

DAVID

A man after
God's Heart



Lesson 4: God Gives David a Victory

Teacher's Prep: (set aside at least 2 hours **prior** to teaching)

1. **PRAY!** For yourself, and for the children!!
2. **Read** 1 Samuel 17:1-58 from the Bible. (15 min.)
3. Read pages 30-34 in the **Teacher Resource book** at least 2-3 times. (30 min.)
4. Read and study the story **outline** on the opposite page. Prepare your Bible: put the bookmarks in their proper place, and read over each bookmark, practicing what you will teach the children! (30 min.)
5. Prepare your **extra activities** or visuals, if any are listed on your bookmarks. (10-15 min.)
6. **Practice** your lesson out loud, and **TIME YOURSELF!** Practice using your visuals, and make sure you hit all bookmark points. (18-20 min.)
7. **TIME TO TEACH!!!** Be sure to **teach** the information found on each bookmark!!! (18-20 min.)

TEACHER'S TIP

It is always good to ask a few questions during your lesson to get the kids to interact with you; however, don't feel bad if you have to interrupt a "story" that takes too long or isn't relevant to your question: otherwise, you could possibly lose control of the kids' attention as they all have stories to tell!!!

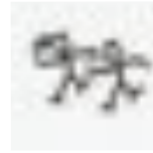
Story Outline Lesson 4: God Gives David a Victory

1. **Introduction:** Tell a portion of the story with excitement: "He was the biggest, meanest bully King Saul's army had ever seen!"
LINK: What would they do? A long time had gone by since Samuel, the man of God, had anointed young David to be the next king of Israel . . .
 2. The enemy armies of Israel and the Philistines camped on opposite mountains.
 3. The Philistines had a huge, frightening champion named Goliath!
 4. Goliath daily challenged Israel to send a man to fight him, bringing fear to Saul and his army.
LINK: Goliath came and shouted his threats! Have you ever had to face someone like Goliath?
- GROWTH BOOKMARK #1**
5. While David was home tending sheep, his father asked him to take food to his brothers serving in Israel's army and to check on their well-being.
 6. David heard Goliath's threats and saw Israel's fear and asked who this man was that he could defy God's army.
LINK: Goliath had been boldly defying God's people and seemed to think that no one could stop him. Even today, God's enemies think they can get away with anything.
- GOSPEL BOOKMARK**
7. David told Saul he was confident he could win a victory over Goliath.
LINK: God was giving David the courage he needed. If you know Jesus as your Lord and Savior, count on God to give you courage.
- GROWTH BOOKMARK #2**
8. David rejected Saul's armor, going out instead with five stones and his sling.
 9. Goliath despised David, but David courageously proclaimed his trust in God.
 10. David ran toward Goliath, slung a stone and struck him in the forehead.
 11. **CLIMAX:** Through God-given courage, David won the victory as the mighty Goliath crashed to the ground. The enemy of Israel was dead!
 12. David beheaded Goliath, and the Philistines fled in fear. Israel's army pursued them, rejoicing in their victory.
 13. Count on God to give you courage!
- LINK:** The army of Israel, now filled with joy and confidence, chased the enemy and won a great victory. The victory was won because David counted on God for courage. If you know Jesus as your Savior, count on God to give you courage.

GROWTH BOOKMARK #3

INVITATION BOOKMARK

GROWTH BOOKMARK #1



Psalm 56:3

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LINK: Goliath came and shouted his threats! Have you ever had to face someone like Goliath?

Note to Teachers:

Remember: simply telling a Bible story - no matter how animated and alive you make the story - is not enough. You must **TEACH** truths to the children through the application points found on these bookmarks. These applications allow the children to take the story and **APPLY** it to their lives, which is the **REASON** you are teaching them a **LESSON**, not a story. When you isolate these application points away from the story, children are not likely to pay attention or grasp the importance of these truths. However, when you weave these points **WITHIN** an exciting story, children can make connections and identify with the main character(s), thus enabling them to apply these teachings to their lives. **DON'T** neglect the teachings on these bookmarks: this is the **MEAT** of your lesson!!

1. Perhaps there's a bully or gang at school who threatens to beat you up if you don't help them do bad things, or if you don't do what they want you to do.
2. Maybe they tease you day after day because you don't like the kinds of things that they like.
3. **If Jesus is your Lord and Savior**, you might be bullied for believing in Jesus, and for talking about God, or for standing up for what's right.
4. You may want to stand for God, doing what's right, but you feel threatened by those who don't love God.
5. What should you do? The Bible says:
6. **READ Psalm 56:3** to the children.
7. **Count on God to give you courage.** Be willing to face difficult people, even if you are afraid.

