

DAVID DEFEATED GOLIATH

1 Samuel 17



The Philistines gathered for war against Israel. A champion named Goliath came out from the Philistine camp. He was nine feet, nine inches tall. He shouted to the Israelites: “Choose one of your men and have him come down and fight me.” Goliath threatened the Israelites for forty days. Saul and all the Israelites were terrified.

One day, Jesse sent his son David to bring supplies to his brothers who were in the Israelite army. He heard the words Goliath used to threaten the Israelites. David said, “Who does Goliath think he is, that he should mock the living God and his army? Don’t let anyone be afraid of this Philistine. I will go and fight him!” Saul replied, “You can’t go and fight Goliath. You’re just a young man.”

David answered, “I have been tending my father’s sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a lamb, I rescued the lamb. The Lord who rescued me from the

lion and the bear will rescue me from this Philistine.”

Saul said, “Go, and may the Lord be with you.” David took his staff and sling, and chose five smooth stones. Then David approached Goliath. David said, “You come against me with a sword and spear, but I come against you in the name of the Lord of Armies. Today, the Lord will hand you over to me. Then all the world will know that the battle is the Lord’s.” David pulled out a stone, slung it, and hit Goliath on the forehead. Goliath fell and died.

Christ Connection: The Israelites were helpless to defeat the giant enemy Goliath, but God sent David to save them. We are helpless to defeat our enemies of sin and death, but God sent Jesus to save us by dying for our sin and rising again.



LEARN

THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL

The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

» Number the descriptions, 1–7, in the order they happened. Use the Bible story on the previous page, if you need help.

- ___ For 40 days, Goliath mocked God and His people.
- ___ David killed Goliath.
- ___ Goliath ran at David, and David ran at Goliath.
- ___ David chose five stones and a sling as his weapons.
- ___ Saul said David was too young to fight Goliath.
- ___ David went to Saul and asked to fight Goliath.
- ___ Jesse sent his son David to bring supplies to his brothers.

» What does this story teach us about God?

» How does this story point us to Jesus, who defeated sin and death?

GOSPEL DISCUSSION

Like Goliath, we all rebel, defy God, and sin. And like David knew he couldn't defeat Goliath alone, we can't defeat the sin in our lives. David trusted in God to rescue him. God sent His only Son, Jesus, to rescue us from sin and death. Jesus paid the penalty for our sin by dying on the cross. When we put our faith in Jesus, He saves us.



THE GOD OF THE GOSPEL

- » Why did Goliath fail and lose the battle?

- » David trusted God was with him. Why is God's presence a comfort to believers?

- » All of Israel, except David, was scared of Goliath. How can we have courage like David?

CHRIST CONNECTION

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THE MISSION OF THE GOSPEL

» Find Jeremiah 10:6-7a in your Bible and write the words below.

» Write a prayer to God, praising Him for His victory over your enemies, sin and death.

READ THE WORD

Think about God's greatness and how Jesus rescues us from sin and death. Read one of the following passages each day this week:

☐ Psalm 20:7-8

☐ Romans 8:1-3

☐ Psalm 23:4

☐ Hebrews 2:14

☐ Psalm 56:3-4

☐ 1 John 5:18