

DAVID & GOLIATH

The Ultimate Battle

“And the Philistine said, “Today I defy the ranks of Israel! Give me a man, that we may fight together.”

1 Samuel 17:10



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Faith Fix Family Devotional



“You come to me with sword and spear and javelin; but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.”

1 Samuel 17:45

Never done a family devotional before?

No worries!

Quick Tips!

1. Read through the devotional together, maybe take turns reading.

2. Read the Bible story together

3. Go through the questions as a family, allowing everyone a chance to answer.

IMPORTANT: there are no wrong answers!

4. Branch out, don't be afraid to try something new!

Give the activities a chance and see how they go!

5. Pray together as a family

6. Have FUN!

THE CHALLENGE

Devotion

Welcome to the most epic, unbelievable battle ever! Today we set the stage for this battle! This week we find out about THE CHALLENGE! This challenge is what ignited this battle in the first place. Who challenged who? Let's find out!

Bible Story

This week we are going to read the very beginning of this story. Open your Bibles to 1 Samuel 17 and read verses 1–11. Let's find out how this battle came about.

Final Thought

Did you hear that? There was a man who was gigantic! He was most likely around 9 foot tall and his name was Goliath! Can you imagine that? Not only was Goliath a giant but he was armed with spears and bronze helmets, ready for battle! This is the first scene in this story, can you imagine it? Here we have two armies when all of sudden out comes this massive man, armed and ready for battle. He doesn't just go right into battle but instead he calls out a challenge. He asks the Israelites if they have anyone who would fight him. He challenges them saying, if someone from their army fights him and wins, the Philistines will be their servants. BUT if Goliath wins, the Israelites will be the servants. What a challenge! Did you hear what happened next? Not this week!! We will pick up where we left off next week!

Family Discussion Questions

1. Can you imagine this giant of a man? How would you feel if you were there on that day and this man came out and said that?
2. What do you imagine is going to happen next? Use your imagination and come up with the rest of the story.
3. Have you ever been challenged in life? What or who challenged you? What happened once you were challenged?

We are all going to be challenged in our lives. Sometimes we are challenged on an athletic field, in the classroom, by our friends and when we get older we will be challenged in work. It is important to remember that even in these scary times, God is with us! You will see how God is in this story soon!

Marshmallow Challenge

This week we have a challenge for you too! Goliath was a very, very tall man! We are going to see how tall you can create something with the limited materials we are providing you! Can you make it as tall as Goliath? In your box you will find sticks of spaghetti, tape, marshmallows, and string. You may need to find scissors to assist you with this challenge. Make teams within your family to see which team can make the tallest structure. The end structure needs to be able to stand by itself! We challenge you to see how tall you can make it in 10 minutes time. Ready and build!

Prayer

Dear God,

Thank you for the challenges in our lives. We know that challenges make us stronger!

Thank you that you never leave us. We love you. Amen.

THE CONTENDER

Devotion

Last week we heard the challenge from Goliath. You all made your guesses as to what happens next and now it is time to find out!

Bible Story

This week we are going to read 1 Samuel 17:12-37.

Final Thought

David, David, David! They all cheered for David when he volunteered to be the contender, right? Wrong. No one thought David could do it. "You are just a boy," they said. His brothers got angry that he was even there at the battleground. But David was not backing down. He said that he has killed bears and lions! David had great faith and was determined to fight for the Lord. He was small but he considered himself to be mighty! David was now the contender and he was definitely the underdog. Do you think he goes through with it? Do you think he wins? We won't find out this week! Come back next week as we continue this battle story!

But for now, David is teaching us something very important. David is teaching us to be brave, that we are all called to be mighty even if we are young and/or small. David shows us that God uses everyone, even kids! We can all make a difference, no matter who we are.

Family Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever done something that required you to be brave? Share with one another.

2. Did you know that God want to use you for mighty things too? David had a strength in fighting and keeping his sheep safe. What are you good at? What are your strengths?
3. It would have been easier for David if he had people cheering for him. Who are your support? Who cheers you on?

Self-Esteem Dice

We are going to do an activity this week to help build our confidence and self-esteem. As David shows us, we are all good, old enough and brave enough to do amazing things; now we need to believe it! In your box you will find a tissue box and six squares. First, cut out all six squares. Then, either tape or glue them on each side of the tissue box. Now, go around your family and roll the dice. Whatever questions lands face up, you answer! If someone is having a hard time answering the question, the rest of the family can help answer it for them! Have fun complimenting yourself and building one another up!

