

THE CHURCH IN NEW YORK CITY
CHILDREN'S MEETING LESSON (Pre-K & K)

Lesson #39

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SUBJECT: David and Goliath

SCRIPTURE: I Samuel 17

AIM: To show the children that God is able to deliver (save or rescue) them from all enemies and it does not matter how big the enemy is.

MEMORY VERSE: I Samuel 17:47b "... the LORD does not deliver by sword or by spear; for the battle is the LORD's ..."

SONGS: 199, 30, 25, 33, 32, 135

Review:

Do you remember that last week we spoke about a king? His name was (Saul). Was God happy with him? God was sorry that He had made Saul a king. Do you know why God was not happy with King Saul? God was not happy because King Saul disobeyed Him. Yes, King Saul wanted to make God happy by giving Him presents like sheep and oxen. This did not please God. God wanted King Saul to listen to Him. So, God picked someone else to be King.

Content:

The name of the other person that God chose to be king was David. His father's name was Jesse. He was also the grandson of Ruth and Boaz. David also had seven older brothers. David was the baby of that big family. He was handsome and brave. Most important of all, God was with David. David when he was young had a very special job. He took care of his father's sheep. He was a shepherd boy.

During David's youth, the children of Israel, God's people, were at war with a bad people called the philistines. King Saul was still the king, but God was not with him.

One day, King Saul was leading the army of Israel. At this time also, three of David's brothers were in the army. They were camped on one mountain and the Philistines were camped on another mountain.

Among the Philistines there was a giant. His name was Goliath. He was the biggest man anyone had ever seen. Everyone was afraid of him. One day, he came out from among the army of the bad Philistine and shouted to King Saul's army, "I dare you this day give me a man that we may fight together." Would you want to fight a nine foot giant all by yourself? When King Saul and his army heard these frightening words of Goliath, they were scared. His word must have been as scary as lightening and thunder in the middle of the night.

Goliath repeated his shout (or his challenge) day and night for 40 days, but he was so big and scary that all the soldiers in King Saul's army were afraid to fight him. They ran when Goliath appeared and shouted and no one dared to fight him, not even King Saul.

Back home, Jesse the father of David, did not know what was happening in the camp between the two armies. Wanting to know, he called David to him. He told David to leave the sheep with someone else and to go to the camp to bring food to his brothers and also to see how his brothers were doing. Maybe Jesse thought that the armies had been fighting and he was concerned about the safety of his sons. David was a good son. He obeyed his father, left the sheep and went to the camp.

David found his three brothers. As he was talking to them, the Philistine Goliath came again with his scary shout. When David heard the words of Goliath he said, "Who is this Philistine that he should defy the armies of the Living God?" His brothers were angry with him and said, "Why did you come here? With whom did you leave the sheep? You just came down to see the fight." King Saul heard of David's words and sent for him.

David said to King Saul, "Let no man's heart be afraid because of this giant. I will go and fight with the Philistine." King Saul said to David, "You are just a boy. You could not fight him." Then David told King Saul how he had killed the lions and the bears when they had come to take away his sheep. He said, "The LORD GOD who delivered me from the lion and the bear will deliver me from this Giant." So, King Saul said "Go and may the LORD be with you." He also gave David his armor (solid things to wear to protect the body), but could not walk with it and took it off.

David took his stick in his hand and went to the brook (a small flowing stream of water) and chose five smooth stones. He put these stones in his shepherd's bag. With his sling in his hand he walked toward the Giant. When Goliath saw David, he made fun of him because David was just a boy. Goliath said to David, "Am I a dog that you come to me with sticks? Come to me and I will give you to the birds and the beasts." Then the brave shepherd boy David said to Goliath, "You come to me with a sword, but I come to you in the name of the LORD. The LORD does not deliver by sword. This day the LORD will deliver you into my hands that all the earth may know that there is a GOD in Israel."

Then the Giant took his sword out and David put his hand in his bag. David took a stone put it in his sling and threw it with all his strength. The stone hit the Giant in the forehead and Goliath came tumbling down to the ground. When the Philistines saw that their champion, Goliath, was dead they ran away. This is how David killed the Giant with only a stone, a sling and believing that God would save him.