



Lesson Eleven

God Gives David Victory

Heart Preparation & Bible Background



Bible Truth

God was with David, giving him all he needed to deliver God's people from their enemy.

Scripture

1 Samuel 17



Lesson Focus

We can trust God to help us in times of trouble.

Goals for the Children

- Tell what God did through David.
- Tell what God did through Jesus.
- State that God has promised to help his people.
- Pray for God's power and strength.



Memory Minute

*Review Isaiah 41:10b
[God said,] I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you.*

God's call to David to leave his job of tending sheep came when Israel faced the powerful Philistines in the Valley of Elah. The Philistines' primary weapon was the mighty giant Goliath of Gath, who terrorized God's people and mocked God. When David heard Goliath's taunts, he asked, "Who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God?" (1 Samuel 17:26b). David was offended that Goliath would dare oppose God and his covenant people.

Then, undaunted by Israel's fear, his oldest brother's anger and insults, Saul's discouragement, and Goliath's formidable strength and armor, David got ready to take on the enemy. You see, David knew that God had called him and was with him. He had learned to rely on the Lord because he had found him to be faithful. Alone with his father's sheep in the hills around Bethlehem, hadn't God protected David from the attacks of wild animals? Now he knew that, in the same way, God would deliver him from the Philistines.

Also, David knew that God had promised to be faithful to Israel. He had promised to send a Savior one day, and he would preserve the Israelites from their enemies to receive that promise.

So God's anointed servant went before Goliath in the name of the LORD Almighty, knowing that the battle belonged to the Lord (1 Samuel 17:45–47).

Far more than a resounding battle victory, this story points us to Christ. David was God's chosen king, and his defeat of Goliath foreshadowed the defeat of Satan by the promised Savior-King. Teach your children that God chose his Son, Jesus, to come to earth and deliver his people from their enemy, Satan, by dying on the cross for their sins and rising from the dead.

It is a great comfort to know that we can trust our heavenly Father to be with us and give us what we need no matter what "giants" we face. He stands before us, beside us and behind us, so we have nothing to fear. Praise the Lord that the battle is his and that he has won the victory!