be king!**

The king of Israel was Saul, but Saul decided to do things his way instead of God's way. God decided that someone else was going to be king instead. God told the prophet Samuel to anoint David to be king.

So, David knew he would be king one day, but he didn't know when that would be. While he waited, David was a shepherd, and he worked as a musician, playing music for King Saul.

When David fought Goliath, he knew that one day he would be king. King Saul didn't know this yet, though. He thought David was a shepherd boy who played the harp.

People would talk about David's victory for years to come! In fact, David later gained a reputation for being a great warrior.

Step Two: Explore the story.

After reading or watching the story, use the retell the story worksheet to retell the main parts of today's story. This can be done individually or in small groups. Don't want to print it out? Try mapping out the story together on a piece of large paper or a whiteboard.

David and Goliath: Quickly map out the three main parts of the story.

1. Goliath challenges the Israelites, but no one will fight.
2. David fights Goliath.
3. With God's help, David defeats Goliath.

Then, talk through the discussion questions as a group.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS	
QUESTION #1 Who was David?	QUESTION #2 Why were people afraid of Goliath?
QUESTION #3 How did David show bravery?	QUESTION #4 Can you think of something that you can do to help others?

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Step Three: Do the activities.

Activity: Bowling for Giants

Turn bowling into a game about David and Goliath. Use bowling pins (or anything that can be knocked over) to be the giant. Then, use a bowling ball or a beanbag to throw at the pins.

Craft: Popsicle Stick Pom Pom Launchers

Gather the supplies needed before the lesson begins. Give each child a [Pom Pom Launcher worksheet](#) to use as they create.



STEP 1: Give each kid 5 craft sticks. Use one elastic on each side to hold the craft sticks together.



STEP 2: Attach the remaining two craft sticks together at one end using an elastic. Slide the 5-stick stack between the two craft sticks you just attached.



STEP 4: Take turns launching pom poms and measuring how far they travel.

Launcher Supplies...

- Large Wooden Craft Sticks (at least 7 per student)
- Rubber Bands (5 per student)
- Plastic Bottle Caps (1 per student)
- Hot Glue Gun (to attach the bottle cap)
- Pom Poms (or other soft craft objects to launch)
- Tape Measure

STEP 3: Use an elastic band or two to help the stack stay in place.

Hot glue a bottle cap to the top of the craft stick. This is where your pom pom will sit.

Step Four: Finish with the take-home worksheet.

The 'David and Goliath' coloring page is the perfect way to wrap up the lesson and create a take-home page that includes caregivers in what you have learned. Students will color a picture, write down their memory verse, and add the key takeaway (a "big idea") from the story.

Memory verse suggestion from the story:

"I come against you in the name of the Lord."

1 Samuel 17:45b NIV

Big idea suggestion: God is on our side.



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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

QUESTION #1

Who was David?

QUESTION #2

Why were people afraid of Goliath?

QUESTION #3

How did David show bravery?

QUESTION #4

Can you think of something that you can do to help others?

Pom Pom Launcher

"You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied." 1 Samuel 17:45 NIV



Name: _____

Draw your launcher

MATERIALS:

- Popsicle Sticks
- Rubber Bands
- Bottle Cap
- Glue
- Pom Poms

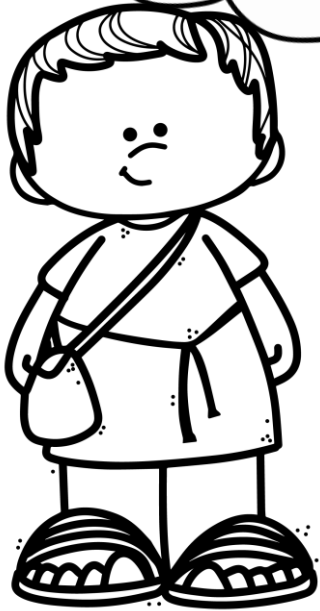


How far does it go?

Launch your pom pom, then measure how far it went.
Can you do anything to make it fly further?

