



## GETTING READY

### 1. Welcome/Opener

#### What You Need:

- Host
- Half sheets of paper and pencil/pen (enough for each small group to have one)
- VIP Area for Winning Group (See “What You Do”)

#### *Music and Sound Effects (SFX):*

- Upbeat music as kids enter the room

#### *Large Group Visuals:*

- Theme Slide
- Hall of Fame Quiz Slides

### 2. Communicator Script

#### What You Need:

- Communicator
- Bible
- Travel coffee mug, placed on stage in a fairly obvious place
- David Bible character attire for kid
- Tall Small Group Leader dressed like Goliath
- Brown paper bag

#### *Music and Sound Effects (SFX):*

- Upbeat music to use as kids exit the room

*Large Group Visuals (downloadable from the website):*

- Key Question Slide
- One Big Story Intro (Video)

### **What You Do:**

- David and Goliath costumes can be funny. Bathrobe, fabric stash, plastic staff, tin foil armor, garbage can lid shield, etc.
- Preselect a Small Group Leader to come on stage dressed as Goliath. Have them ready to come up when you need them in the Communicator's Script.

## **3. Worship**

### **What You Need:**

- Alive Again
- Good Grace

# Take a Chance on Me

**Bible Story:** Take a Chance on me (David and Goliath) • 1 Samuel 17

**Bottom Line:** Honor others by giving them a chance.

**Key Question:** How does it make you feel when you're overlooked?

**Memory Verse:** *Love one another deeply. Honor others more than yourselves.* Romans 12:10 (NIRV)

**Life App:** Honor—Letting someone know you see how valuable they really are

**Basic Truth:** I should treat others the way I want to be treated.

## **Story: Communicating God's Truth in Engaging Ways** (Large Group, 35 minutes)

Engage kids' hearts through a dynamic and interactive Bible story, worship, and prayer experience in a Large Group setting.

**SFX:** Play high-energy music as kids enter.

**CG:** Hall of Fame Theme Slide

*Host enters.*

### **Welcome**

*Host has lots of energy as he or she welcomes everyone to [Name of Environment]. Host is relatable and inviting. Host can talk about something that happened culturally throughout the week like a big sports game, movie opening (Frozen 2), a viral video on YouTube, etc. Host tells them how excited he or she is that they're there and briefly runs through what they can expect. This is especially helpful for first-time guests to make them feel like they know what's happening.*

### **Opener**

**HOST:** "Hey everyone! I am so pumped for another month here at [Name of Environment]. This month you are in for a VIP experience as we learn what it means that everyone can make it into the Hall of Fame. Speaking of which, how many of you think you are up on your hall of fame athletes? (Pause for response.) Really? Okay then. Well, we are going to start off with a little "all-play" here! I need every small group to get together and grab a half sheet of paper and pencil/pen. Number one through six and wait to begin!"

*Groups move and get ready for the game.*

"Alright, since this month is all about the Hall of Fame, I thought it'd be fun to test your Hall of Fame knowledge. When I give you a multiple-choice hall of fame question, your group will choose an answer and write it down. No changing answers, so be confident the first time! We'll show you the answer and keep score as we go.

*Quickly hand out the paper and writing utensils for each group.*

Here we go with the first question!"

**CG:** Question 1 Slide

“Here we go, Question #1: Which of the following is NOT a member of the baseball Hall of Fame?

- A. Ty Cobb
- B. Pete Rose
- C. Roberto Clemente
- D. Joe DiMaggio

“Everybody write down an answer. Ready? Okay . . . and the answer is . . .

**CG: Answer 1 Slide**

“B! Pete Rose is not in the Hall of Fame. Put an X if you got it wrong.”

**CG: Question 2 Slide**

“Ready for Question #2? Here we go! There are 4 ‘Williams’ in the baseball Hall of Fame. Which of the following is NOT one of them?

- A. Billy
- B. Ted
- C. Ken
- D. Joe

“Everybody write down an answer. The answer is”

**CG: Answer 2 Slide**

“C! There is no Ken Williams in the Hall of Fame. Put an X if you got it wrong.”

