KINDERGARTEN – 2ND GRADE · TEACHING PAGES · 1 SAMUEL 17:1-51; 1 SAMUEL 16:1-13

David and Goliath

God is strong, and I can trust Him.

PRINCIPLE: TRUST · We can trust God with battles that are too big for us, because the battle belongs to Him.

Creation God made it	Fall We broke it	**Redemption Jesus fixes it**	Restoration Jesus makes it new

MEMORY VERSE

“The battle belongs to the LORD.”

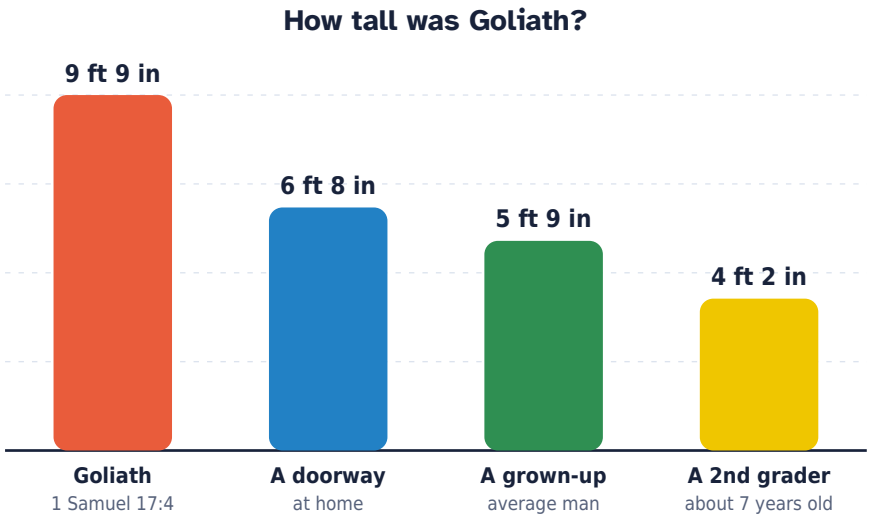
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START HERE

Point to the tape line on the floor. Ask, "How tall do you think the tallest man in the Bible was? Taller than me? Taller than the door?" Let kids guess, then tell them the tape line shows exactly how tall he was.

Bible story 6 min

Every morning a giant stomped out and shouted at God's people. His name was Goliath, and he was more than nine feet tall. The soldiers shook. Nobody wanted to fight him.



GOLIATH

Send someone out to fight me!

Day after day, for forty days, nobody went.

One day a young shepherd named David came to bring food to his big brothers. He heard Goliath shouting

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at God's people.



DASCH DIGS UP…

David was the **youngest of eight brothers**. His three oldest brothers were in Saul's army. 1 Samuel 17:12-14

DAVID

Who is this giant to talk about the living God like that?

David went to King Saul. "I will fight him," he said. "When I took care of my sheep, God saved me from a lion and a bear. God will save me from this giant too."

King Saul gave David his armor, but it was too big and heavy. David took it off. He picked up five smooth stones from a stream and took his sling.

BIBLE TIMES

A sling, not a slingshot

A sling was two long cords with a little pouch in the middle. A shepherd put a stone in the pouch, swung it around, and let one cord go. The stone flew fast and far. Shepherds used slings to protect their sheep, and armies had trained slingers.

GOLIATH

Ha! You're just a kid!

DAVID

You come with a sword and a spear. I come in the name of the LORD!



SAY IT TOGETHER: The battle belongs to the LORD!

David ran toward the giant. He put a stone in his sling and let it fly. The stone hit Goliath, and down he went! God had saved His people.

HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT

Did you notice? King Saul was the **tallest man in Israel** (1 Samuel 9:2). He should have been the one to fight the giant, but he stayed in his tent. God sent the youngest boy instead. God doesn't need the biggest person. The battle belongs to Him!

CHRIST CONNECTION · BETTER THAN

Israel needed a champion to fight the enemy they could not beat. Jesus is the better champion: He defeated sin and death for us, and His victory becomes ours.

Colossians 2:15; Hebrews 2:14-15

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Talk about it

1. Why were the soldiers afraid?
   Answer help: Goliath was huge and strong.
2. Who did David say the battle belongs to?
   Answer help: The LORD.
3. Why wasn't David afraid?
   Answer help: He remembered how God saved him before, and he trusted God.
4. What is something big that you can trust God with this week?

Activities

How tall was Goliath? 10 min

You'll need: Masking tape, Tape measure

1. Before class, mark a line 9 feet 9 inches long on the floor.
2. Have kids lie down end to end along the line. How many kids tall was Goliath?
3. Ask, "Who is even bigger than Goliath?" (God!)

Match the story 10 min

You'll need: Printed handouts, Crayons

1. Kids match each word (sheep, armor, stones, giant) to the right sentence by writing its letter.
2. Color the picture of David's five smooth stones.



