



June 4, 2017

Dear Teacher,

This Sunday we recap the story of David and Goliath that was taught in September. David is a beloved character because of his zeal and love for God. David is admired because He is righteous with God. We read about David's trust in God to deliver Goliath in battle. God had showed David before that He could take care of him in battle; David just believed God would do it again. And God does! God also asks us to trust in Him to defeat an even bigger foe than Goliath, death. God defeats death on the Cross through His Son Jesus just like He promised. We can have confidence in this victory because God always keeps His promises.

We encourage all classrooms to engage with the story from the options provided in class. Teachers, tell the story using any of the provided helps (Vos, Jesus Story Book Bible, Gospel Story Book Bible or printed Handout). If you would like, read the selected Scripture passages aloud in class, discuss or explain what the passages mean, and use the questions below to help guide the discussion. Also, use time in class to teach the Scripture Memory and the Catechism Questions.

Morning Overview

Lesson: *Summer Recap:* David & Goliath

Lesson Objective: To communicate to children that God always keeps His promises despite circumstances and even our inability to trust Him. God wants us to trust Him and obey His commands.

Scripture: 1 Samuel 16-17 (selected portions)

Story: Vos Children's Bible, Chapter 68 (Pages 139-142); Gospel Story Book Bible, Pages 112-115; The Beginner's Bible, Pages 174-185; Jesus Storybook Bible, Pages 116-129.

Teaching Points:

- God's promises do not change despite circumstances, people and even our inability to believe them. God keeps His promises even when we do not trust Him or follow His commands.
- God was with His people, the Israelites, and He never left them.
- God's people wanted a king, so God gave His people what they wanted.
- God chose Saul to be Israel's first king; Samuel anointed and presented Saul to Israel as their king.
- Saul was disobedient however. He did not follow the Lord's command and this cost Saul the kingdom.
- God chose another king instead, and his name was David.
- David was a shepherd and the youngest child in his family.
- God used David to defeat Goliath; God gave the victory to David because David believed God would fight and win the battle for him.
- David showed tremendous faith in God to keep His promises and to defeat the giant before Him.
- God calls us to trust in Him and His promises because God has defeated the giants before us – sin, death, and Satan – through His Son, Jesus Christ.

9:30am Sunday Schedule

For the Sunday Schedule, please see "Sunday Schedule for Preschool" found in Handbook on the teacher's table.

Cherub Church

- Kindergarten/5's – 9:35-10:00 (Classroom's: 162, 163, 121, 123, 124)
- 3's/4's – 10:05-10:30 (Classroom's: 166, 165, 164)

Craft: David Friendship Bracelet

Supplies: Pipe cleaner, beads

Instructions:

1. String beads on to pipe cleaner
2. Secure ends to form a circle small enough for children to wear



Snack

11am Sunday Schedule

Craft: David's Slingshot

Supplies: Foam board rectangle, pom-pom, string, glue

Instructions:

1. Tie ends of string to foam board
2. Glue pom-pom to middle of foam board



Story: Kings: David & Goliath

1. **PRAY** for your time and any requests the children may have.
2. **ASK** the Transition Question: Boys and girls, today we have a story you may know already, but there are some exciting things in it. Such as fending off lions and bears with a stick and defeating a giant with a stone. Let's find out more...
3. **TELL** the Story. Use the Vos Children's Bible, the Jesus StoryBook Bible, the Beginner's Bible, or the story below to aid in telling the story.
4. **REVIEW** the questions to help children understand the story.

Questions for Review

Scripture Memory (Nehemiah 1:5)

Catechism Questions (1-17)

Sing Songs (optional)

Free Play

Questions for Review

Questions for Younger Children:

- Why was Samuel sad?
- Who was the shepherd boy God chose to be the king?
- When God looks at us, what is most important to Him?
- Who was the giant who said bad things about God?
- Who went to fight Goliath?
- Who caused David to win the battle against the giant?

Questions for Older Children:

- What instrument did David play?
- Why did David go to visit the soldiers?
- Why was he so unhappy when he got there?
- How did King Saul try to get David ready to fight Goliath?
- What did David remember that caused him to trust the Lord?