**CG: Question 3 Slide**

“Here’s Question #3. In 1998, Jorgen Hammergaard Hansen was elected into which Hall of Fame?

- A. Ice Hockey
- B. Badminton
- C. Ski Jumping
- D. Gymnastics

“Everybody write down an answer. The answer is . . .”

**CG: Answer 3 Slide**

“B! Jorgen Hannergaard Hansen is in the Badminton Hall of Fame. How could you not know this!? He’s a badminton legend, people! Put an X if you got it wrong.”

**CG: Question 4 Slide**

“Let’s move on to Question #4! Which of the following is NOT an actual Hall of Fame?

- A. The Quilters Hall of Fame
- B. The National Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame
- C. The National Mining Hall of Fame
- D. The International Vacuum Cleaner Repairman Hall of Fame

"Everybody write down an answer. The answer is . . ."

**CG: Answer 4 Slide**

"D! At this time, there is no Hall of Fame for Vacuum Cleaner Repairman. But we can only hope to see the day in our lifetimes. Put an X if you got it wrong."

**CG: Question 5 Slide**

"Next up, Question #5! Which NFL team has the most Hall of Fame members?"

- A. New York Giants
- B. Chicago Bear
- C. Dallas Cowboys
- D. Washington Redskins

"Everybody write down an answer. The answer is . . ."

**CG: Answer 5 Slide**

"B! The Chicago Bears have 33 Hall of Fame members. Wow! OK, put an X if you got it wrong."

**CG: Question 6 Slide**

"And now for the last question. Question #6, in 2016, Hiroyuki Saito was inducted into the Hall of Fame as a 'builder.' What sport does Hiroyuki Saito play that gave this honor?"

- A. Curling
- B. Weightlifting
- C. Ping Pong
- D. Bobsled

"Everybody write down an answer. The answer is . . ."

**CG: Answer 6 Slide**

"A! Curling elects Hall of Fame members as 'curlers' and 'builders.' Put an X if you got it wrong."

"Alright add up your scores and call out how many correct answers!"

*If you have any ties, use the following tiebreaker. The first person to answer correctly wins:*

**Optional CG: Tiebreaker Question**

“Well, it looks like we have a tie, so let’s head to the sudden death tiebreaker round. First person to stand and answer this question correctly gets the point and the win! Here it is: Andre the Giant is a hall of fame member for what sport?”

**Optional CG: Tiebreaker Answer**

“Yes! That is the correct answer: ‘Wrestling (or WWF/WWE).’

“Our winning group is *[name of winning group]*! You can head to the *[Name of Environment]* VIP experience!

*Declare a winner and usher them to the VIP experience area.*

“That was an awesome game! Now let’s all stand and worship together!”

**Worship**

*Communicator enters Worship Leaders exit.*

**COMMUNICATOR SCRIPT**

**INTRODUCTION**

**VIDEO: One Big Story Intro**

**COMMUNICATOR:** “Hey everybody! Great to see you. But before we start, I left my coffee mug somewhere, and I can’t seem to find it . . .”

*Starts looking around. It is visible, so the kids will start to yell out where it is. Communicator still can’t see it.*

“What are you all seeing? I don’t see it!”

*Communicator keeps walking past the coffee mug. At this point the kids will be yelling.*

“(Finally seeing it) Oh, there it is! Thanks, everyone. Were you a bit surprised I couldn’t see it? Why?”

*Let a few kids share.*

“Yeah . . . even though it was right there in front of me, I kept overlooking it!”

**TENSION**

**COMMUNICATOR:** “It’s one thing to overlook something; we probably do that all the time—from math problems you skipped by accident on a test to the pencil we thought we lost but was sitting right there on the desk the whole time. But how about you? Have you ever felt overlooked? Have you ever felt like you could do something . . . like you could make a difference or score a goal or a touchdown, or perform as the lead in the musical . . . if ONLY someone would just give you a shot? But instead you feel like you just keep getting overlooked. Has that happened to anyone before? Yeah, it’s hard, right?”

