



## God Is Powerful (Part 1) David and Goliath (Part 1)

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Bible Passage: 1 Samuel 16—17

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# The Big God Story

## God is Powerful: David and Goliath

God's people were having a battle with some people called the Philistines. Were the Philistines nice people?

No, they weren't. They wanted to hurt the Israelites. The Philistines had many strong soldiers. Let's pretend we're very strong? *flex your muscles with the children.* The Philistines had Goliath. He was the biggest, scariest soldier anyone had ever seen!

Everyone was afraid of Goliath.. No one wanted to fight him. Do you know who's bigger and more powerful than Goliath?

That's right—God is. God is more powerful than anyone—even Goliath.

One day, David went to the battleground to bring his brothers some food. David heard Goliath say mean things about God's people. How did that make David feel? Yes, it made David sad. Can you make sad faces? Those are very sad faces.

What do you think he decided to do? David said, "I will fight Goliath!" God was with David.

God is so powerful. He used David to fight Goliath. David filled up his pouch. What did David put into his pouch? That's right—he collected five smooth rocks.

When Goliath saw David, he said, "Come here, and I will win this fight!" David wasn't big, and he didn't have a sword. But David had something far better than a sword. God was with David. God is more powerful than anyone, even Goliath!

David took a stone out of his pouch and put it into his sling.. He swung his sling over his head. Then he threw the stone. The stone flew out and hit Goliath right between the eyes. He fell down to the ground. Who won the fight? That's right, God did!

Was David big and strong like Goliath?. No. But who was with David? That's right—God was with David, and God's power gave David everything he needed to win the fight with Goliath.

# Blessing

Have children assume a receiving posture; holding their hands out, palms up to receive their blessing. A blessing can be a prayer of commission, a portion of Scripture, or words to encourage and guide.

**Children, may you learn to see God's amazing power in your life.**

## Activities

### Big and Little

David was small and Goliath was big. Use the enclosed pictures or items in your own home to discuss big and little. *David was a small boy and Goliath was a giant warrior. Let's look at some other things that are big and small. (See pictures starting on next page)*

### My Own David and Goliath

Help them remember how God helped David fight the giant Goliath, children make their own David and Goliath puppets. *God helped David fight the giant Goliath. We're going to make two puppets today—David and Goliath. First, we're going to color them. Then cut them out and glue to a stick!*

### Five Smooth Stones

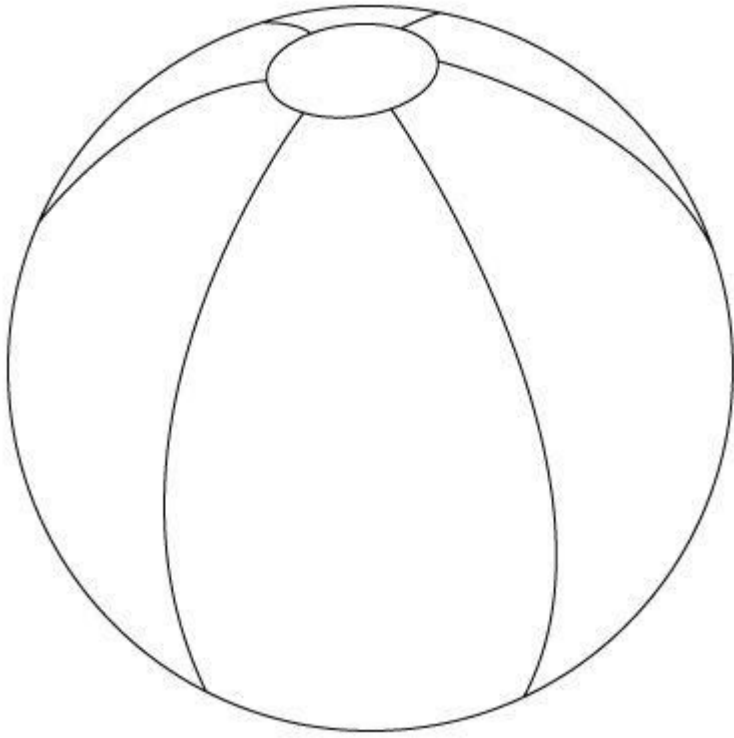
David choose 5 stones from the river for his slingshot. Let your kids go outside and find 5 stones, 5 sticks, 5 blades of grass, 5 leaves and 5 seeds or flowers. *David defeated Goliath with just one stone, but he picked 5 smooth stones from the river. Let's go collect 5 stones, 5 sticks, 5 blades of grass, 5 leaves and 5 seeds or flowers to remind us of how God helped David defeat Goliath.*

### Stone Cookies

David had 5 stones to defeat Goliath. Make "stone cookies" with your kiddos.

- Package of Great Value Sugar Cookies
- 1/4 cup Powdered Sugar
- 1 TBSP Milk
- Black Food Coloring

*(Prepare Sugar Cookies per instructions on package.) Frosting instructions: Lay the cookies out on a pan or wax paper. To get thick gray frosting for rocks, measure 1/4 powdered sugar and 1 tablespoon milk together. Add a very tiny amount of black food coloring. Spoon frosting on top of the cookie. When it dries and sets up it will be a tasty stone cookie.*



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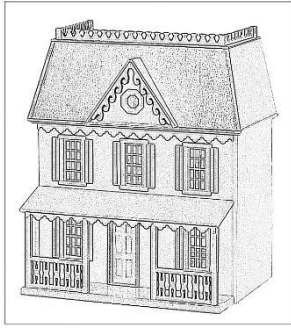
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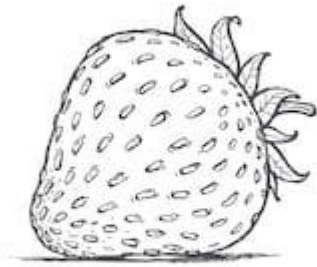




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