

ELEMENTARY (K-3)

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The story of David and Goliath.

Memory Verse

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Psalm 16:8 NLT

Story Time

Read 'The Young Hero and the Horrible Giant' (pages 122-129 in the Jesus Storybook Bible) or watch the video on our website.

Understanding the Story

Talk this through with your kids:

People are really good at forgetting. God had rescued Israel from Egypt and promised to make them into a special nation - His people. Now, years later, they're in a battle and they seem to have forgotten who they are. Someone tall and loud is saying they'll be slaves and instead of remembering all that God has done, they're afraid.

David was different, not because he was the strongest, but because he remembered God's promise to be with them. He was probably still scared and the other army would have been making fun of him - BUT he was courageous because he still did a hard thing even when it wasn't easy or popular. His courage came from God's strength. How did he win the battle? By being himself and having faith in who God is. The king tried to give him armour, to make him look more like the warrior people would expect, but David faced Goliath in his own way. David's victory was God's strength at work. We might not have to fight a giant, but we all have a call to be courageous and trust God's promises (even if other people make fun of us because it isn't what others expect).

Digging a little deeper:

One way of looking at this story would be to say 'We should be more like David'. He fought a giant and his faith and courage helped him win the battle. But, the bible doesn't point us to be like David; the Bible points us to Jesus. So let's ask "How does this

story get us ready for Jesus arriving?" It gives us clues about Jesus' character.

David didn't look like a warrior, and when Jesus arrived on the scene, the Jews were expecting a warrior, but what did they get? A baby! God doesn't always win battles the way we'd expect.

Questions to get you talking:

- Is there anything that scares you?
- Have you ever done something even though it was scary?
- Do you know anyone who's been brave?

Activities in your box

- **Colouring Sheet**
- **Courage letter bead bracelet** Make a bracelet that says 'Courage' as a reminder that God is with you and we can have faith in His promises.
- **Rock painting** A reminder of courage and the 5 smooth stones David collected from the river. Use the rocks and paint pens in your box. They'd make fun decorations for your room or garden!

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2. David fought as a representative for his people, his victory over Goliath was their victory too. Jesus fought sin as our representative - his victory over death is offered to us as our victory too. It isn't something we earn, but a gift that's offered because of God's GRACE.

David's battle was with one giant, but Jesus' battle was with a greater force and came at a greater price. Jesus gave his life and won the battle with sin for everyone, for the people then and for us now.

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