

# David the Giant Killer



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# Introduction

- ▶ Some of these resources are adapted from the [energize.net.uk](http://energize.net.uk) website and are used with permission.
- ▶ In this session, we are going to be thinking about when David (who we learned about last week) had to face a giant.
- ▶ The session has a number of activities designed to be carried out together as a family and is suitable for all ages of children and young people.
- ▶ Any materials you need should be found in your house and should not require you to go anywhere.
- ▶ Enjoy, and God bless you as you use these resources at home.
- ▶ So let's begin as we always do....Hands up for news time!

# NEWS TIME!



SHARE YOUR NEWS  
OF THE WEEK



WHAT DO YOU WANT  
TO THANK GOD FOR?



HOW HAS SOMEONE  
HELPED YOU?

# Game - Target practice



- ▶ Set up some targets in the room - maybe a small bin, washing basket, cake tin.
- ▶ Get some balls, small soft toys, bean bags, or rolled up socks.
- ▶ Mark out a throwing point on the floor and take it in turns to try and get the balls into the baskets.
- ▶ Maybe you could create a points system or have a number of rounds to see who gets the most in.
- ▶ Make it as easy or hard as you want to in your family and be as creative as you like.

# Bible Story - David the Giant Killer

- ▶ Last week we learned about when Samuel appointed David to be the next king. He didn't become king straight away - lots of things had to happen before that - and one of the things to happen was when David came face to face with a GIANT!
- ▶ Today's Bible story is from 1 Samuel 17. If you have a Bible, maybe you can find the story yourself.
- ▶ Today you will be acting out the story and will need some props:
  - ▶ A coat, hat and shoes (preferably wellies) of an adult in your house.
  - ▶ A sword (a wooden spoon works well and yes; lightsabers are perfectly acceptable).
  - ▶ Five small stones (or small balls of paper)
  - ▶ A small piece of material (flannel, handkerchief, tea towel)
- ▶ The Bible story is on the next page for you to read together and act out. There are notes of when and how to use the props.
- ▶ The smallest member of your family should play David and the biggest member of your family should play Goliath. The rest of the family (and toys, pets, Lego people) can be the two armies.

# Bible Story - David the Giant Killer

- ▶ The Philistines and the Israelites were at war. The Philistines were camped on one mountain and the Israelites were camped opposite them. Every morning the Philistine champion, Goliath, came to the Israelites camp and shouted out, “Is there anyone who will fight against me, man to man?”
- ▶ But Goliath was a giant, more than nine feet tall, and the Israelite army were terrified of him!

*(Goliath should hold the sword prop)*

- ▶ “Now, David's three brothers were in the army, and one day David was sent to see how they were doing and to give them some food. David was the youngest of eight sons. As David was talking to his brother, Goliath came to the camp and called out his usual challenge.
- ▶ David looked at his brother and asked, “Who is this Philistine? Why is he insulting the army of the Living God?”
- ▶ David's brother was annoyed and told David to go back to the sheep where he belonged; but David asked the same question to some of the other soldiers - and then he offered to fight the giant himself!”

# Bible Story - David the Giant Killer

- ▶ “Saul looked at David and decided to let him try. He gave David his own armour, but Saul was tall, and David was so young that he couldn't walk properly in Saul's armour.

*(The person playing David should try to put on the big coat, hat and wellies)*

- ▶ David went as he was - he picked up five stones and put them in his pouch. Then he walked toward Goliath - who laughed to see David coming toward him".

*(Use the stone, pouch and sword props - do not throw any stones! Just pretend!!)*

- ▶ “Putting a stone in his sling, David threw it at Goliath. It struck him on the head and Goliath fell forward, stunned".
- ▶ “David used Goliath's own sword to cut off his head. God had won! Goliath was dead and the Israelite army defeated the Philistines.”

# Discussion - How did David do it?

Pick and choose any of the questions below you want to discuss in your family.

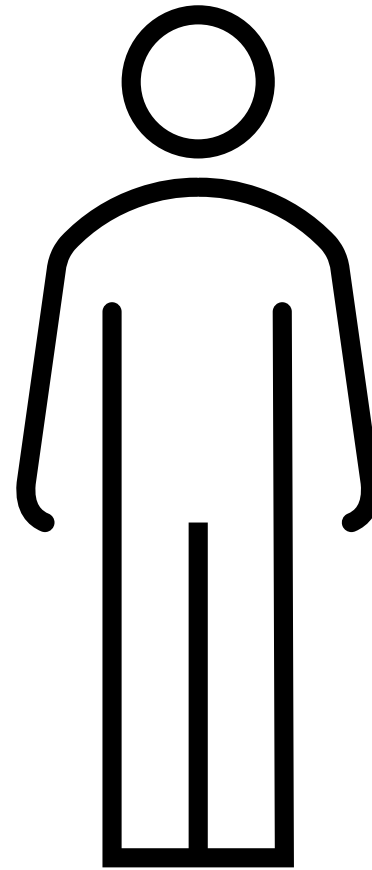
- ▶ Who was in today's story?
- ▶ How do you think Goliath felt at the start of the story?
- ▶ Why did David's brothers try to send him home?
- ▶ David had never been in a battle before, while Goliath was a champion. Who should have won the battle?
- ▶ Why do they think David was so sure that he could win?
- ▶ Most people would have looked at Goliath and decided it was impossible to beat him (the whole Israelite army came to that conclusion), but David had faith because he knew that God was bigger! Has God ever done anything seemingly impossible in your life?
- ▶ David trusted God even when things seemed difficult - have you ever been in a difficult situation? Did you ask God to help you?





# Prayer - God the Giant Slayer!

- ▶ Get the tallest person in your house to lie down.
- ▶ Mark out their outline using string, masking tape, wools, lots of socks! The person then gets up.
- ▶ Get some small stones, beads, or counters from a game.
- ▶ It can sometimes feel like there are giants in our life - fears, worries, challenging or difficult situations.
- ▶ God is bigger and stronger and mightier than any of the giants we face. We are going to spend some time talking to God about these things and asking Him to help us overcome them.
- ▶ Take it in turns to place a stone into the giant outline and tell God what you are worried about or the difficult situation.
- ▶ Ask God to help you through these fears and difficulties and to give you courage.
- ▶ End your time of prayer by all saying together:  
    **“God is my giant slayer!”**





# Creative time

Have a go at one or more of the activities below:



- ▶ Print out the pictures on the next page. Cut them out, put the story in order, colour them in, and maybe add some captions.
- ▶ Create a hanging mobile using a coat hanger, string/wool, and paper/card. Cut out stone shapes from the paper and decorate. On each stone write something about God - e.g. He is mighty, gives you courage, Helper, Friend.
- ▶ Write a diary entry for David after he has faced Goliath.
- ▶ David went on to write the Psalms - a book of poetry/songs in the Bible. Find Psalms in your Bible and read some. Maybe you could create your own Psalm?







# Memory Verse

► Today's memory verse is:

***"The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold." Psalm 18:2***

- Cut out some rock shapes from paper.
- Write a few words of the memory verse on each rock.
- Muddle them all up and then try to put together the memory verse again.

# Reflection

- ▶ How did David defeat Goliath into today's story?
- ▶ What was your favourite part of today's session?
- ▶ Will you rely on God this week to give you courage?

- ▶ Prayer to end:

Thank you, God for our time together learning about when David defeated Goliath. Thank you that you are bigger and stronger than all our fears and worries. Help us face difficult situations with courage and the knowledge that you will help us and always be with us. Thank you for loving us and caring for us. AMEN!

## Something extra:

- ▶ Put a small stone or counter in your pocket this week. Every time you touch it be reminded that God gives you courage.
- ▶ If you have some beads, buttons and wool you could make a bracelet reminder, or maybe tie something onto a shoelace.