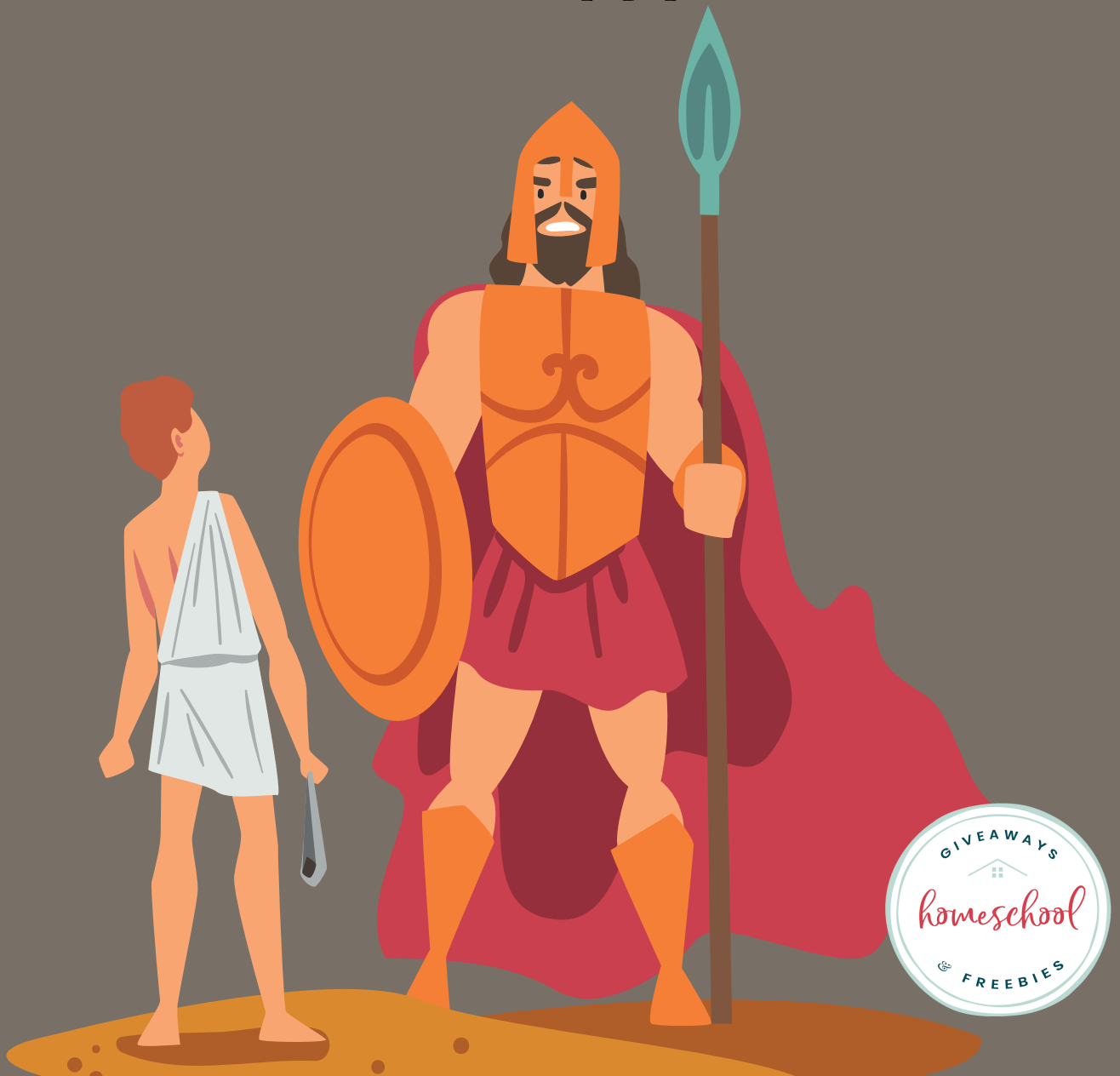


DAVID + GOLIATH

BIBLE STORY ACTIVITY PACK





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STORY TIME!

DAVID IS ANOINTED KING

Saul had been king, but he kept disobeying God. Because of this, God asked Samuel to find a new king. God said to Samuel, "Go to Bethlehem and there is a man named Jesse with eight sons. One of them will be the next king." Saul wanted the biggest son, but he was told to not look at stature. After thinking he had met all of Jesse's sons, Jesse replied, "I have one son left named David, he's the youngest, and he's out looking after the sheep. I will bring him here to meet you." As soon as Samuel saw him the Lord spoke to him and said, "He is the one." Samuel anointed him with oil, which was a special way of promising him that he would be the next king. And from that day on the power of the Lord was with David.



A PROBLEM WITH THE PHILISTINES

Until David became king, Saul was still King and he ruled people called Israelites. David and his family were also Israelites. The Israelites weren't getting along with people named the Philistines. The problem with the Philistines was that they had many giants living in their land. One of the strongest and biggest giants was named Goliath.

Every morning and every evening for forty days he shouted to the Israelites in his big deep voice, "Hey, you guys! I dare you to find one man to fight me. If he can beat me we will become your servants, but if I win you will all become our servants." When Saul and all his men heard this they were very afraid.

DAVID TRUSTS GOD

David knew in one day exactly what to do and trusted that God would help him. That's why God loved David's heart and wanted him to be king. David went to a stream nearby and found five smooth stones, put them in a pouch around his waist, and with his sling he went to Goliath. David ran quickly to meet him. Reaching into his pouch he pulled out a stone, put it into his slingshot and shot it at Goliath. The stone hit him right between his eyes and suddenly Goliath started to lose his balance. David had done it, he beat the giant Philistine! When the rest of the Philistines saw this they ran and David became a hero.

LESSONS LEARNED!

SCRIPTURE READING

Learn more about the story of David and Goliath by reading 1 Samuel 17.

KEY CONCEPTS TO COVER

The account of David and Goliath shed light on many concepts that can be used to teach your children about character development. For starters, you could teach them about facing obstacles that seem to be much bigger than themselves. Part of getting through them takes:

- heart
- courage
- commitment
- trust



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Help your children understand the morals of the story by asking questions such as:

- Why do you think God chose David instead of one of his older and bigger brothers?
- Why was David able to defeat the giant?
- What did it take for David to beat the giant?
- What can we learn from David about problems we have in life?

PRAYER

Pray and thank God for David and his defeat over the giant. Ask God for help in trusting Him with life's problems and obstacles.

ACTIVITY TIME!

THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S

Use the printable on the next page to create a reminder craft that the battle is the Lord's. Glue 3 popsicle sticks into a "Y" shape and 5 pom balls to represent a sling shot and stones.



BAG OF STONES

Using a cloth, burlap, or plastic sack, go on a nature walk to find 5 smooth stones. As your child collects them, talk about the story of David and Goliath. If the stones can be written on, write words that represent the story (trust, courage, commitment, heart, strength, etc.).

ILLUSTRATED STORY SEQUENCE

Using the printable provided, guide your child in retelling the story using their own words and pictures. There are prompts to assist.

OTHER ACTIVITY IDEAS

There are other ways to help reiterate the lessons learned in this Bible story:

- use the cut outs to paste on popsicle sticks for retelling the story
- color pictures of David and Goliath
- have a family play to reenact the story

The battle is
the Lord's.

- 1 Samuel 17:47

ILLUSTRATED STORY SEQUENCE

Draw a picture of 1 Samuel 17:40.



Draw a picture of 1 Samuel 17:48-49.



Retell the story in your own words.

Character Cutouts

