



OLD TESTAMENT: DAVID AND GOLIATH

Lesson 26

BIG IDEA

The Philistines are attacking Israel and one of their leading soldiers is a giant named Goliath. Goliath challenges any Israelite to face him in a one-on-one battle. David accepts the challenge, faces his enemy with only a sling and some stones, and defeats Goliath. Saul thanks David and takes him to his palace to be an officer in charge of his soldiers.

MEMORY VERSE

Psalm 8/1 Samuel 17:37

KEY VERSES

1 Samuel 17

• PREPARATION & MATERIALS •

BIBLE LESSON: SKIT

- Cast: TL wearing baseball cap. Bear wearing bear ears.
- *EM provides baseball cap and bear ears.*

CRAFT - A LITTLE POUCH

- 8 inch circle of brown or black felt, one per child
- 16 inch strands of yarn or lacing, 2 per child
- Hole punches
- Optional: small item to go in the pouch such as super balls, marbles, or candy.

GAME - DODGE BALL (WITH A TWIST)

- Two or more balls (heavy enough to throw, soft enough that they won't hurt)
- Rope or chalk for boundaries

WORKSHEETS

- copies of coloring sheets, one per child



EM PROVIDES

- scissors
- hole punches
- staplers

Psalm 8

Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!



(extend hands to sides)

You have set your glory in the heavens.



(extend hands high)

Through the praise of children and infants you have



("stop" hand)

established a stronghold against your enemies,

To silence the foe and the avenger.



(index finger over lips)

(wiggle fingers both hands)

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,



The moon and the stars which you have set in place,



(point to moon and stars)

What is mankind that you are mindful of them,



(shrug shoulders)

Human beings that you care for them?

You have made them a little lower than the angels



(flat hand at waist)

And crowned them with glory and honor.



(make crown with hands)

You have made them rulers over the works of your

hands;



(open hands)

You put everything under their feet:



(stomp feet)

All flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild,



(hands like claws)

The birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim

the paths of the seas.



(hands together wiggle like fish)

Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!



(arms up as if cheering)



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STAGING

TL wears baseball cap. Bear wears bear ears.

SCRIPT

TL and Bear enter stage

TL Bear, you're back!

Bear I'm back? Really? (Look both ways). Uh, where did I go?

TL You were gone yesterday and King Bear listened to the bible story.

Bear Oh, yes. King Bear. That's right. (Embarrassed)

TL It was kind of intimidating talking to a king and all. I'm really glad you're back.

Bear Yah. Uh...TL...(in a stage whisper) you knew it was me, didn't you? Dressed up as a king? I just having fun.

TL (With an understanding grin) Yes, I knew it was you. I enjoyed playing along. Well, except for the part when the King Bear shouted, "Off with his head!"

Bear Do you have time to continue the story? I would really like to know how things go for that shepherd boy, David.

TL I was hoping you would ask. David's story is very exciting. He loved God with his whole heart and God blessed him. David was also talented, he could write music and lyrics to songs, in fact, there is a section in the bible called Psalms that contains a lot of his songs. Some are full of joy and some are full of sorrow.

Bear Why would David write sad songs?

TL Well, David wasn't perfect, he made some very bad choices in his life that filled him with regret, shame and sorrow. Remember, Samuel anointed David and God's Spirit was with David. At the same time, God's Spirit left King Saul, because he no longer obeyed God's words. Saul became very unhappy and gloomy, he did not have the peace of the Lord and sometimes he seemed crazy.

Saul's servants noticed that when someone played the harp and sang, Saul's gloominess left and he became cheerful. One time, Saul said, "Find someone who can play the harp well. I want to listen to music." One of the servants suggested David, knowing that David could play the harp and the Lord was with him. So Saul sent a message to Jesse, David's father, "Send me David, I want him to play music for me." So David left his father's fields in Bethlehem and went to the palace of King Saul. He



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played music and sang and drove away the king's sadness. Saul liked David so well he made him his armor bearer. This meant that David carried Saul's shield, spear, and sword whenever the king went out with his army.

Bear Uh, sorry to interrupt, but didn't Saul know that David was going to be the next king? Wouldn't he be angry or jealous?

TL That's a good observation, Bear. At this time Saul did not know that David had been anointed by Samuel, so he had no reason to be angry or jealous. Really though, it was God working behind the scenes to keep David safe and to prepare him for an important battle. After a while Saul seemed better, not so sad, so David went back home and worked in his father's fields as a shepherd.

Now, do you remember the Philistines?

Bear Yah, aren't they the enemies who keep trying to conquer the Israelites?

