PRESCHOOL (AGES 3–5) · TEACHING PAGES · 1 SAMUEL 17:1-51; 1 SAMUEL 16:1-13

David and Goliath

God is bigger than anything.

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.”

Adapted from 1 Samuel 17:47 BSB

START HERE

Stand on a sturdy chair (or hold your hand up high) and ask, "Who is taller than me?" Let kids stretch as tall as they can. Then say, "Today we're going to meet a GIANT!"

Bible story 4 min

God's people had a big problem. A giant named Goliath came out every day and yelled at them. He was big. So, so big! Everyone was scared.



DASCH DIGS UP…

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



SAY IT TOGETHER: God is bigger!

A boy named David came to bring food to his brothers. David took care of sheep. When a lion or a bear came, God helped David keep his sheep safe.

David heard the giant yelling. David was not scared, because he knew God was bigger.



SAY IT TOGETHER: God is bigger!

David picked up five smooth stones. He went to Goliath and said, "The battle belongs to the LORD!" David swung his sling. The stone flew, and down went the giant!

God's people were safe. God helped them, because God is bigger than anything.



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HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT
The soldiers had big swords, and they were scared. David had a little sling. Who won the battle? God did! God is bigger.

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

Talk about it

1. Who was big and scary?
   Answer help: Goliath the giant.
2. Who is bigger than the giant?
   Answer help: God!
3. What can you do when you feel scared?
   Answer help: Pray and ask God to help.

Activities

Big and small 5 min

1. Say "Goliath!" and have everyone stretch up tall.
2. Say "David!" and have everyone crouch down small.
3. Say "God!" and have everyone jump and shout, "God is bigger!"

Color the shepherd boy 10 min

You'll need: Printed handouts, Crayons

1. Give each child the coloring page of David with his sheep.
2. While they color, ask, "Who helped David?"

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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.



Real life today with Theo

At home	When it's dark at bedtime and you feel scared, say, "God is bigger!" and pray.
At school	On the first day at preschool or a new class, God is with you. He's bigger than scared feelings.

Sing and move

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

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

OUR CHANT: GOD IS BIGGER!

Goliath is BIG! *(stretch up tall)*

David is small. *(crouch down low)*

But God is BIGGER! *(jump!)*

Bigger than them all! *(arms out wide)*

Live It
Pray when you feel scared. God is bigger.

Pray together
Dear God, You are bigger than anything. Help me trust You when I'm scared. Amen.

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STUDENT HANDOUT · PRESCHOOL (AGES 3–5)

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The story

Goliath was big, but God is bigger! God helped David, and God helps me. (1 Samuel 17:1-51)

Color the shepherd boy

Color David and his sheep. Who helped David?



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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. Who is bigger than the giant?
2. What can you do when you feel scared?

This week

Pray when you feel scared. God is bigger.

Say "God is bigger!" together at bedtime this week.

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

MEMORY VERSE

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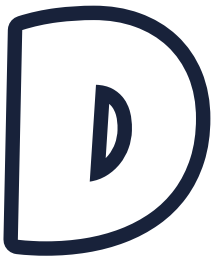
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TRACE, COLOR AND DRAW · PRESCHOOL

God

is bigger than anything.



D is for David

Color the big letter!

Draw David and big Goliath.

FOR TEACHERS AND PARENTS: Read the sentence together, pointing to each word: “God is bigger than anything.” Help your child trace the dashed letters, starting at the top. Name the big letter and its sound, then let your child color it and draw a picture.

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