Theo's Workshop Build challenge

Giant-sized challenge 15 min

You'll need: Craft sticks, Rubber bands, Plastic spoons, Cotton balls or pom-poms, Paper cups, A tape measure, Masking tape

1. Run a strip of masking tape up a wall to 9 feet 9 inches high. Say, "This is how tall Goliath was!" (1 Samuel 17:4). Have kids stand next to it.
2. Teams build a launcher. Stack and band craft sticks together, add a plastic spoon on top with a rubber band, and test it.
3. Stack paper cups into a "Goliath" tower. Each team gets three launches from behind a line to knock it down.
4. Measure how far each team's best launch flew, and cheer for the winner.
5. Read 1 Samuel 17:45-47. Ask, "Did David win because he had the best sling?"

How it works: A launcher works like a lever. When you push down on one end, the other end moves faster and farther. A sling works in a similar way, making a stone move much faster than a hand could throw it. Shepherds practiced for hours, and some slingers in Bible times could hit a target the width of a hair (Judges 20:16).

The point: David was skilled, but he knew the battle belonged to the LORD (1 Samuel 17:47). He went out in God's name, not in his own strength. Jesus is the greater champion who fought our biggest enemies, sin and death, and won for us.

Safety: Launch only cotton balls or pom-poms, and never aim at people. Grown-ups handle the rubber bands for young kids.

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Real life today with Theo

At school	When the big kids on the playground make you feel small, remember that God is strong and He is with you. Tell a teacher if you need help.
With brothers and sisters	When your brother or sister is bigger and bossier, you don't have to fight back. Pray, be kind, and trust God to help.
On vacation	Trying something new on vacation, like the deep end of the pool? Listen to your grown-ups, and ask God to help you be brave.

Sing and move

♪ **Only a Boy Named David** Traditional; count the stones on your fingers

♪ **My God Is So Big** Traditional; big motions

OUR CHANT: FIVE SMOOTH STONES

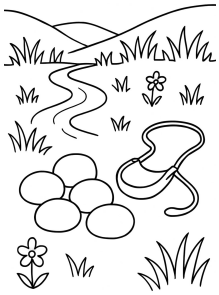
One, two, three, four, five smooth stones, *(count on fingers)*
David trusted God alone! *(point up)*
Goliath shouted, stomped and roared, *(stomp, stomp)*
But the battle belongs to the LORD! *(fist in the air)*

Live It
When something feels too big, tell God about it and ask Him to help.

Pray together
God, You are strong, and You take care of me. Help me trust You with big things. Amen.

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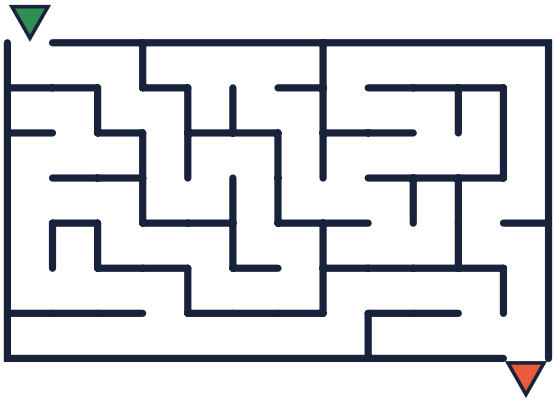
1 COLOR IT

Color the picture!



2 MAZE

Start at the green arrow and find the way out!



3 TRACE THE VERSE

Trace the letters with your pencil. Then say it out loud!

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4 DASCH DIGS UP...

Did you know?

★ Goliath was "six cubits and a span" tall. That's about **9 feet 9 inches**, taller than any doorway in your house! 1 Samuel 17:4

★ Goliath's bronze armor weighed 5,000 shekels, about **125 pounds**. That's like wearing a big grown-up on your back! 1 Samuel 17:5



5 GOD'S BIG STORY

Circle where today's story fits in God's Big Story.

Creation	Fall	Redemption	Restoration
God made it	We broke it	Jesus fixes it	Jesus makes it new

6 DRAW IT

Draw your favorite part of the story.

GOD IS FAITHFUL, SO WE CAN DEPEND ON HIM.

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TAKE-HOME PAGE · DAVID AND GOLIATH

Keep the story going at home

For grown-ups
Today we learned that **the battle belongs to the LORD**. Israel's soldiers were too afraid to face Goliath, but God saved His people through David, a young shepherd who trusted Him.

Ask at dinner: *What is something that feels too big for you right now? What does this story tell us about God?*

Memory verse: "It is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves; for the battle belongs to the LORD." (1 Samuel 17:47)

Ask your child

1. Why wasn't David afraid?
2. What is something big that you can trust God with this week?

This week

When something feels too big, tell God about it and ask Him to help.

Tell someone at home, "The battle belongs to the LORD!"

✂ Cut out the verse card and put it where you'll see it every day.

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Name: _____ Activity page

Match the story

Match each word to the sentence about it by writing its letter. Then draw and color David's five smooth stones.

Write the letter that matches.

____	**1. Sheep**	**A.** David took care of them.
____	**2. Armor**	**B.** Goliath was over 9 feet tall.
____	**3. Stones**	**C.** It was too big for David.
____	**4. Giant**	**D.** David picked five from a stream.

Draw and color David's five smooth stones

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