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for using us for good. Help us to remember that you want to use each of us, no matter who we are! Help us remember to be brave and to remember that we have you with us! Amen.

BATTLE PREP

Devotion

So here we are, Goliath has challenged the Israelites into battle and small, little David has stepped forward to be his contender. David is a young boy who watches sheep, but he is determined and ready to defend his Lord. Now it is preparation time. Let's see how David gets ready for battle.

Bible Story

Open up to 1 Samuel 17: 38-40

Final Thought

Do you remember what Goliath was wearing? He had armor, a helmet, a javelin and spear. He was dressed for battle! And what did David want to wear? His regular clothes. The king gave him armor, a helmet and a sword but David did not want it. He had his staff, five stones and his sling. And off he went! WHAT? Is that crazy? He was not protected by armor and his only weapon was a sling and five stones!

We will find out what happens in battle next week, but we know that David loved God and knew that God was with him. David was staying true to who he was, not fighting with a sword but rather, with his sling and stones. David did not change who he was for this battle. He stayed true to himself and he knew that God was with him.

We all go into 'battle' at times; tough situations, new schools, times of drama with friends, or making new friends. It is important when we go through hard times to remember that God is with us. It is important to remember when go to new schools or meet new people to stay true to ourselves. Don't change just to make new friends or to please others. David shows us that even in the toughest time in his life, he stays true to himself. David believes God is with him and he knows who he is.

Family Discussion Questions

1. What are five things that make you who you are? Share with one another.
2. When is a time you find it hard to trust that God is with you? What is a time you find it hard to stay true to yourself?

God makes us brave and God wants us to remember who we are. God doesn't want us to change our values or beliefs because of hard times. Can you try to stay faithful and remember who you are?

God Made Me Activity

God made each of us unique and special. God made David brave and simple. David worked with his bare hands, no fancy armor or swords. God also made David small and mighty. God made you unique too! This week we are going to celebrate our uniqueness. In your box you will find papers with a simple outline of a person. Each person in your family will get one and make it your unique self. Decorate your person like yourself. If you are observant and like to see everything around you, make your eyes really big! If you smile all the time and try to be happy always, make your smile big and bright! If you like to build things with your hands, are creative and inventive, make sure to highlight your hands. And then, around the body, draw or write other strengths that make you unique. Have fun with this and then share what makes you, YOU!

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for making us each unique. Thank you for David showing us how to stay true to ourselves. Help us to be brave in tough situations and help us to remember who we are in you. We love you. Amen.

THE BATTLE

Devotion

The battle is finally here. The giant Goliath against the small but mighty David! Two are heading into battle, only one will conquer. Who will be the winner?

Bible Story

The battle stage is set, now it is time to find out how it pans out. Read I Samuel 17:41-49.

Final Thought

What a story! What a battle! These two guys were equally prepared to win, but one had an advantage...David had God on his side. Goliath was surprised to see such a young boy fighting him, carrying sticks and stones to do so. But David was confident that God would help him win this battle. And win he did! David brought with him five stones, but it only took one stone to defeat giant Goliath! God provided for David. God gave David bravery, strength and confidence. God gives us these very same things! God can give us bravery, strength and confidence in all of our trials, troubles and days. Never fear for we have God on our side! God gives us these things because God loves us. God LOVES you!! God loved David and God loves you.

Family Discussion Questions

1. Was this how you thought the battle would go? Why or why not?
2. How can God help you this week? What do you need help with?
3. God loves you no matter what. God will help you no matter who you are! How does that make you feel? Praise God for always being with us!

David's Sling, Stones and God Craft

In your box for this week you will find paper cups, string, tin foil squares and construction paper. We are going to make our own sling shot cup game. First, take the

construction paper and cut it so it will wrap around the cup. Decorate this paper however you want, but make sure to write, "God is my strength" on it somewhere. Then, wrap it around the cup and tape it on. Using a pencil or pen, poke a small hole on the bottom of your cup. Taking the string, make a couple of knots on one end. Then, pull the string from the inside of the cup. The knots at the end will keep the string from falling all the way of the cup. On the end of the string that is outside of the cup, wrap the foil square around it, forming the foil into a ball. The foil is your stone. Now that it is complete, the game is to try to hold the cup and sling the foil stone into the cup! It is a little tricky so have fun trying! While you play this game, remember that David's real strength didn't come from the sling or stone, but it came from God. God gives us that same strength!

Prayer

Dear God,

Thank you for giving us your strength. Help us to remember that you are always with us, every day! Thank you for David and the amazing lessons that we can learn from him. We love you. Amen.