

Bible in 52 Weeks—David and Goliath Story 12



Faith Connect: When was a time when you felt that you didn't have the skills or tools that you needed for a task but did it anyway? How did it go? Sometimes this is how we learn about ourselves and the gifts that God has given us! Make a list of gifts that you see in each other.



Faith Bible: 1 Samuel 17 or David and Goliath in a children's Bible. If reading 1 Samuel 17, break it up into sections: Verses 1-18, 19-37, 38-58.

Conversation Starters:

For Children:

1. What are some things that you are good at?
2. What do you think kids can do to serve God?
3. Do you have to be big, strong and have a lot of training to serve God? Why do you think that God uses all kinds of people in God's kingdom?
4. How was God with David in this story? How is God with you?
5. Have ever done something scary that you wondered if you could do? What was that like?
6. David's brothers didn't like his question about trusting God. How can we remember to trust God even when other people tell us it's foolish?

For adults/youth:

1. When was a time that you were called or entrusted to do something difficult? How did it go?
2. What does courage look like to you? When was a time you were courageous?
3. Have you ever been the underdog? How did that go? Have you ever been perceived as "Goliath," the person who has it all together? How did that feel? Why is it problematic to make assumptions about people based on outward characteristics?
4. How do you remember to trust God in all areas of your life? Is that easier or more difficult depending on the situation? What situations are it easier to remember God's presence?
5. How is this story about living faith?
6. If you had to tell someone what the main point of this story is what would you say?

Activities for all:

- Make a list of your gifts. How do you use them in your everyday life?
- Find a rock and write the words "Trust God" on it and keep it with you this week.
- For children, take a paper lunch sack and decorate it. Write or draw your gifts that you can share this week in your home on separate slips of paper (dishes, cleaning your room, praying for others, talking to someone who needs help, helping with homework, reading, etc.) and put them in the bag. Each day pull one out and use that gift somehow today!
- Pray the news this week. Pray for all people to know God's presence and courage.
- Find a local mission, soup kitchen, or other agency and volunteer or collect items needed to remember that even the smallest acts are important.
- Make a list of ways to love in a courageous way this week. Perhaps it's offering a co-worker who can be difficult a kind word, picking up trash that isn't yours, offering your authentic heart to a friend or family member.



Faith Pray: This week offer prayers of gratitude for God's courage that flows to us through the Holy Spirit. Offer prayers for those who are the Goliath's in our lives. Pray that you use your gifts to reveal God's love in the world.



Faith Bless: +With God you can do hard things+