Launch	Distance
1st Try	
2nd Try	
3rd Try	
4th Try	

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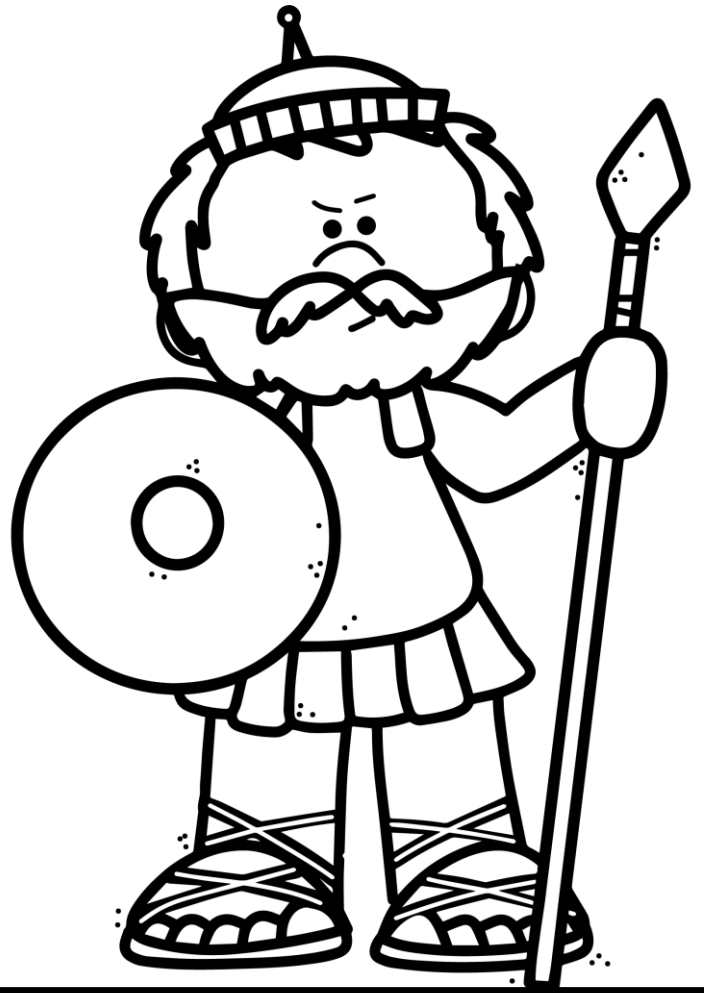
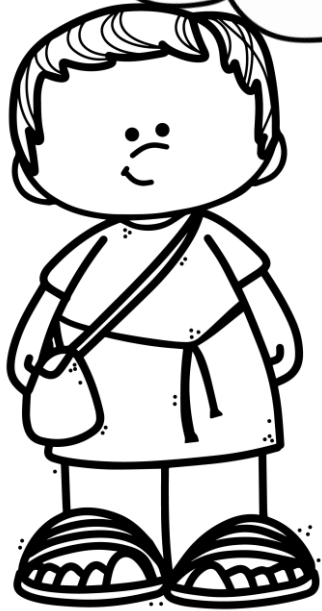


MEMORIZE THIS:

THE BIG IDEA

What does this story teach us about God?

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you in the name
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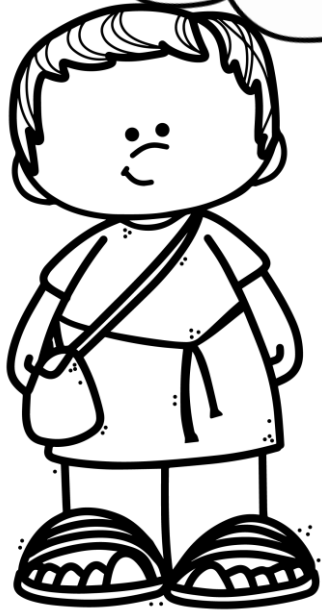
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MEMORIZE THIS:

I come to thee in
the name of the
LORD of hosts.

I Samuel 17:45b KJV

THE BIG IDEA

What does this story teach us about God?

God is on
our side.