



**Worship Illustration: Script
King City Chronicles
Kings & Kingdoms Part 2: Judges through Esther
Unit 8, Lesson 39**

David and Goliath

1 Samuel 17:32-51

Running time: Approximately 6 minutes

Setting: The set for Units 7-10 is designed to look like the outside of the King City Herald, a large newspaper building circa 1940's. A door leads to the office. A phone booth provides the place for the superheroes' quick costume changes. The center panel can be removed to reveal the superheroes "Secret Lab," filled with screens and gadgets (similar to Batman's Bat Cave), where the heroes watch over the city. There is a useable fire escape with a door and a ladder down to ground level. There is a ramp on stage right. For added interest, build windows, entrances, and levels where the characters and puppets can pop up unexpectedly.

Characters: Scoop Gibson is a street-wise, savvy reporter who hides his secret identity as superhero "Scripture Guy." Kasey Carter is a young, college-educated reporter (can be male or female) whose secret identity is superhero "Kingdom Crusader."

Plot: Kingdom Crusader wants to quit the "Redeem Team" because she feels too weak to serve God. Scoop teaches her how God prepared King David to face his enemies. We learn God prepares us and gives us power to face all of our battles; we must trust Him.

Costumes: Fedoras, 1940's Zoot suits (high-waist, wide-legged, tight-cuffed pegged trousers, long coat with wide lapels and wide padded shoulders) and/or 1940's dress suit (padded shoulders, thin belt), Superhero costumes worn underneath (cap, face mask, body suit, tights, etc.), "SG" emblem on Scripture Guy costume, "KC" emblem on Kingdom Crusader costume.

Props: Newspaper, note pad, pencil, Bible

Sound effects (SFX):

1. Intro/Outro music suggestion: Heroic music
2. Newspaper box: "Good News" or other triumphant song clip. Music plays when box is opened to reveal the Bible.
3. Ominous music theme

Visual effects (VFX):

1. Video Intro featuring superheroes is available at ResourceWell.org
2. Fallback slide reads "King City Chronicles"
3. A newspaper box holds the Bible. When opened, light shines out and music plays.
4. Scripture slide: **"All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves; for the battle is the Lord's, and He will give all of you into our hands." 1 Samuel 17:47**

Adaptations:

1. Sound Effects: instead of using recorded effects, have children make the sounds
2. Voiceovers: may be spoken off stage
3. This illustration is also available in storybook form at ResourceWell.org

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Voiceover (VFX: short video intro)

Dateline: King City, a city devoted to the glory of God. But in her dark underbelly, there are villains gathering...evil men who seek to steal God's glory! Will King City find her hero? Can she be saved and restored to her former glory? For the answer to these questions and more, tune in every week to the King City Chronicles!

Scoop (enters at office door with newspaper)
Hey kids, Scoop Gibson here. Things have been pretty peaceful here in King City ever since the Redeem Team locked up "The Philistine." It's good to know that God has given King City two heroes to protect her from evil. And all the excitement sure helps sell papers! (SFX: phone ring) There's the hotline! (answers phone) Scoop here. What's that? The Obliterator is getting out of prison? (SFX: ominous music) And he's promising to get revenge on Scripture Guy? Thanks for the heads up! Wow kids, the Obliterator is back! (SFX: ominous music) I'd better put in a call to the Redeem Team.

Kingdom Crusader (enters on fire escape)
Hello? Scoop? Scoop Gibson?

Scoop
That was fast! Kingdom Crusader, I'm glad you're here; King City needs you!

Kingdom Crusader (climbing down)
Actually, that's what I wanted to talk to you about. I was hoping that you could tell Scripture Guy that I'm quitting.

Scoop
What! Quitting? But why?

Kingdom Crusader
I'm not cut out for fighting crime. I just don't feel worthy. Scripture Guy is all full of muscles and power, but I'm too small and weak.

Scoop
We all start out that way. Even King David had small beginnings.

Kingdom Crusader
King David? But the Bible called him a man after God's own heart.

Scoop
That's true. But he started out as a simple shepherd boy. That's when David learned to trust God.

Kingdom Crusader
The Lord is my Shepherd!

Scoop
Amen. We call God our shepherd because He watches over us and protects us. David had to protect his sheep from wolves!

Kingdom Crusader
Wolves?! For real?!

Scoop
For real, that's part of a shepherd's job. Here, I'll get the Good News and show you, right now. (opens box, SFX: "Good News," VFX: beam of light shines from box) The Bible tells us that when David was just a young shepherd boy he even killed a lion that tried to attack his sheep.

Kingdom Crusader
A boy killed a lion. That's hard to believe.

Scoop
Believe it! With God all things are possible. But that was just the beginning. God was preparing David for a greater battle.

Kingdom Crusader
What's next, a bear?

Scoop

Actually, yes.

Kingdom Crusader

David fought off a bear? Wasn't he afraid?

Scoop

David trusted in the one true God.

Kingdom Crusader

So God had been preparing David to fight the bear?

Scoop

No, there was a greater battle still. David was about to face a giant!

Kingdom Crusader

Wait, I've heard this one before! Was the giant's name, Goliath?

Scoop

Yes. He was over nine feet tall, as tall as the top of that railing, (pointing) and every man in King Saul's army was afraid to face him.

Kingdom Crusader

Except for David, right?

Scoop (reading Bible)

David came to King Saul and said: "Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him."

Kingdom Crusader

Wow, David sure trusted God. I guess he was prepared!

Scoop

God had prepared him. But King Saul didn't trust that God alone could protect David, so Saul put his own armor on him.

Kingdom Crusader

But Saul was a head taller than all the people around him and David was just a young boy. That armor must have been huge on him!

Scoop

I bet it was. David said he wasn't used to armor. So, he took it off, picked up five smooth stones and grabbed his staff and a sling.

Kingdom Crusader

He fought a giant with a slingshot and shepherd's staff?! That's crazy!

Scoop (reading Bible)

Even Goliath thought so. He said, "Am I a dog, that you come at me with sticks?" Then he cursed David...

Kingdom Crusader (covers ears)

Don't say it! I'm not allowed to hear naughty words!

Scoop

I won't say the naughty parts but...after that Goliath told David, "Come here!"

Kingdom Crusader

Did David run away?

Scripture Guy

Of course not, remember God had prepared David to trust Him.

Kingdom Crusader

What did David say?

Scoop (VFX: Scripture slide)

He said: "All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves; for the battle is the Lord's, and He will give all of you into our hands." And we all know how that battle ended, don't we?

Kingdom Crusader

David conked Goliath in the head with just one stone!

Scoop (reading Bible)

David triumphed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone; without a sword in his hand he struck down the Philistine and killed him.

Kingdom Crusader

Wow, David trusted God and look what God did!

Scoop

With God on our side we can face giant battles. So, do you still feel too small and weak to protect King City?

Kingdom Crusader

No! I may be weak and small, but God is all-powerful and He will prepare me for whatever battle I must face.

Scoop

So, does that mean you'll stick around?

Kingdom Crusader

You're not getting rid of me that easily! I'm part of the Redeem Team. God knows my heart and He chose *me* to be His minister. I'm going to find Scripture Guy and tell him that I'm prepared to give everything to honor my King! (exits through office door, SFX: "Heroic music")

Scoop

There goes a man after God's own heart! It's amazing what a little bit of scripture can do. See ya in the funny papers, kids. (exits)

(SFX: "Heroic music" continues, VFX: fall back slide)