TL That's right. They've been battling for years and years, and until this point, neither side fully conquered the other. While David was back home tending the sheep, the Philistines and Israelites were lined up on opposite sides of a valley, preparing to battle once again. Every day the Philistines sent out 9 foot tall giant named Goliath. He wore armor from head to foot, and his spear was twice as long as any Israelite spear. He would always say the same thing, "Why do you come out and line up for battle? I'm a Philistine, and you are servants of Saul. Choose one of your men. Have him come down and face me. If he's able to fight and kill me, we'll become your slaves. But if I win and kill him, you will be our slaves and serve us. I dare any Israelite soldier to come and fight me!"

Bear No sweat. The Israelites have God on their side. They can easily defeat that giant!

TL But remember, Bear. The Israelites begged for a king and they are hoping and trusting in their king. No man in the army, not even King Saul, dared to go and fight the giant. For four days Goliath made his dare.

One day David's father sent him to visit his three brothers who were in the army. David was heard Goliath's threat. David asked his brothers, "Who is this man, speaking this way to the army of the living God? Why doesn't someone go out and kill him?"

Bear My thoughts exactly! See, David knows who's boss!

TL You're right, David thought of a plan. He said, "If no one else will go, I will go out and fight this enemy of the Lord's people." Saul heard David's plan and said, "You cannot fight with this giant. You are very young and he is a man of war who is highly trained."

David replied, "I am only a shepherd, but I have fought with lions and bears in the pastures. I am not afraid to fight this Philistine. The Lord saved me from the lion's jaw and the bear's paw, and he will save me from this enemy. I will fight for the Lord and his people." So Saul put his own armor on David: a helmet, a coat of mail, and a sword. The armor was way too big for David, "I'm not used to fighting



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with weapons like these.” David took his wooden staff and went down to a stream. He chose five smooth stones and put them in his shepherd’s pouch. Then he took his sling and approached Goliath.

The giant looked down at David and laughed at him. He taunted him, “Am I a dog that this boy comes to me with a stick? Come over here and I’ll feed your body to the birds!”

But David answered, “You come against me with a sword and a spear and a javelin. I am coming against you in the name of the Lord who rules over all. He is the one you have dared to fight against! Today the Lord will hand you over to me. I will strike you down. Then the whole world will know there is a God in Israel.

The giant Goliath moved closer to attack David. David reached into his bag, took out a stone, put it in his sling and slung it at Goliath. The stone hit him in the forehead and sank into his head. Goliath fell to the ground on his face. David won the fight against Goliath with only a stone and a sling. The giant was dead. When the Philistines saw that their hero was dead they turned and ran. The Israelite army chased after them and had a great victory.

Bear Seriously? This kid won a battle against a giant and his army with only a stone?!

TL Oh no. David had so much more than a stone. He had God on his side.

Bear Geesh, I would never want to go up against God.

TL An excellent lesson to learn my friend. An excellent lesson indeed.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Why was David asked to serve in Saul’s court?
- How did Saul feel about David?
- Who was Goliath?
- Why were the Israelites afraid of him? Were they trusting God?
- Who decided to fight Goliath?
- How did he do it?
- Why did he win?
- What happened to the Philistines?
- How was David available to God?
- How are you available to God?



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CRAFT

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• CRAFT •

A LITTLE POUCH

Kids will make a little pouch to store small objects.

MATERIALS PROVIDED BY EM

- scissors
- hole punches
- staplers

MATERIALS BROUGHT BY TEAM

- 8 inch circle of brown or black felt, one per child
- 16 inch strands of yarn or lacing, 2 per child
- Hole punches
- Optional: small item to go in the pouch such as super balls, marbles, or candy.

DIRECTIONS

Using hole punches, make 8 – 12 holes, evenly spaced, around the circle
Lay the circle flat and show the kids how to weave 2 pieces of yarn into a hole and then in and out all the way around the circle (If the yarn is thick and durable, one piece will do the job)
Pull the ends of the yarn so that the circle closes in and becomes a pouch
Optional: fill the pouch with some small, fun items

EXAMPLE





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GAME

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OBJECTIVE: DODGE BALL (WITH A TWIST)

A dodge ball game with a “secret” Goliath.

MATERIALS BROUGHT BY TEAM

- Two or more balls (heavy enough to throw, soft enough that they won't hurt)
- Rope or chalk for boundaries

DIRECTIONS

- Divide the group into 2 teams on each end of the playing area with a boundary line between
- Two adult team members should be referees, one for each team
- Each team secretly chooses one player to be Goliath. They only tell the referee who it is, not the opposing team.
- Balls are set in the middle
- Players race to for the balls and try to hit the opposing team members.
- The ball must hit the opponent before hitting anything else, such as the ground. If a player is hit he is out for the round.
- If a player catches a ball the thrower is out for the round.
- Any time Goliath is hit or the ball he threw is caught, the whole team goes down and the round is over
- Choose a new Goliath for each round
- Run a ribbon through the hole and tie ends together to create a loop that can easily slip over the kid's heads.





Goliath fell to the ground.