



At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9
Kings & Kingdoms Part 2: Judges - Esther
Unit 8, Lesson 39

David and Goliath

Lesson Aim: To know God prepares us for our challenges and spiritual battles.

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: Who is the tallest person you know?

GAME: Paper Stone Toss

THE WORSHIP THE KING WHO KNOWS OUR HEARTS

Read Worship Scripture: 1 Samuel 16:7.

Sing songs and worship God. Bless and collect the offering.

Perform King City Chronicles script or read storybook.

THE WORD DAVID BATTLES GOLIATH

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: God chose Saul to be the first king of Israel.

King Saul disobeyed God, so God sent Samuel to anoint a teenager named David to be the future king of Israel. From that day on, the Holy Spirit came upon David in power. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: 1 Samuel 17:4-9, 32-42, 45, 47-50. Find It First. Highlight Key Verse: 1 Samuel 17:47. Pray. Read.

THE WAY GOD PREPARES US

As a shepherd boy, David had been anointed by Samuel to be the next king of Israel. Do you think knowing God had chosen him to be the next king may have helped David to trust God in the battle against Goliath? What wild animals had David killed to protect his sheep? (A lion and a bear.) Who did David say saved him from the lion and the bear? (The Lord.) How did fighting them help David trust God in the battle against Goliath? God used David's time as a shepherd boy to prepare his heart to trust Him. What experiences has God used to prepare your heart to trust Him?

What did Goliath shout to Israel's army? (He called for one man to fight to the death.) What did King Saul give to David to prepare him for the fight? (His tunic, armor, and helmet.) Why didn't David wear the armor? (He wasn't used to it.) What weapon did David choose

instead of a sword? (A sling and five smooth stones.) What else did David carry with him? (His staff.)

David told Goliath that this battle was the Lord's. What do you think David meant by that? When young David defeated Goliath without using a sword or spear, everyone knew it was the Lord who won the battle. How does this story remind you of Gideon's small army against the Midianites? (God used an army so small that everyone knew Gideon's victory was only because of God's power.)

Battling the bear, the lion, and the giant Goliath were three challenges David could not face without God's help. What challenges are you facing now in your life? Lead the children in a prayer asking God to help everyone trust Him with their challenges.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

David knew the battle against Goliath was not just physical. It was also a spiritual battle about proving God's power. Paul explains our true battles are spiritual battles against the attacks of Satan. We also fight against temptation. Over 1000 years after David battled against Goliath, Paul helps us know how to fight these spiritual battles. Reveal Ephesians 6:11, 14-17. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we can put on the armor of God. That means we can know truth, do what is right, be ready to tell others about Jesus, and have faith. God's Word is our only weapon; it has the power to defend truth and attack lies. God prepares us and gives us all we need to fight spiritual battles.

THE GOLDEN BOWL: Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Psalm 23 bookmark
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- OFFERING OF ART: David and Goliath
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Giant Snack

GAME: Thumbs Up!, Trust Me

CRAFT: "God Makes Me Ready!" Door Hanger

DISCUSSION: The Lord's Battle

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Shepherd Psalm Shuffle, Psalm 23 Balloon Toss, Discussion: Psalm 23

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW