

Glenview New Church Sunday Morning Program
Preschool Lessons, Phase 1 - Lesson 34
David and Goliath (I Sam. 17:32-51)

Theme: Heroes

I. Underlying Ideas for the Teacher

- A. The Lord protected David and prepared him to be the next king of Israel.
- B. It is the Lord who delivers us from evil.
- C. If we trust in the Lord and obey His commandments. His power will always protect us.
- D. Goliath represents our love of self.
- E. The five smooth stones represent truths from the Word that we have accepted.

II. Story Circle

- A. Introduce the Story
 - 1. A long time ago there was a big fight. The Israelites were on one side, and King Saul was their leader. The Philistines were on the other side. The Philistines had a giant named Goliath helping them, and the Israelites were afraid of Goliath because he was very big. King Saul couldn't find anyone who would fight Goliath in his whole army.
 - 2. Now there was a boy named David who lived with his father in Bethlehem. David was a shepherd boy. He took care of his father's sheep. Sometimes lions and bears would come to hurt the sheep, but David wasn't afraid because the Lord helped him take care of the sheep. When David heard about Goliath, he told King Saul that he would fight him!
- B. Tell/Read the Story
 - 1. Retell the story: I Samuel 17:32-51 (see attached retelling)
- C. Ideas to Discuss
 - 1. Who was the boy who wanted to fight Goliath the giant? (David)
 - 2. What kind of work did David do at home? (He was a shepherd boy, and he took care of his father's sheep.)
 - 3. David was just a boy, while Goliath was a huge man! Why wasn't David afraid to fight him? (He had killed lions and bears that wanted to hurt the sheep. He knew the Lord had helped him then and that He would help him fight Goliath.)
 - 4. Why did David take off Saul's armor? (He couldn't walk with the armor on. He wasn't used to it, and it was too big for him.)
 - 5. What weapons did David use? (staff, 5 smooth stones from the brook, and his sling)

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6. Who won the fight, David or Goliath? (David killed Goliath.)
7. Did David have to fight any more of the enemy soldiers? (No, they ran away when they saw that Goliath was dead.)
8. Who helped David fight Goliath? (the Lord)

D. Further Ideas

The Lord helped David, didn't He? Does the Lord help you? (Yes) The Lord is taking care of you all the time. When you try to do what is good, then the Lord can keep you safe and happy, just like David!

III. Enrichment Activities

A. Music

1. Learn the chorus of "David and Goliath," *Lori's Songs II* (Side One). Play the song on the tape recorder and join in for the chorus.
2. "Father in heaven," *Hymnal* #152
3. "All that the Lord has spoken," *Hymnal* #245

B. Activities

Brief dramatization. (See the attached narration. Goliath should be represented by the door rather than by one of the children. The children can each be given a part [see Dramatization 1] or they can all take David's part [see Dramatization II]).

C. Project

Illustrate the story with markers on yellow construction paper. Make the giant, Goliath, very big! Make David, the shepherd boy, much smaller than Goliath. And show the 5 stones David used to fight Goliath. What else could you put in your picture? (Goliath's spear and sword. David's pouch and sling.)

IV. Teaching Aids

- A. Props for dramatization: 5 smooth stones, a staff, a pouch, a sling.
- B. Illustrations of David as a shepherd boy.
- C. Illustrations of David fighting Goliath.

V. Further Reading for the Teacher

- A. Dole's *Bible Study Notes*, Vol. 3, I Samuel 17.

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A Retelling of I Samuel 17:32-51

David and Goliath

David said to Saul, "I will go and fight with this Philistine [Goliath]."

And Saul said, "You can't fight with him for you are a boy and he is a man."

But David said, "I used to keep my father's sheep, and when a lion or bear came and took a lamb from the flock, I killed the animal and saved the lamb. I have killed lions and bears. The Lord helped me fight the lion and the bear. The Lord will help me fight this Philistine [Goliath]."

And Saul said to David, "Go and the Lord be with you!"

Then Saul gave David armor to wear. David put on a bronze helmet, a coat of mail, and a sword. But he couldn't walk with the armor on, so he took it off.

Then David took his staff in his hand; and he chose five smooth stones from the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag [pouch] and his sling was in his hand. And he went near to the Philistine.

The Philistine came and he saw David. He saw that he was just a boy.

David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the Lord. The Lord will help me kill you."

The Philistine walked toward David, and David ran to meet him. David put his hand in his bag and took out a stone; and he slung it and struck the Philistine in his forehead, so that the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell on his face to the earth.

So David struck the Philistine and killed him, using a sling and a stone. There was no sword in the hand of David.

Therefore, David ran and stood over the Philistine, took his sword, and killed him.

When the Philistines saw that Goliath was dead, they all ran away.

DAVID AND GOLIATH DRAMATIZATIONS

Dramatization 1: Everyone takes a part

Characters: David, Jesse (father), 3 brothers of David's, Saul, other Israelites

Narration:

David was a shepherd, and he took good care of his father's sheep.

One day, his father gave him food to take to his brothers who were in Saul's army.

So David took the food to his brothers.

While he was there, he saw Goliath who was a giant!

No one wanted to fight Goliath.

David told Saul, the king, that he would fight Goliath.

And Saul said, "Go, and the Lord be with you."

Saul gave armor to David, and he tried it on. But he couldn't walk with the armor on, so he took it off.

David picked out 5 smooth stones from the brook.

David faced Goliath and said, "The Lord will help me kill you."

Then David put his hand in his bag, took out a stone and slung it so that it struck Goliath in his forehead, and he fell on his face to the earth.

David took Goliath's sword and cut off his head with it.

The Philistines ran away when they saw that Goliath was dead.

Dramatization II: Everyone acts out David's part.

Character: David

Let's be David watching his father's sheep. Watch them carefully. We don't want any lions or bears to hurt the sheep!

Now let's be David taking food to his older brothers. We carry the food a long way, and then we give it to them.

Look over there! Do you see the giant Goliath? Goliath wants one of the Israelites to come fight him, but no one wants to fight the giant.

David says that he'll fight the giant. Try on the armor that King Saul offered David. It is very heavy! David can't even walk with the armor on, so he takes it off again.

Go pick out 5 smooth stones from the brook. Put them in your shepherd's pouch. Do you have your staff and your sling? Okay, let's go fight Goliath.

Turn to face Goliath. Say, "The Lord will help me."

Now take a stone from the pouch. Can you tell me what David did with the stone? (He hit Goliath with it using a sling.)

Look! The stone has landed in Goliath's forehead, and he is falling to the ground.

Can you tell me what David did next? He used Goliath's sword to do it. (He cut off Goliath's head.)

Look how the Philistines are running away. The Israelites have won!