

Lesson 13



THE STORY OF DAVID DAVID FIGHTS GOLIATH

1 SAMUEL 17:1-58

GOAL

- ▶ To help children understand that they should trust God in any situation.
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WORDS TO KNOW

- ▶ **Slingshot:** usually made of an elastic band attached to a forked stick; used to shoot small stones
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MEMORY VERSES

- ▶ **1 Samuel 17:45:** "You come to me with sword, spear, and javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of Heaven's Armies."
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MEMORY VERSE MEANING

- ▶ **1 Samuel 17:45:** Goliath had to rely on his strength and equipment in battle, but David understood that, with God on his side, he didn't need any of that. David relied on God not on his own ability.



OVERVIEW

Read 1 Samuel 17:1-58: The Philistine army had amassed troops on a hillside and were preparing to go to battle with King Saul's army. Jesse sent his son David to take food to his brothers who were in Saul's army. When David arrived, he heard Goliath, one of the Philistine soldiers call out a challenge to the Israelites. Goliath, who was nearly 10 feet tall, said that if anyone of the Israelite soldiers could beat him in battle, the entire Philistines would be Israel's slaves, but if the Israelite soldier lost, the Israelites would be the Philistines' slaves. None of the Israelite soldiers were willing to fight the giant. David went to King Saul and told him that he would face Goliath. David told Saul that he could do it because God had given him the strength and courage to fight off lions and bears so he could save his lambs. Saul outfitted David in his armor, but it was too big and heavy for him to use. So, without armor and armed with only his shepherd's staff, a slingshot, and some stones, David went to fight Goliath. David hit Goliath in the forehead on his first shot. Goliath went down, and David cut off his head. The Philistines ran away.



QUESTION & ANSWER

SLIDE 1



Q1a: How tall was Goliath?

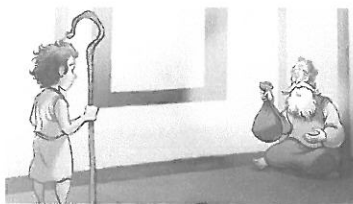
A1: Goliath was nearly 10 feet tall.

SLIDE 2



Q2a: What did Jesse send David to do?

A2: Jesse sent David to take food to his brothers and to see how they were doing.





QUESTION & ANSWER

SLIDE 3



Q3a: What did Goliath challenge the men of Israel to do?

A3: Goliath challenged the men of Israel to come out and fight him.

Q3b: How do you prepare for a game or a performance?

TN: Athletes usually warm up their muscles, and actors, singers, and dancers practice their parts of a performance. The men of Israel had reached the site where they would fight the Philistine army. There, they practiced and prepared for the coming battle.

SLIDE 4



Q4a: What did David tell King Saul he would do?

A4: David told King Saul that he would fight Goliath.

Q4b: When playing baseball, would you rather be the pitcher or an outfielder?

TN: Pitchers get to play a lot more than outfielders, but outfielders play an important part on a baseball team. If someone on the other team gets a good hit and there is no one in the outfield to catch or field the ball, the other team will be able to score very easily. Taking roles or responsibilities no one else wants in an effort to help the whole team or group is the mark of a good leader. All of the men of Israel were afraid of Goliath, but David heard this man disrespecting God and saw the need to stop him and his blasphemy.



QUESTION & ANSWER



Q5a: What did Saul give David to wear in battle against Goliath?

A5: Saul gave David his armor, sword, and shield.



Q6a: How many stones did David pick up?

A6: David picked up five stones.

Q6b: Have you ever killed a fly with a fly swatter?

TN: Flies are small and fast, so they are hard to hit with a fly swatter. It sometimes takes several swings before we actually get one. David flung a stone at a moving target and hit him in just the right spot to take down Goliath in one shot. That's a pretty unlikely outcome, but with God, it was possible.



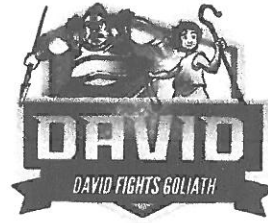
Q7a: What happened to Goliath after David hit him with the stone?

A7: Goliath fell to the ground and died.

Q7b: If David had relied on his own strength and abilities, do you think he could have beaten Goliath?



TN: Probably not. Without God, David was just a little shepherd boy armed with a slingshot standing in front of a huge warrior. With God, David was a courageous and victorious warrior.



