



K - 2ND

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:

Who is the tallest person you know? What does it feel like to stand next to someone who's taller and stronger than you?



LORD OF ARMIES

Start by 9:20/10:45

Invite kids to listen carefully for each word and do the matching action. Call out the words in different orders and continue playing for several rounds.

Words and Actions:

- Sword — Pretend to pull a sword from your side
- Spear — Hold one arm out like you are holding a spear
- Shield — Cross your arms in front of you like a shield
- Lord of Armies — Stand tall and flex your muscles to show God's great power

The Lord of Armies is the powerful King who rules over everything. In today's story, David faced a giant named Goliath, but David knew that God was greater than Goliath. David trusted God, and God gave him the power to defeat Goliath.

START BY
9:30/10:55

REVIEW **3** BE, LISTEN, FOLLOW



LARGE GROUP

SMALL GROUP



BIBLE STORY REVIEW

Distribute Bibles and guide kids to open their Bibles to 1 Samuel 17. Read aloud 1 Samuel 17:45-47. **The Bible reveals many names for God, including the one found in the verses we just read, when He is called Lord of Armies. This name is used to describe how strong and powerful God is.**

- What did David trust in when he faced Goliath?
- Why wasn't David afraid of Goliath?
- What are some things that can feel scary or hard?
- Who can we trust when we face hard things?

David knew that God was greater than Goliath, so he trusted God to help him. We may not face a giant like David did, but we all face hard or scary things. God is greater than anything we face, and He helps us trust Him. God showed His love for us by sending Jesus to rescue us and bring us back to Him.



DISCUSSION

Have kids discuss these questions with a partner sitting close to them first to encourage participation. Then discuss as a whole group.

Does trusting God mean everything will always happen the way we want? Why or why not? No. Sometimes hard things still happen. Sometimes we don't get exactly what we want. But we can always trust God because He loves us, is with us, and knows what is best. He gives us peace, hope, and strength when we trust Him. And when we trust Him, we got to show others how good God is.

Can you think of a time when you trusted God during something hard? God was with David when he faced Goliath, and God is with us too, no matter what. When we trust in Jesus, God gives us the Holy Spirit to help us follow Him and trust Him every day.

Why is God greater than Goliath and everything we face? God is the Creator and King over everything. Nothing is too big or too powerful for Him. God showed His greatest power by sending Jesus to rescue us and by raising Him from the dead. We can trust God because He is greater than everything and everyone.



TAKE YOUR SHOT

If you have enough kids, divide them into two teams. Otherwise, play as one group. Give each team (or the group) 10 plastic cups and one ping pong ball. Stack the cups at one end of a table. Have kids line up at the opposite end of the table and take turns rolling the ping pong ball to knock down the cups. Continue until all the cups have been knocked over.

Those cups were much easier to knock down than a real giant! Goliath was over 9 feet tall, and no one in Israel thought they could defeat him. But David didn't trust in his own strength or his slingshot. He trusted God. Today, we learned how God gave David the power to defeat Goliath and showed that He is greater than everything and everyone. We can trust Him with every part of our lives, because He loves us and wants to help us.



As time allows, pass out crayons and pencils for kids to work on the activity sheet.



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.