Scripture Memory for Summer:

O Lord God of heaven, the great and awesome God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments. (Nehemiah 1:5)

Story

King Saul is Rejected

Who remembers the name of Israel's first king? (Saul) Correct. And as you may remember we learned that Israel wanted a king badly. Israel wanted to be just like all the other nations, so God gave them a king. But after Saul became king he was not a good king. The Bible tells us King Saul disobeyed God and did not love Him. It was very sad. King Saul's disobedience made Samuel very sad too. Samuel told Saul, "You have not kept the command the Lord your God gave you; if you had, He would have established your kingdom over Israel for all time. But now your kingdom will not last; the Lord has sought out a man after His own heart and appointed him leader of His people, because you have not kept the Lord's command."

The prophet Samuel continued to be sad, but one day God said to him, "How long will you continue to feel sorry for Saul? I have rejected him as king of Israel. Fill your container with olive oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse who lives in Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king." This made Samuel frightened because if Saul found out he would try to hurt Samuel. God told Samuel to take a sacrifice with him and once he arrived in Bethlehem to invite Jesse to join in the sacrifice. God told Samuel something very important, "I will show you what to do. You will anoint for me the one I tell you." Samuel did exactly what the Lord had said. He traveled to Bethlehem to make a sacrifice to the Lord. Upon arriving in Bethlehem, Samuel found Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When Samuel saw Jesse's oldest son, Eliab, he thought for sure he would be Israel's next king, Eliab looked like he would be the perfect king: tall, handsome and strong. But Samuel was not looking at the right thing. God told Samuel, "Do not look at Eliab's appearance, what he looks like, even if he's tall. For he isn't the one I've chosen to be the next king." Then God said these very important words, "Man looks at the outward appearance (what a person looks like), but the Lord looks at the heart." Eliab was not the one God has chosen to be king. Then Jesse called his other son, Abinadab, and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel heard the Lord's words and said, "The Lord has not chosen this one either." And then Jesse had his third son, Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, "The Lord hasn't chosen this one either." After Jesse had each one of his seven sons pass before Samuel, Samuel said to him, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel asked Jesse, "Are these all of your sons?" Remember, God had told Samuel that one of Jesse's sons would be the next king. Seven of them had walked by, but God had said none of them would be the next king!

David

Jesse said, "Well, there still is the youngest one, but he is taking care of the sheep." Jesse's youngest son was a shepherd which meant he worked in the fields caring for the sheep. His name was David. David was very young but he was a good shepherd. David would make sure the sheep were safe by protecting them from lions and bears. David would lead his sheep to tender green grass and fresh cool water. David loved his sheep. But you know what? The Bible says more than his sheep, David loved the Lord. He loved Him so much.

Anointing

But Samuel didn't know any of these things about David. All he knew was that the Lord had promised that one of Jesse's sons would be the king. Samuel said, "Send for your youngest son, this shepherd boy. We will not even sit down until he arrives." And so Jesse probably called a servant or maybe he even had one of his other sons go to find David. Then David finally arrived. The Bible tells us a little bit about what David looked like. His hair was kind of a reddish color and he looked very handsome. He was probably strong from taking care of the sheep. And maybe his skin was tan from being outside all the time. But as soon as Samuel saw him, the Lord spoke some very important words, "Rise and anoint David; he is the one, the one I've chosen to be king." So, Samuel took the oil that he had brought and as David knelt before him, Samuel poured the oil on David's head. David's brothers, father and the whole town of Bethlehem watched. The Bible says from that day on the Spirit of the Lord came upon David in power.

The Harp Player

As soon as Samuel anointed David, the Bible tells us the Spirit of the LORD came upon David. This means God was with David guiding him and showing him the way in which the LORD wanted David to live and one day rule God's people. But as the Spirit of the Lord came upon David, it had left Saul. Saul knew something wasn't right; he became troubled and often was very sad. Saul's servants were worried for their King; they knew he needed help and to be cheered up. One of the servants had an idea, "Sire, why don't you send for a harp player? They may help soothe your soul and cheer you up!" Saul commanded the servant, "That's a great idea. Find me a harp player immediately!" The servant knew who to go to, he was the best harp player he had ever heard. The servant ran to the house of Jesse in search of David! David came at the request of the servant and King Saul to play in the palace. David's harp playing brought happiness to Saul. Saul felt much better after hearing David play his songs.

