

SAMUEL

“David and Goliath”

Series Objective:

Students will learn:

- The story of Hannah
- The story of Samuel being called by God
- The story of Saul becoming king
- The story of David and Goliath

Series Theme Verse: “The Lord rewards everyone for doing what is right and being faithful.”

– 1 Samuel 26:23

Lesson Objective: For students to understand the story of David and Goliath and how we can trust God to protect us.

Lesson Passage: 1 Samuel 18

Materials Needed: Bibles, colors, copies of attached coloring page, Series Theme Verse on poster

Lesson Plan:

The Story: (The biblical passage is kind of long for a young age group, so you can use this narrative to tell the story in a more interactive way)

Our story starts a long long time ago, in a field. Not a field with cotton, or cows, or even footballs, but a field with a lot of sheep and one little boy. The little boy’s name was David and he had a big family. His brothers were off with Israel’s army fighting against the Philistine army.

In this fight that was going on, Israel was the good guys, so when you hear me say **Israel**, I want you to shout “Praise God!” The bad guys were the Philistines, so anytime you hear me say **Philistines**, I want you to growl your best growl. Let’s try it. **Israel**. “Praise God.” **Philistines**. Growl.

Great job! So our story continues when David’s dad goes to see him in the field and tells him to take food to his brothers who are fighting in **Israel**’s army against the **Philistines**. David takes the food and heads out to find the battle field where the armies are camped.

As David gets closer to the battlefield, he hears a loud voice booming out over the plain. The voice shouts out, “I am not scared of you people of **Israel**, or your God!” David runs to the battlefield to see what is going on and sees a man, no a giant, standing 9 feet tall. He is the one doing the yelling and he is a **Philistine** named Goliath.

Goliath is the ultimate bad guy and does not love the God of **Israel**. When I say Goliath, you should all go “Boooooooo.” Try it. **Goliath**. “Boooooooo.”

Back to our story. **Goliath** was a huge man and wanted to fight one man from **Israel**, but they were all too scared to fight **Goliath** because he was so big! David was angry because he loved God very much and did not like to see someone shout such mean things about God and

Israel. David figured if no one else would fight **Goliath**, then he would fight him in the name of God.

News spread around the camp fast that the little boy who took care of sheep was going to stand up for God and fight **Goliath**. The king of Israel even tried to give David his own armor to protect him, but it was too big and David said, “No thanks!” because he knew God would give him strength to beat **Goliath**.

David went out to a river and picked up five smooth rocks and put them in his pocket. He walked bravely to the battlefield, and towards the man who stood 9 feet tall. **Goliath** noticed little David and began to laugh and make fun of David. He knew he could beat David so he made fun of David calling him small and wimpy like a stick.

David looked at **Goliath** and said, “You might be big and strong, but I have someone on my side who gives me strength to serve, and that person is God!” He said, “You have a sword and shield to protect you, but I have God to strengthen and protect me!”

With that, **Goliath** ran at David to hit him with his sword. David pulled out a rock, put it into his slingshot and threw the rock at **Goliath**. The rock flew through the air and hit the giant man right in the head, and he fell to the ground and was killed.

That day, God strengthened David to do the will of God. God used David to conquer the **Philistines** and save the people of **Israel**.

Talking Points:

- What group went to war with Israel? (Philistines)
- Who was the hero of the Philistines? (Goliath)
- How tall was Goliath? (9 feet – Your ceiling is about 9 feet)
- Did Goliath have armor and weapons? (Yes, big, heavy armor)
- What would Goliath shout at Israel? (Send out your best fighter and if I beat him, you will be our slaves, but if he beats me, we will be Israel’s slaves)
- Was Israel scared? (Yes)
- Jesse’s sons were at the battle lines, and Jesse sent who to take them some food? (David)
- What did David do when he heard the insults that Goliath was shouting? (He volunteered to fight Goliath)
- Why did David volunteer to fight Goliath? (Because he trusted God to protect him)
- Goliath came into battle with armor and sword, what did David take? (5 smooth stones and his sling)
- Did David or Goliath win? (David, he threw the rock with his sling into the Giant’s forehead and killed him)

The Story Retold:

- God gives you strength to serve God. You probably won’t ever run into a 9 foot tall man, but God wants you to tell people about God’s love.
- God gives you strength to tell your family and friends about God’s love and to invite them to Church.
- God gives you strength to live like Jesus lived, loving and serving God and others.
- What are some ways we show love to God?

- What are some ways we show love to others?
- Give each child a copy of the attached coloring sheet.
- Have them color the picture to give to someone in Church today as a way to show God's love to others.

The Story and Me:

- This is the last week of the Series Theme Verse, so give students the opportunity to say the verse individually.
- Ask students to explain what the verse means for them, and help them to understand that we need to live like David, doing what God wants us to do.

