

David and Goliath

Card 8

Teacher Background

Review Card Set

Scripture: 1 Samuel 17

Theme: courage

1 Review Activity

2 Read Aloud

1 Samuel 17:45-47

3 Storytelling

Pass out Card 8. Share the story.

- Many years after Moses received the 10 Commandments, the Israelites had a king called Saul. Saul and the Israelites were fighting a war.
- For 40 days a huge man called Goliath would yell to the Israelites to come out and fight him.
- But the Israelites were afraid of Goliath, and no one had the courage to fight.
- David was a young Israelite who brought food to his older brothers on the battlefield. He heard Goliath yelling at the people. David asked Saul to let him fight Goliath.
- At first, Saul said that David was too young to fight Goliath. But David told the king how he killed a lion and a bear with God's protection. David knew that if God could rescue him from these animals he would rescue him from Goliath. David convinced King Saul to let him fight.
- David went to fight Goliath without any armour or weapons, only a slingshot. David told Goliath, "You come to me with sword, spear, and javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of Heaven's Armies—the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied."
- David killed Goliath with one small stone from his slingshot, and the Israelite army won the war. David had courage because he trusted God would rescue him. Many years after David lived, God sent his Son, Jesus, to rescue us and give us courage to stand up against evil. We know Jesus has the power to protect us because he raised himself from the dead.

4 Discussion Questions

1. What did David say to Goliath? ("I come to you in the name of the Lord")
2. How did David kill Goliath? (a stone and a slingshot)
3. How does God's Son, Jesus, give all of us courage to stand against evil? (Jesus has power, he came back to life)

5 Memory Verse

1 Corinthians 16:13

**Be on guard. Stand firm in the faith.
Be courageous. Be strong.**

6 Activity: Heads Up Seven up

Seven children are chosen to stand in front of the group. The group bows their heads and closes their eyes. The seven go out and each touch a person on the shoulder. That person sticks their thumb up. Then the seven go back to the front and say, "Heads up! Seven up!" Each child who has his thumb up gets one chance to guess which of the seven touched him. If he guesses right, then they change places. If he does not, then the person who touched him gets to play again. For a large group, break into two sections with half the group turning to face the back of the room. Each group plays the game in their own section.

7 Learning Point

Sometimes God gently chooses us from the crowd to do his work, just like some of you were tapped on the shoulder to play the game. God used young David out of the big army to be very courageous, and face a very difficult challenge. But David had faith that, if he did it for God, he would be protected, and Israel would be delivered from the enemy. You may face difficult things but God is with you, giving you the strength to stand strong. If you have faith in God, he will give you courage and deliver you from even the most difficult situation. Is there something in your life that scares you? Ask God to make you courageous like David, help you do the right thing, and deliver you from your fears.

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