

# David and Goliath

1 Samuel 17:12-50

Aim: to see how God helps those who trust him



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This part of the book of Samuel is probably the most well known to this day. We still use the analogy of David and Goliath when we describe the underdog taking on the physically stronger less scrupulous opponent. Children, of all ages, love the story of brave young David taking on the giant bully. This is a great story of encouragement. It clearly demonstrates that **with God**, anyone, including the youngest of children, can overcome their biggest problems.

Sometimes that means making brave choices and standing up for what we believe in, even under pressure. David made the wisest choice - he trusted God against the odds. Sharing such stories with our little ones means that we are all more equipped to face future 'giants' and to be able to stand up for what they believe in.



Bounce a balloon around with the children, then show a new flat balloon. Put it on the floor.

*Everybody, help me to make the balloon move. Lets shout 'MOVE' at the count of 3. '1,2,3, MOVE!' It can't move by itself. Wait, I have another idea.'*

Let the children watch as you blow up a balloon.

After 3, shout 'MOVE' again. '1,2,3, MOVE!' Release the balloon and watch it whiz as you cheer with the children.

*The balloon just needed some invisible help, that reminds me of David in our story today.*



*I need all of you to be my helpers. You are the army of Israel!*

(Practise marching, saluting etc.)

*Oh no! There's a scary giant who wants a fight us! Don't worry! God has is with us and he is bigger than any giant! With God on our side, we can win every fight! At the end of the story we can clap and cheer together! Let's practise, now.*

Read David and Goliath (pgs 64-65) Use puppets for David and Goliath, or show the images on pages 64 and 65. Encourage the group to join in with cheering and clapping at the end.



*I wonder what made David so brave  
I wonder how God will help me when I'm worried*



Read: David and the Very Big Giant (Very Best Bible Stories series) by Tim Thornborough & Jennifer Davison

Set up a target and safely practice throwing soft/paper balls to see if you can knock it over like David knocked over Goliath



- Encourage everyone to enjoy inflating balloons and letting them go to see them whiz around the room
- Pebble mural: Indoor or outdoor activity. Use bags of smooth pebbles from a garden centre to create a big pebble collage of Goliath. Draw the outline of a giant on a large piece of cardboard. Fill in with pebbles. Stand back to admire the result and take photos with the children (with permission) for sending home. Search [Freebibleimages.org](http://Freebibleimages.org) for images to enlarge.
- Outdoor Scavenger Hunt. *David scavenged 5 smooth pebbles.* Give each child an eggbox in which to collect small items. After a timed hunt: *Look at and touch your treasure. Sort into smooth, rough, hard, soft, cold, warm in the cups of the eggbox. Have you got a favourite? Show everyone.* (Make sure hands are washed after this activity).



Practise small, big and bigger Makaton signs together to use throughout the 'eyes open' action prayer.

Have another adult hold an inflated untied balloon throughout the prayer with the word 'worries' written on with a marker. Sound out the word.

*'WORRIES'. Our prayer will help us deal with our worries, even though they can look like a very big problem.*

*Dear God,*

*I am **small** (action)*

*Goliath was **big** (action)*

*But you are much **bigger** (action)*

*We am **small** (action)*

*Our worries can be **big** (action)*

*We praise you that you are much*

***BIGGER!** (action).*

*With you on our side we can do **big** things! (action)*

*Our **big** (action) worries have to go away!*

*Amen!*

Have the balloon let go and watch the worries fly away and shrink.



- Nothing's too big, big, big
- My God is so big
- Our God is a great big God



Watch Dave and the Giant Pickle [VeggieTales | Dave and the Giant Pickle Clip | Kids Cartoon | Kids Movies - YouTube](#)

Hop over to [Bible Class Creations: Goliath Game](#) and let little ones enjoy whacking Goliath on the head with their own cup and ball Goliath game.

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*When things are going great and I am really happy*

*Thank you God for looking after me*

*When things are not so good and I am really sad*

*Thank you God for looking after me*

*When everyone around me is on my side*

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*When I feel like no-one cares*

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