

# Old Testament

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# Through the Old Testament in Two Years

## Part One



Created for use with young, unchurched learners  
Adaptable for all ages including adults

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## David and Goliath

Last week we learned that Samuel obeyed God and went to anoint David as the next king. David was a shepherd boy when Samuel anointed him. But David did not immediately become king. God had a plan for David.

I Samuel 17

### Read the Bible

**READ: I Samuel 17:33-51 (Hold your Bible open throughout the story.)**

### Memory Verse:

Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being certain of what we do not see.  
**(Hebrews 11:1 NIV)**

### Begin With Prayer

God's people were in battle with a group of people called the Philistines. They were mean people who did not love God. (I Samuel 17:1-3)

One day, the Philistines challenged God's people. They were so proud and confident that THEY could win. They had a secret weapon. They had a man who was mean, tough, and tall. His name was Goliath. He was over nine feet tall! That is almost as tall as the hoop on a basketball goal (It is ten feet)! He even carried armor that weighed over 125 pounds. He was strong, too! (I Samuel 17:4-7)

### Goals

1. Understand that the Philistines were at war with the Israelites.
2. Learn that Goliath challenged the Israelites for 40 days.
3. Recognize that David had faith.
4. Understand that God delivered the Israelites.

Every day for 40 days, that is more than a month - Goliath would come out from his side of the mountain and challenge God's people. He asked for one brave person to come and fight him. (I Samuel 17:9-10)

God's people were scared. They saw how strong and tough he was. No one would fight him. They were afraid he would win. (I Samuel 17:11)

One day, Jesse asked his youngest son David to go to the battlefield to take food to his brothers. David jumped up and went to the battleground. While he was talking to his brothers, Goliath came out and shouted his threat to the army. David heard what Goliath said. He could not believe that Goliath was speaking this way to God's army. David quickly found out what was going on. (I Samuel 17:12-27)

Eliab, David's brother, was angry at what David was doing. He was probably a little jealous of David's confidence. (I Samuel 17:28)

News got back to Saul of David's interest in fighting Goliath. He asked David to come to him. Saul couldn't believe his eyes. David was a teen-

## David and Goliath – Bible Facts

1. Goliath challenged Israel for 40 days.
2. David found out what was happening.
3. David convinced Saul to let him fight Goliath.
4. God delivered Israel.

aged boy! He surely couldn't fight a grown man. (I Samuel 17:29-32)

David had faith in God. The Bible says, "Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being certain of what we do not see." (Hebrews 11:1 NIV) David told him how God was with him and that he had killed a bear and a lion. After hearing this, Saul decided that David could fight Goliath. (I Samuel 17:33-37) He gave David special armor to wear. Poor little David! The armor was too heavy for him. He pulled off the armor and went to a stream of water. He picked up five stones and put them in his pocket. (I Samuel 17:38-40)

Then, Goliath came. He looked at David and probably laughed. He told David that he would feed him to the birds. (I Samuel 17:41-44)

But David said, "You may come with your armor and spears, but I come to you in the name of the Lord. Today the Lord will give you to me. I will kill you. Everyone here will know that God did this. The battle belongs to God. God will win!" (I Samuel 17:45-47)

David quickly ran to meet Goliath. He put a stone in his sling and hit Goliath right between the eyes. Goliath fell back and died. David did it! God helped him! (I Samuel 17:48-51)

David believed that God would help him. He knew that God was bigger than any tall person. He trusted God and had faith that God would win the battle.

### Review

1. **What did Goliath do?** (Goliath challenged Israel for 40 days.)
2. **What did David do when he saw Goliath?** (David found out what was happening.)
3. **What happened next?** (David convinced Saul to let him fight Goliath.)
4. **What did God do?** (God delivered Israel.)

### Do You Know Jesus?

God knew that there was no way that we could be good enough to go to Heaven. So, God sent His Son Jesus to take the punishment for our wrongs. He died on a cross. The best part is that Jesus came back to life three days later. Jesus lives, so that if we believe in Him and ask Him to come into our life, He will be with us forever.

### Prayer Time

1. Take a moment to listen to God.
2. Thank God for sending Jesus.
3. Ask God to help you trust Him.
4. Pray for friends and family members who need to trust Him.

### Application

The Philistines were at war with the Israelites. Goliath was a giant warrior who challenged the Israelites for 40 days. But David had faith and trusted God. God was faithful and delivered the Israelites from their enemies.

