Large Group

David Defeated Goliath

Bible Passage | 1 Samuel 17
Memory Verse | Jeremiah 10:6-7a
Story Point | God gave David power to defeat Goliath.



Countdown Video (3 mins)

Memory Verse Song (4 mins)

Worship Leader connects the lesson to the memory verse, leads the memory verse song with hand motions, and closes in prayer.

Welcome (1 mins)

Large Group Leader tell kids what to expect to happen (1 minute)

- watch the lesson video
- retell the story.
- read the story from scripture

Watch the Lesson Video (4 mins)

Retell the Story (11 mins)

Lead the kids in a fun retelling of the story
Here are some resources to help you formulate this time.

Review what we learned:
We've learned how Saul looked like a king on the outside and even started out following God, but eventually Saul's disobedient heart was revealed. Saul didn't obey God's commands, and God rejected him as king. God chose a shepherd boy named David to be the next king. But it was not time for David to become king quite yet. While David waited to be king, he served Saul and comforted him by playing music. Today, we'll see how God's people were at war with the Philistines and faced a giant named Goliath. Let's learn how **God gave David power to defeat Goliath.**

Today's Lesson

The Philistine army was ready to fight the Israelites. They presented their best warrior: the giant Goliath. All of Israel was terrified of Goliath! For forty days, Goliath made fun of the Israelites and God. What did David say to Saul when he heard about how Goliath mocked God? [Allow responses.] David said, 'Don't let anyone be discouraged by him; your servant will go and fight this Philistine!' David trusted God and wanted the Israelites to trust God too.

Then Saul told David he was too young and inexperienced to fight Goliath. What did David say to Saul? [Allow responses.] David said that the same God who saved him from the bear and the lion would rescue him from Goliath. As a shepherd, David had to fight off lions and bears who wanted to eat the sheep. God had protected David from those wild animals. David trusted God would protect him from Goliath.

When David went to fight Goliath, David didn't want Saul's armor. It was big, and he was not used to fighting with it. What did David use instead? [Allow responses.] David took his staff, sling, and five smooth stones to the battle. David knew that Goliath had weapons, but David had something greater: the Lord of Armies. David knew that his God was more powerful than Goliath. **God gave David power to defeat Goliath.**

The Israelites were helpless to defeat the giant enemy Goliath, but God sent David to save them. We are helpless to defeat our enemies of sin and death, but God sent Jesus to save us by dying for our sin and rising again.

Gospel Discussion | We all sin, and we need someone to rescue us. God used David to rescue Israel from Goliath and the Philistines. God sent Jesus to rescue us from sin and death. We can't fight sin and death on our own. Only the power of God through faith in Jesus will take away the guilt of our sin.

Read from the Bible (4 mins)

1 Samuel 17:8-9, 16-23, 26, 32-50

Remind Kids of Four Questions (1 min)

- What did you like about today's story?
- What did you find confusing?
- What did you learn about people?
- What did you learn about God?

Worship Song (4 mins)

Worship Leader briefly introduces self, welcomes kids, leads 1st worship song, and prays for the time.