The Giant

Things did not get better for King Saul. In a valley, not too far away from King Saul's palace, there was a rumbling of warriors, horses, shields and swords, and not to mention a giant. This army was from the city of Gaza, and the name of the people that fought in this army were called Philistines. The Philistines did not love God. They were not God's people and they wanted to rule over Israel. Israel would have to fight against them. And so the Israelites were on one hill and the Philistines were on another hill and there was a valley in between (you can show this with your hands.) It must be pretty scary when there's going to be a big war like that, and it was even scarier because one of the Philistine soldiers looked very different from any of God's people. You see this soldier was so big; he was big like a giant. The name of this giant was Goliath, and he was over nine feet tall! Goliath wore large pieces of armor to protect him when he fought. In his big hand Goliath carried a very dangerous spear and by his side he had a long sword. A soldier, called a "shield bearer," would walk in front of Goliath during battle.

Goliath didn't just look scary, he sounded scary too. Every morning Goliath stood and shouted with a big voice across the valley to Israel, "Why don't you come and fight me. Send one of your men to come fight. If he wins, then we will be your servants. But if I win, then you will be our servants." And then Goliath laughed and made fun of King Saul, the soldiers and even God. But instead of fighting Goliath, the Bible says when the Israelites heard Goliath's big voice and his mean words, they were terrified (that means they were really, really afraid). Every morning and every evening Goliath would stand on the hill and shout the same words to Israel; Goliath did this for forty days. No soldier would dare fight Goliath.

David Visits the Army

At this time three of David's brothers were soldiers in Israel's army. They were there waiting to fight the Philistines. They had seen and heard Goliath every day. One day, David's father asked him to leave his sheep and to take some bread and cheese to his brothers in the army. David's father said, "See how your brothers are doing and bring me the news." Early in the morning David loaded up the bread and cheese in a cart and set out to visit his brothers as his father Jesse had asked. When David got to the valley, sure enough, standing on one side were the Philistines ready for battle, and on the other side were the Israelites. When David saw his brothers, he ran to greet them, but as he did,

Goliath stepped out from the rest of the Philistine soldiers and started to shout in a loud voice, “Today I stand and dare the army of Israel! Send one of your men to fight me!” Goliath continued to shout mean things about God. This made David very unhappy. David loved God and he didn’t want anyone saying mean things about God or His army. David asked the soldiers standing nearby, “Who is this Philistine that he should say such things?”

David Goes Before Saul

The soldiers led David to King Saul. David said, “Don’t be afraid because of this Philistine, I will go and fight him.” King Saul was amused by this but knew it was foolish. He said to David, “You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a boy, and he is a grown man.” But David remembered something as he stood there talking to the king, “The Lord has helped me as I have cared for my father’s sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the rest of the flock, I went after it, and hit that lion or bear and rescued the sheep and brought it back to the others. I have killed the lion and a bear that tried to hurt the sheep because the Lord helped me. The Lord will help me fight this giant.”

Ready for Battle

King Saul listened closely to the words David spoke, and then he said, “Go, and the Lord be with you.” Then Saul had David dressed in heavy armor so he would be protected. Saul put a coat of armor on David and a bronze helmet on his head. David hooked a sword over the clothes. Then he tried to walk away, but David was not used to wearing armor like that. He was shepherd remember? Shepherds don’t wear helmets on their heads and swords around their waists! And, so David said to King Saul, “I cannot fight Goliath dressed like this! I’m not used to it.” And he took the armor off. Then David took his shepherd’s stick (called a staff) in his hand and went down to the stream. There he found five smooth stones. David put them in his little shepherd’s bag. And then he took his sling and walked toward the Philistine Goliath.

The Battle

Goliath came walking toward David with the soldier carrying his shield before him. When he saw that David was so young and that he was standing there with his shepherd’s staff instead of a sword, Goliath started to make fun of him and he laughed, “Do you think that I’m a dog? Did you come to fight me with a stick?” The soldiers on both sides of the valley began to watch closely as the fight was to begin. The Israelite soldiers were probably very scared at this point, but not David. David remembered what God had done. God had delivered him before from the lion and the bear and God would deliver him now. And so David called out to Goliath, “You come against me with sword and spear, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel. This day the Lord will hand you over to me. And all those gathered here will know that the battle is the Lord’s.”

David said great words about God as Goliath moved closer toward him. Quickly David ran to meet the giant and reaching into his little bag he took out one of the smooth stones. David placed the stone into his sling and threw it into the air toward Goliath. The little stone hit the giant right here (show) in his forehead, and with a large thud, Goliath hit the ground. God had caused David to win over the Philistine giant that day with a sling and a stone, without even a sword in his hand. When the Philistines saw that their hero, Goliath, was dead, they turned and ran away. Now they were afraid. The Israelites never had to worry about Goliath again.