



3RD - 5TH

11.1
David Defeated Goliath



CONNECT TIME

Greet kids by name and play table games as kids arrive. Be sure to welcome any new families. Ask kids:

Have you ever had a problem that was so big you thought you would never overcome it? What was the problem? How did you overcome it?



RESCUER

Start by 9:20/10:45

Read each situation aloud and ask kids, "Who could help?" Allow kids to share their answers. After each situation, briefly explain how that person can help.

- Someone broke into your house. (Police officer)
- You are really sick. (Doctor)
- You need help learning something new. (Teacher)
- Your tooth hurts. (Dentist)
- Someone is in a pool and cannot swim. (Lifeguard)
- You are facing something that feels impossible. (God)

Different people help us with different problems. A doctor helps when we are sick, and a lifeguard helps when someone is in danger. But there are some things only God can do. In today's story, David faced a problem that seemed impossible—a giant named Goliath. David trusted God because he knew God was greater than anything he faced. God gave David victory over Goliath, and we can trust Him too.

START BY
9:30/10:55

REVIEW **3** BE, LISTEN, FOLLOW



LARGE GROUP

SMALL GROUP



BIBLE REVIEW

Distribute Bibles, and guide kids to open their Bibles to 1 Samuel 17. Invite kids to point to the chapter number 17. Then invite kids to find the verse number 45. Practice finding other verse numbers in chapter 17. **Choose a volunteer to read aloud 1 Samuel 17:45-47.**

- Where did David say his victory would come from?
- Why do you think David was able to face Goliath when everyone else was afraid?
- What are some things people might depend on instead of God when they face hard things?
- How can we show that we trust God when we face challenges?

David did not defeat Goliath because he had the strongest weapons or the most strength. David trusted in God, who was with him and gave him victory. We can trust God too because He is greater than anything we face. God showed His greatest love and power by sending Jesus to rescue us and bring us back to Him. When we trust in Jesus, He helps us follow Him and live with faith in God.



DISCUSSION

Why did Goliath fail and lose the battle? Goliath trusted in his own strength and his weapons instead of trusting in God. He believed he was powerful enough to win on his own, but he was no match for God's power. We need to be careful not to put our trust in things that cannot save us. The world may tell us to find our worth in things like power, popularity, money, strength, or appearance, but only Jesus can truly save us and give us victory over sin and death. (Option: Read Psalm 20:7-8.)

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

God promises to always be with those who trust in Jesus. His presence gives us comfort because we know we are never alone. No matter what we face, God is greater than our struggles and fears. Even during difficult times, God gives us hope, strength, encouragement, and joy because He is with us. (Option: Read Psalm 23:4.)

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

Everyone faces times when they feel afraid or unsure. Like David, we can have courage because we know God is with us. God has already given us the greatest victory through Jesus. Jesus defeated sin and death, so those who trust in Him can live with hope and confidence. Nothing can separate us from God's love. (Option: Read Psalm 56:3-4.)



KNOCK DOWN THE GIANT

Provide 10 plastic cups, one marker, and one ping pong ball for the group. Invite kids to think of things that can make people feel afraid, worried, or overwhelmed. Have kids take turns writing one fear or struggle on each cup. Stack the cups into a pyramid. Then have kids take turns tossing the ping pong ball at the pyramid, trying to knock down all the cups. Rebuild the pyramid and play again as time allows.

The cups remind us of things that can feel big or scary in our lives. Goliath looked impossible to defeat, but David didn't trust in his own strength—he trusted God. God is greater than every fear, every struggle, and every problem we face. God sent Jesus, our perfect Savior, to rescue us and help us trust Him no matter what we face.



Take prayer requests and allow kids to pray.



Match parent pick-up numbers, with child name tag numbers.

Build relationships with parents, encourage them to take a picture of the parent recap page to go over on the ride home.