

David was Anointed

Bible Passage: 1 Samuel 16-17

Memory Verse: ⁶No one is like you, LORD; you are great, and your name is mighty in power. **Jeremiah 10:6**

Bottom Line: I trust Jesus and follow Him because He forgives me.

Big Picture Question: Is anything or anyone greater than God? No, God is greater than everything.

Christ Connection: David did not look like a king or a mighty warrior, but God chose him to be king over Israel and gave him victory over Goliath. The Israelites were too weak and afraid to face Goliath; they needed David to fight on their behalf. In a similar way, though Jesus did not look like a warrior or king, we need Him to fight for us. Jesus gives us victory over sin and death.

Leader Notes:

CONTEXT

Samuel had anointed Saul as king over Israel, but it wasn't long before Saul's disobedience led God to reject him as king. God sent Samuel to Bethlehem to meet Jesse—a man in the family line of Judah. God had chosen one of Jesse's sons to be Israel's king.

When Samuel saw Jesse's oldest son, Eliab, he thought, "This must be the one God has chosen!" Eliab was likely tall and good-looking. Why wouldn't God choose someone like that? But God doesn't make decisions like people do. Read what God said to Samuel in 1 Samuel 16:7.

Jesse's sons took turns passing before Samuel, one by one. Samuel was probably eager to hear which son God had chosen to be Israel's next king! Abinadab? No, not him. Shammah? No. "The Lord hasn't chosen this one either."

It seemed Samuel was out of options, but Jesse had one more son; his youngest, David, was out tending the sheep. David came in and God said, "This is the one." Samuel anointed David, and the Spirit of the Lord was with David.

David did not become king right away. Saul was still on the throne, and David was still young. One day, David found himself at the battle where the Philistines had gathered to fight the Israelites. The story of David and Goliath is one of the most well-known accounts in the Old Testament. When the Israelites cowered in fear, David—with God's power—stepped up and defeated the enemy with just a sling and a stone.

As you teach this week, help the kids relate to the terrified Israelites. Apart from Christ, we are powerless before our enemies of sin and death. None of us would step up like David. Even if we tried, we would fail on our own. David reminds us of Jesus, the greatest hero, who came to save us. When we look to Jesus, He gives us salvation and eternal life.

TEACHING FOCUS (1 Samuel 16-17)

Saul was the king of Israel, but he disobeyed God. So God chose a new king for Israel, a better king. God sent Samuel to Bethlehem to visit a man named Jesse. One of Jesse's sons would be Israel's next king. Jesse had eight sons. Jesse's oldest son was tall and handsome. When Samuel saw him, he thought, this must be the one God chose to be king.

But God told Samuel, "He's not the one. Do not pay attention to what he looks like. You look at what you can see on the outside, but I see the heart." One by one, Jesse's sons approached Samuel, but God had not chosen them either. "Do you have any more sons?" Samuel asked. "Yes," Jesse said. "My youngest son, David, is in the field taking care of the sheep." Jesse sent for David. When David arrived, God told Samuel, "He's the one!"

Samuel anointed David; he poured oil on David's head to show God had chosen him to be the king. The Spirit of the Lord was with David, and Samuel went back home.

When the Philistines gathered an army to fight Israel, King Saul got his army ready too. The Philistines had a great warrior named Goliath.

Goliath shouted at the Israelites, "Send me your best man, and we'll fight one-on-one." But none of the Israelites wanted to fight Goliath. They were afraid of him. One day, Jesse told David to take food to the battlefield. David's brothers were in Israel's army. David saw Goliath and how the Israelites were so afraid. David turned to King Saul and said, "I'll fight him!" David had fought off lions and bears. He trusted God to keep him safe.

Saul offered his armor to David, but it was too heavy. Instead, David chose five smooth stones from a nearby stream and met Goliath armed only with the stones and a slingshot. Goliath made fun of David because he was a young boy, but David said, "You come to fight with a spear and sword, but I come to fight in the name of God! God always wins His battles!" David ran toward Goliath. He slung a rock and hit Goliath in the forehead. Goliath fell facedown, and David killed him. The Israelites won the battle, and the Philistines ran away.

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TODAY'S TAKEAWAYS

- All Scripture is one story about how God loves us despite our sin.
- *God reminded Samuel that God doesn't look at the outside the way people do. God looks into our hearts and sees us for who we really are.* This thing would fail the people so God sent us King Jesus who never fails us.
- Story also reminds us that Jesus will fight for us, similarly to how David fought for Israel. Just as the Israelites could not defeat Goliath, we cannot defeat our sin. That's why God sent Jesus. He defeated sin and death when He died for us and rose again.
- **BL:** I trust Jesus and follow Him because He forgives me.

Worship and Story Time

Gather children on a rug or in a specific area of the classroom to tell the story. Some kids (especially the younger ones) may wander. That's okay. They're still listening and learning!

Play the DVD of All Star Kids worship (choose 1 song for today)

What You Say: "Way to go! You are such amazing singers. Now let's sit down to learn from the Bible Story today."

What You Do: Introduce the Story

"A man named Jesse from Bethlehem had eight sons. God chose to anoint, or pour oil on, the youngest-David, as shepherd boy- to be king after Saul. Later, David's brothers went to fight against the Philistines. A philistine giant named Goliath made all of Saul's army afraid! David was not afraid to fight Goliath. "The God who helped me keep my sheep safe from lions and bears will keep me safe too," David said. David went to battle Goliath with his sling and five stones. Goliath made fun of David, but David said, "The Lord will defeat you!" When David slung his sling, God made David's stone hit Goliath right in the forehead! The Philistines ran away. After that, Saul asked David to serve in his palace.

PLAY BIBLE STORY VIDEO

Check diapers and serve snack.

Activities

Depending on the size of your group, you may lead each activity two or three times. Not every child may want to participate in the activities. That's okay.

1. Measure Goliath

What You Need: measuring tape, tape, butcher paper, markers, "Measuring UP" printable (1 per kid)

What You Do:

- Before class someone will mark 9 feet on a piece of butcher paper.
- Lay the paper on the floor and ask kids to lay on the paper.

- Mark each kid's height on the paper with their name next to the mark.
- Then use the measuring tape to get everyone's measurement, write it on the paper.
- How many kids would you have to stack to measure the same as Goliath's nine feet?
- Use a student leader or other leader and measure them as well. How many kids would need to stand on their shoulder's to be as tall as Goliath?
- Write kid's height on the Measuring UP printable.

What You Say " David was a young boy when God chose David to be king after Saul. God wanted a king who would love Him. **Is anything or anyone greater than our God? No, God is greater than everything.**"

2. Practice signing the Memory Verse

What You Need: Memory Verse Poster

What You Do:

- Show the poster to the kids.
- As you say the words point to them on the poster.
- Create simple hand motions to teach toddlers the memory verse. Sample hand motions include, "No one is like you (shake your head, like saying no), Lord (point to the sky); you are great (sign for "great", both hands up like giving a double high five), and your name is mighty in power (flex your muscles)

What You Say " The Holy Spirit gave Jeremiah exactly the right words to say to God's people. God wanted them to know that God is perfect, and there is nothing and no one who can compare to Him. Only God is all powerful, perfectly holy, and eternally loving."

Pray and Dismiss:

What You Need: coloring page

What You Do:

- Pass out coloring pages for kids to color before parents come to pick them up, or send home to color at home.

What You Say: "Lord, thank You for seeing our hearts and sending Jesus to defeat sin for us, Help us trust in Jesus as our perfect King of Kings. Amen."