QUESTION & ANSWER

1 Samuel 17:45: "You come to me with sword, spear, and javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of Heaven's Armies."

God helps us to be brave and fights our battles!

Father God, thank You for always being with us. Help us to always remember Your faithfulness so that we can boldly face any challenge life may throw at us. We ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

DAVID FIGHTS GOLIATH

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ANSWER KEY

Across

- David took his shepherd staff, his sling, and **(Five)** small stones to fight Goliath.
- David told King Saul that he has fought off **(Lions)** and bears to save his sheep.
- David heard Goliath reissue his **(Challenge)**.
- At nearly 10 feet tall, Goliath was a **(Giant)**.

Down

- Saul put his **(Bronze)** armor on David, but it was too big.
- David was Jesse's **(Youngest)** son.
- David's first shot hit Goliath in the **(Forehead)** and killed him.

Craft Activity – Defeat the Giant!

Each person will need a paper or plastic cup, a small balloon, and some pompoms or paper wads.

Tie a knot at the open end of the balloon.

Cut off the top of the balloon.



Cut away the bottom of a sturdy paper or plastic cup leaving the edge of the bottom for strength and stability.

Gently stretch the balloon over the bottom of the paper cup, pulling it up as high as you can. Secure with tape.

Roll the giant's picture into a tube and fasten it with tape. It should stand up by itself.

Load a pompom or paper wad into the cup, pull back on the balloon knot, aim at the giant, and fire!

Play carefully and don't aim or fire your shooter at anyone.



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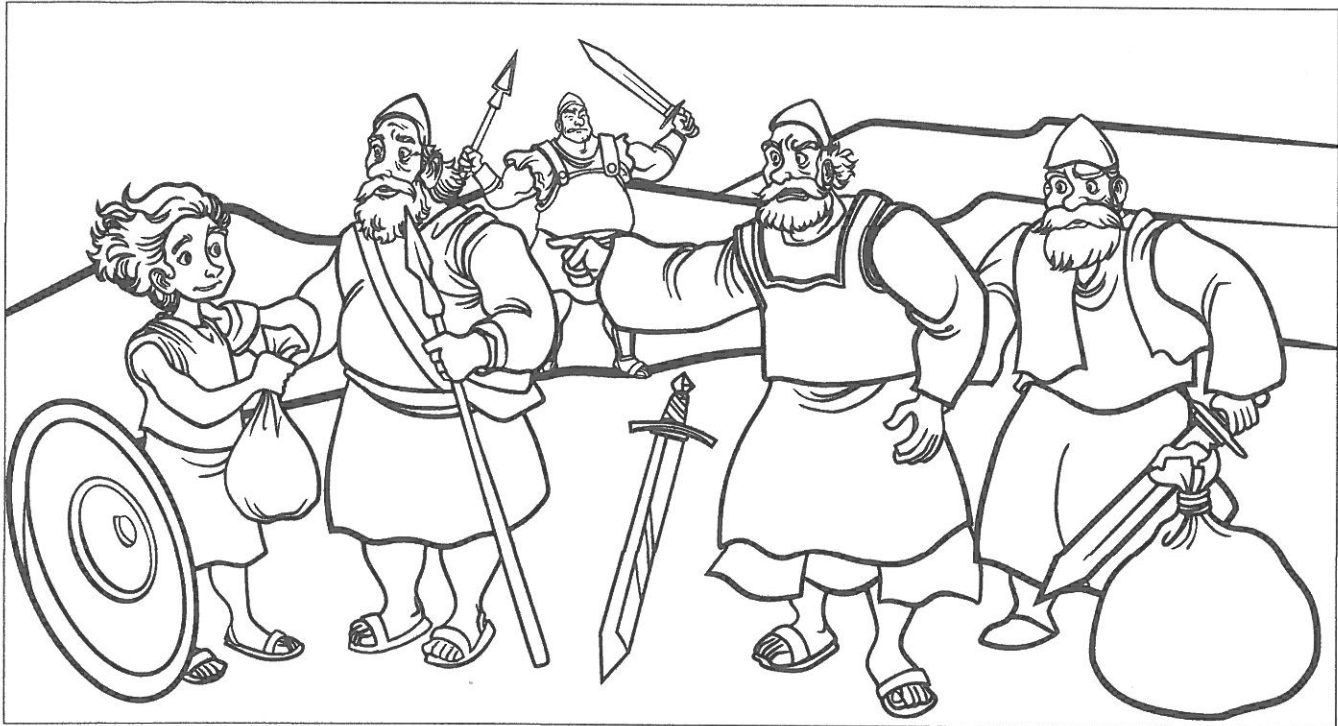
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THE STORY OF DAVID

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Spot 8 differences between the two pictures.