### Planning for the next week:

David and Jonathan – I Samuel 20

# Preschool Lesson

## Read the Bible

**READ: I Samuel 17:33-51 (Hold your Bible open throughout the story.)**

**Teachers:** Bring 5 little rocks to use as a prop. Bring a tape measure and find an object the same height as Goliath so the kids can visualize; ex: top balcony of 2nd floor; basketball hoop, high ceiling etc.) He was as tall as that \_\_\_\_\_.

In God's land, there were some enemies that wanted to take over. God's people bravely fought the evil men and God helped them win.

One day, the evil men wanted to battle God's people. This time they brought a very, very tall man named Goliath. He was over nine feet tall.

Goliath did not love God. He was proud and loved himself more than other people. He would brag every day and ask for someone to come and fight him.

One day, little David came to bring food to his brothers who were fighting. While he was there, Goliath came out and shouted. David could not believe his ears! He knew that God was bigger than any man, especially someone who was mean to God's people.

David knew that God would win the battle. Saul talked to David about fighting Goliath. David shared how God helped him fight a lion and a bear. Saul gave David heavy armor to wear. When David tried it on, it was too big. Instead, David found five smooth stones from a creek and put them in his pocket. (Show the stones and count to five).

Then, Goliath came. He looked at David and probably laughed. He told David that he would feed him to the birds.

But David said, "You may come with your armor and spears, but I come to you in the name of the Lord. Today the Lord will give you to me. I will kill you. Everyone here will know that God did this. The battle belongs to God. God will win!"

David quickly ran to meet Goliath. He put a stone in his sling and hit Goliath right between the eyes. Goliath fell back and died. David did it! God helped him! Hooray!

David knew that God would help him. We can believe in God and know that He will help us, too!

### Prayer Time

1. Take a moment to listen to God.
2. Thank God for sending Jesus.
3. Ask God to help you trust Him.

### Memory verse for younger children

Faith is being sure of what we hope for. Hebrews 11:1

# Learning Activities

**Memory verse activity** — Gather a rock for each person. Let them write the memory verse reference on the rock.

**Test your memory** — If possible, enlist someone who is tall to come to your class. Ask them to stand as you tell the story of David and Goliath. Ask one of the children to pretend to be David. Bring five smooth stones and a sling shot to tell the story.

**Taste activity** — Use doughnut holes as snacks.

Bring rock candy.

**Think about it** —David’s brother was jealous of him. Talk about jealousy and the results. Talk about what God wants from us.

David had served in the palace playing the harp for the king. Now he was back home tending the sheep. Samuel had anointed him and he was still waiting to become king. Talk about the importance of waiting for God’s time.

Goliath was a bully. Talk about options that are present when you are being bullied.

**Touch activity** — Make a sling shot.

Make a little bag with five stones out of construction paper. Write the memory verse on the stones. Punch holes at the top of the bag and use yarn to make a handle.

Watch the Veggie Tales Video “Dave and the Giant Pickle.”

**Run and play** — Bring a box to create a wall. Create puppets with faces and popsicle sticks. Bring nerf balls. Have the children divide into teams. Have Group #1 hold up the wall and the puppets. They will be behind the wall. Group #1 will raise and lower the puppets at different times. Group #2 will attempt to hit the puppets with the nerf balls.

Make a shuffleboard type game. Use newsprint to make a giant Goliath. Use empty tuna cans as a putt. Use a broom to move the cans.

Create a board game. Draw a face on poster board. Mark an area of the forehead to be the goal (like in darts). Use smooth stones and try to slide them to the area of the forehead that will give you the most points.

**Listen** — As the children take time for silence, remind them that God wants us to trust Him.

**Sing** — Sing “Have Faith in God,” “Faith, Faith, Faith,” “Only Believe,” or another song related to the story.

**Reach out** — During class, pray (by name) for kids that did not come today. Ask the children to go with you to deliver the handouts to those who were absent. Take hearts with the verse printed on them for each child. Encourage them to read the story in the Bible.



Memory Verse

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## Word Puzzle

Trace the letters.