LINK: You can depend on God to give you the courage you need just when you need it! King Saul and the Israelite army were not counting on God for courage.

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Bullying is a big issue in schools today. Perhaps sometime during club, you can have a special prayer, asking God to give strength to those who are being bullied, so they can have courage to stand for what's right. Also pray for the bullies, that they would learn how much they need Jesus too!

GROWTH BOOKMARK #2



Psalm 118:8

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LINK: God was giving David the courage he needed. **If you know Jesus as your Lord and Savior**, count on God to give you courage.

1. God promises His help in times of fear.
2. When you feel outnumbered and God's enemies seem stronger than you, remember that God is with you. **He's on your side!**
3. Our memory verse reminds us:
QUOTE Psalm 118:8 with the children.
4. Why can you trust in God? He is stronger than the strongest enemy. He knows how to deal with those who give you a hard time because of your love for Him.
5. **Do what you know God wants you to do!** Say no to those who want you to do wrong, and take a stand for God.
6. Even if you feel like the situation isn't getting any better, know that God will give you the courage to do the right thing, even when it is hard!

LINK: Because of who God is, you can count on Him to give you courage. God would give David the needed courage to take on Goliath.

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GOSPEL BOOKMARK



Col. 1:20

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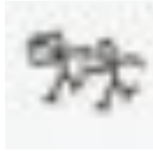
LINK: Goliath had been boldly defying God's people and seemed to think that no one could stop him. Even today, God's enemies think they can get away with anything.

1. They think they don't need God. Some may be big and strong and think they can take care of themselves.
2. But the Bible says that **EVERYONE** needs God. As our **creator** (maker), God made us to need a relationship with Him. Our sinful attitude of trying to live without God's help makes us God's enemies!
3. The Bible also says that because God is **holy** (perfect) we can't get away with sin. **Sin** is going your own way and not God's way, like making fun of others, disobeying your teachers, or complaining when things don't go your way.
4. God must always **punish** sin. And because you and I were **born** with the want-to to sin, and because the Bible teaches that **all** have sinned, that means that you and I deserve to be punished: **separated** from God forever.
5. **BUT** even though we are enemies of God, He still **LOVES** you and me! He sent His only, **perfect Son**, Jesus, to **die** on the cross and take the punishment for your sin so you can be friends with God.
6. **READ Col. 1:20.** Jesus died and gave His **blood** on the cross so you can be forgiven. He was **buried**, and **rose** again 3 days later.

LINK: Some people refuse to receive Jesus as Savior. They think they don't need God. Goliath was like that: he was boldly defying God's people.

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LINK: The army of Israel, now filled with joy and confidence, chased the enemy and won a great victory. The victory was won because David counted on God for courage. **If you know Jesus as your Savior**, count on God to give you courage.

1. **QUOTE Psalm 118:8** with the children.
2. Whatever your situation this week, will you trust God as David did?
3. Remember God is with you. Say to God, “**I will trust in you!**” (have kids repeat this - loud!)
4. Then do what you know God wants you to do. God is all-powerful and He loves you very much.
5. You can count on Him completely!
6. **CHALLENGE:** Next week, you can share with us how God gave you courage when you needed it.

LINK: Perhaps you have never received Jesus as your Savior from sin!

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John 1:12

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LINK: Perhaps you have never received Jesus as your Savior from sin!

1. **REVIEW:** Remember, you and I deserve to be punished for our sin, but because Jesus took our punishment, we can be forgiven.
2. **READ VERSE:** John 1:12
3. **EXPLAIN VERSE:** To be a child of God doesn't mean you leave your family here: it means that when you are God's child, you are forgiven from your sin and one day you will go to live with God and Jesus FOREVER in heaven! What a wonderful promise!

How can you become God's child? You have to **Admit** or tell God that you know you have sinned and deserve to be punished for that sin. But you also **Believe** that Jesus died on the cross and rose again for your sin! Then you **Call** (pray) and ask Jesus to be your Lord and Savior. (repeat and review, if necessary).
4. Please **bow** your heads and **close** your eyes.
5. If you have **NEVER** asked Jesus to be your Lord and Savior and you would like to know how you can be God's child, please **SHOW ME** by raising your hand. Everyone else keep your eyes closed.
6. If your hand is raised, **FOLLOW** me so I can show you from God's Word how you can be God's child. Everyone else **STAY** here while (next teacher) prays.