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2 Timothy 1:7

"For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control."



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King Saul called for David. Guide David to him.

START



END





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Discover the hidden words.

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Word Bank

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GOLIATH
BEARS
LIONS

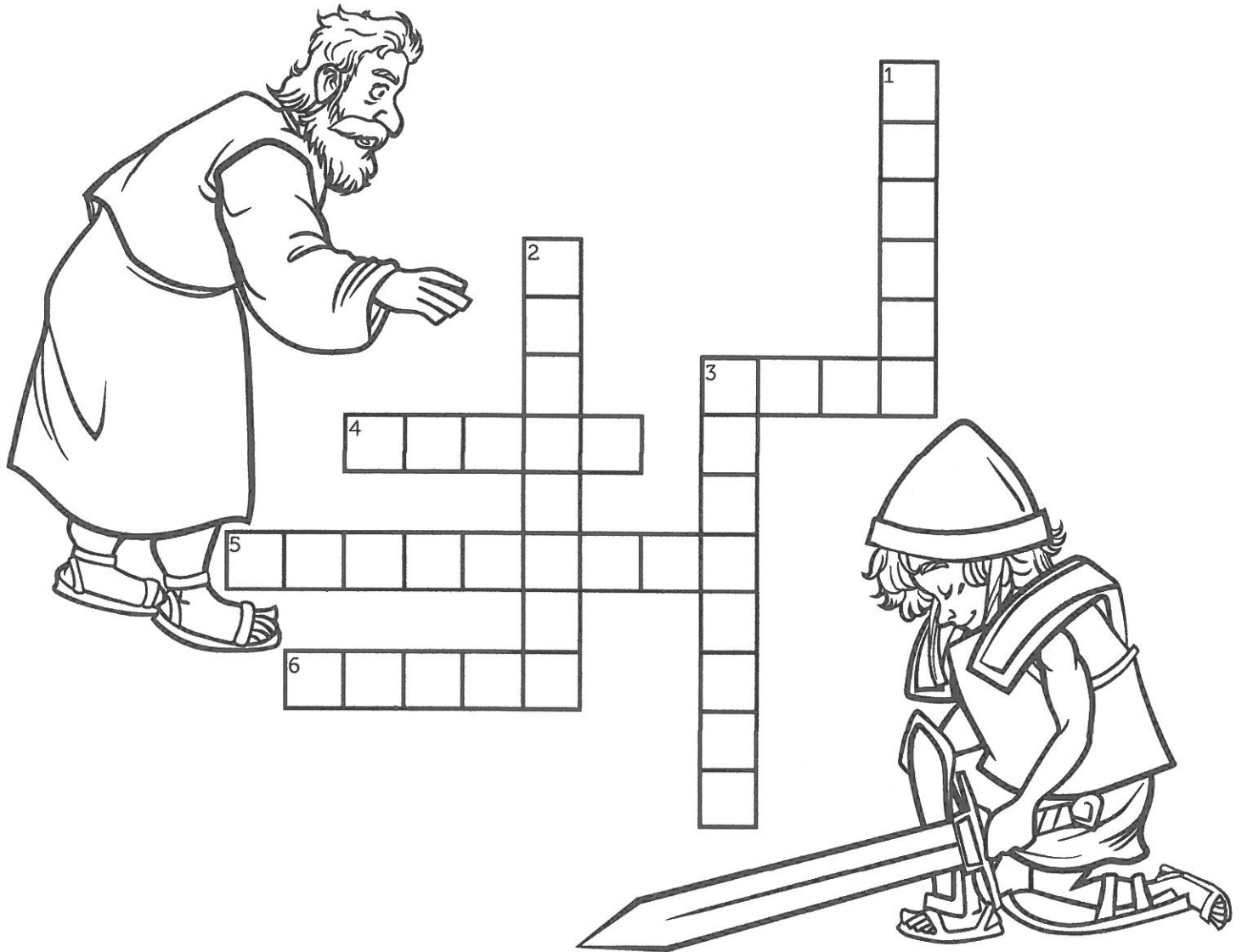
SAUL
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STONES
KILL
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