David

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## Word Search

H F G D D H P K H V M S T P H D J F  
P F A I T H S C D P K S H C R L S H  
S R B V R N R B M C I I S E C V P R  
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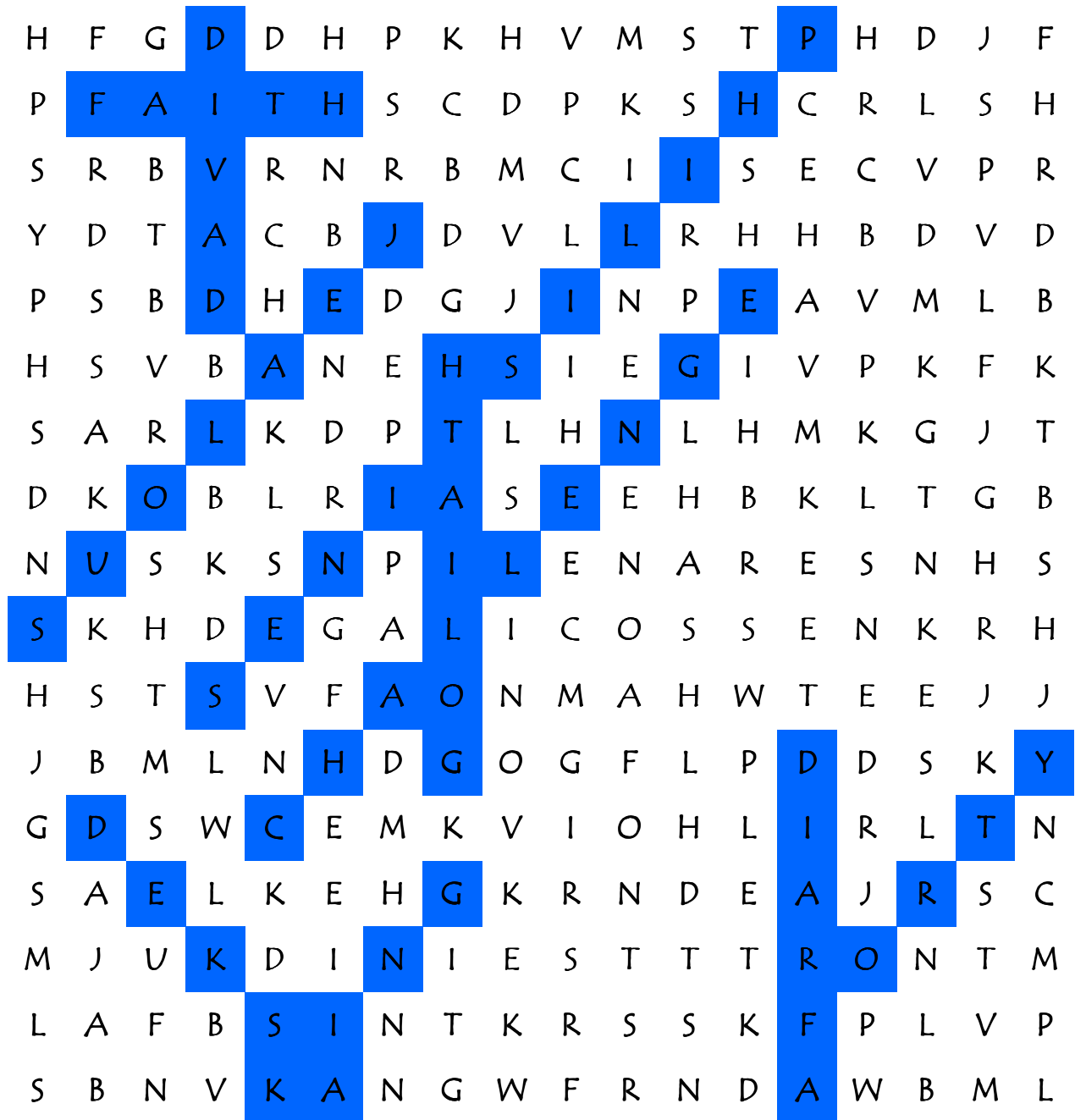
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P R G F O R T Y S N L K  
S B M S N B L K F N G H  
J R V D A V I D C N F H  
M F P K S D K L N A M E  
W S V G I A N T J M C M  
P D R G F J B V S K T D  
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H K N G S V R L M B J S  
F G E F A I T H P K C D  
V L D B R S C F M G B L

ENEMY

FORTY

DAVID

GIANT

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FAITH

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J	R	V	D	A	V	I	D	C	N	F	H
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