



UNIT 11 | SESSION 2

DAVID FOUGHT GOLIATH

1 SAMUEL 17

CHRIST CONNECTION: Jesus came to save us from sin and death.

KEY PASSAGE PHRASE: God forgives our wrong choices. Ephesians 1:7

BABIES GOSPEL GEMS

- The Israelites were afraid of Goliath.
- God gave David power to fight Goliath.
- Jesus saves us from sin and death.

BIBLE STORY FOR TODDLERS:

Saul was getting his army ready to fight the Philistines. They camped on one hill, and the Philistines camped on another. A man named Goliath was in the Philistine army. He was very tall! The Israelites were afraid of him. David went to check on his brothers and bring them some food to eat. David saw that everyone was too afraid to fight. Even though David was young, he said he would fight Goliath. David met Goliath with only five stones and a sling. Goliath made fun of David because he was just a boy. David said, “God always wins His battles!” David slung a rock, and it hit Goliath. Goliath fell down. The Israelites won the battle.



BABIES ACTIVITIES

LEARNING Activities

Engage babies in the following activities during the session. In each activity, provide handheld Bibles for babies to handle. Open a Bible to 1 Samuel 17. Show the Bible story picture as you say the gospel gems in a soothing voice. Read the key passage phrase card. Pray for the babies.

1 SING A SONG

Sing to the tune of “Are You Sleeping (Brother John)?”

“God forgives us, God forgives us,

When we’re wrong, when we’re wrong.

God forgives wrong choices, God forgives wrong choices.

God is good. God is good.”

SAY “People make choices. Sometimes people make wrong choices. Wrong choices are called sin. Jesus saves us from sin and death.”

2 PULL SCARVES FROM A WHISK

Push several scarves or strips of fabric into a whisk. Offer the whisk to the baby. Pull the corner of a scarf and help the baby grasp it. Guide the baby to remove the scarves. Wave one of the scarves in front of the baby. Explain that slings are made of fabric like this. Help the baby grasp a scarf and wave it. Review the Bible story.

SAY “The Israelites were afraid of Goliath because he was so big. David was not afraid. He knew that God always wins His battles. God gave David power to fight Goliath. David slung a rock, and it hit Goliath. Goliath fell down. The Israelites won the battle.”

3 ROCK AND ROLL

Before the session, place a half of a cup of small rocks in a clear plastic bottle. Add a small amount of water to the bottle. Seal the bottle with duct tape. Place the bottle on the floor within reach of the babies. Help the babies roll and shake the bottle. Talk about the Bible story as the babies interact with the bottle.

SAY “David met Goliath with only five stones and a sling. Goliath was much bigger than David, but God gave David power to fight Goliath. David hit Goliath with a stone, and Goliath fell down.”

Check diapers, serve bottles if needed, and release babies to parents according to your church’s security guidelines. Give parents today’s big picture card. Repeat the Christ connection, gospel gems, and Bible-learning activities for babies who stay a second hour.



TODDLER ACTIVITIES

LEARNING Activities

Engage toddlers in the following activities. In each activity, show the Bible story picture as you review the Bible story. Provide small Bibles for toddlers to handle.

1 CIRCLE TIME

Open your Bible to 1 Samuel 17. Show the Bible story picture as you tell the provided toddlers' Bible story. Read the key passage phrase card and guide toddlers to say it with you. Pray for the toddlers.

2 SORT OBJECTS BY SIZE

Gather objects of various sizes. Print the Bible story picture. Cut Goliath and David out of the picture and tape them to foam or cardboard blocks. Instruct toddlers to sort the objects from smallest to largest. Retell the Bible story, emphasizing that God is bigger than all things.

SAY “Goliath was very tall. The Israelites were afraid to fight him. David was younger and smaller, but he was not afraid. He trusted that God would give him power to fight Goliath. God helped David. The Israelites won the battle.”

3 CATAPULT POM-POMS

Lay a soup can on its side. Center the handle of a large plastic spoon over the can. Use masking tape to secure the spoon to the can. Test and adjust the catapult as needed. Invite a child to place a black or gray pom-pom in the spoon. Guide the child to push down quickly on the handle end. Allow each child to have a turn.

SAY “God gave David power to fight Goliath with only five stones and a sling. David slung a stone at Goliath and Goliath fell down. God always wins His battles.”

4 CHOOSE FIVE STONES

Draw five 3-inch circles on heavyweight paper and slide the page into a sheet protector. Prepare one set per child. Place medium-size craft stones in a container on a towel. Assign leaders to assist as needed. Challenge the children to place one stone on each circle. Retell the Bible story as children play.

SAY “David went to fight Goliath with only five stones and a sling. God gave David power to fight Goliath. David saved his people. Jesus came to save us from sin and death.”

5 CARRY FOOD IN A BASKET

Place a basket on the floor. Spread toy food around the room. Challenge the children to gather and place the food in the basket. Lay out a blanket and invite the children to have a picnic as you review the story.

SAY “David checked on his brothers and brought them food. David saw that the army was too afraid to fight. David said he would fight Goliath. God gave David power to fight Goliath.”

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1 TRANSITION ACTIVITY: ROLL TOYS DOWN HILLS

Place two child-size chairs facing each other about four feet apart. Prop up poster boards or broken down cardboard boxes on each chair to create a “hill.” Place a few people figures on the seat of each chair. Talk about the Bible story. Pretend that the chairs are the hills the armies camped on. Invite toddlers to roll toy cars, balls, and other rolling toys down the hill.

SAY “Saul’s army camped on one hill and the Philistines camped on another. The Israelites were afraid of the Philistines because Goliath was so tall. God gave David power to fight Goliath. The Israelites won the battle.”

2 SING TO A FAMILIAR TUNE

Sing to the tune of “Are You Sleeping (Brother John)?”

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3 MAKE A TENT

Cover a few chairs with a sheet or blanket. Guide the toddlers to sit with you in the tent. Talk about how we use tents as a shelter to camp outside. Show and talk about what is happening in the Bible story picture. Reread the Bible story to the toddlers in the tent.

SAY “The Israelites camped on a hill. They were afraid to fight the Philistines. David was not afraid. He knew that God always wins His battles. God gave David power to fight Goliath.”

4 SLING SWING

Cut out felt rectangles with trimmed-off corners (one per child). Punch holes in the short sides of the rectangle and make a slit in the long sides. Overlap slits, making a bowl shape. Staple in place. For safety, place tape over the rough edges of the staples. Cut 18-inch ribbons (two per child) and tie through each hole of the rectangle. Tie a loop handle on the end of one cord. Provide gray pom-poms (five per child). Demonstrate how to wave the slings and stones as David might have done when he defeated Goliath. Review the Bible story.

SAY “David met Goliath with only five stones and a sling. David defeated Goliath because God helped him. God gave David power to fight Goliath. The Israelites won the battle.”

Check diapers, serve a snack if needed, and release toddlers to parents according to your church’s security procedures. Give parents today’s big picture card to reinforce today’s Bible story, Christ connection, or gospel gems throughout the week.