*Optional: Include a personal, age-appropriate story about a time when you felt overlooked.*

## **TRUTH**

**COMMUNICATOR:** “Feeling overlooked can be the worst! Unfortunately, at some point it’ll probably happen to each of us. But how should we respond when it happens? That’s a great question and one that can be answered as we continue our journey through the Bible. Let’s head back to the Old Testament in the Bible to a time period when God’s People, the nation of Israel, were ruled by kings. The writer of 1 Samuel introduces us to a young man I’m sure many of you have heard of before—David! Lots of people might have heard of David before, but not many know that early on in his story, he was actually overlooked quite a bit. Seriously! Let’s check it out. But first I need someone to help play David. Who wants to help?”

*Communicator chooses a kid to be David. They should be on the smaller side but be confident so as not to be embarrassed about their size. Interact with them throughout the story.*

“Alright, let’s get you looking like David here . . .”

*Communicator dresses him in Bible attire (robe, sash, etc.)*

“Awesome. Alright, so David here was the youngest of eight brothers, and . . . does anyone know what his job was growing up?” *(Pause for responses.)*

“Right! He was a shepherd. Now, don’t just think that meant he walked outside and poured sheep food in a bucket every once in a while. No, being a shepherd was tough work. You had to lead your sheep, sometimes days away from home, and then you had to protect your sheep in the wilderness from anything that threatened them, like mountain lions, bears, and other dangerous wild animals. All-in-all, David was probably a pretty tough kid.”

*Communicator makes David flex.*

“Still . . . that didn’t mean that everybody recognized this. You see, there was an army called the Philistines that came to battle against the Israelites. David’s older brothers were a part of the king’s army that went out to battle against the Philistines. But David? Not so much.”

“Well, in this one particular battle, the Philistines brought out their secret weapon—a war machine from Gath named . . . you guessed it, Goliath!”

*Small Group Leader enters dressed as Goliath and stands next to David.*

“Check it out! *(Read directly from 1 Samuel 17:4-5 NIRV)* ‘A mighty hero named Goliath came out of the Philistine camp. He was from Gath. He was more than nine feet tall. He had a bronze helmet on his head. He wore bronze armor that weighed 125 pounds.’”

“(To Goliath) You are a beast of a man.”

“Now Goliath wasn’t just big. Like really big. But he was mean! He would stand and challenge the Israelites, mocking them . . . *(Read directly from 1 Samuel 17:10 NIRV)* ‘This day I dare the soldiers of Israel to send a man down to fight against me.’ This went on for 40 days!”

“The Israelites heard him, including their king, Saul, but they were *all* terrified of him. Well, not everybody. You see, David, wasn’t actually there yet.”

*Communicator moves David off to the side of the stage.*

“You see David wasn’t a part of the army at this point. He was at home taking care of the sheep. Then David’s father sent him out to the battlefield to bring food to his brothers who were in the battle.”

*David re-enters carrying a brown paper bag.*

“Here’s what happened. *(Read directly from 1 Samuel 17:20 NIRV)* ‘Early in the morning David left his father’s flock in the care of a shepherd. David loaded up the food and started out, just as Jesse had directed. David reached the camp as the army was going out to its battle positions.’”

*(Read directly from 1 Samuel 17:22-23, NIRV)* ‘David left what he had brought with the man who took care of the supplies. He ran to the battle lines and asked his brothers how they were. As David was talking with them, Goliath stepped forward from his line.’”

*Small group leader steps up and intimidates David.*

“‘Goliath was a mighty Philistine hero from Gath. He again dared someone to fight him, and David heard it.’”

“David started to ask about Goliath. He wondered why the Israelites let Goliath mock them and God. On top of that, he questioned why no one was willing to do anything about it. And then, David’s own brother got upset with him.”

His name was Eliab. *(Read directly from 1 Samuel 17:28a, NIRV)* ‘Eliab asked David, “Why have you come down here? Who is taking care of those few sheep in the desert for you?”’”

“In other words, David, you don’t belong here! You have no business being here! Let the big boys take care of this. You just keep bringing the sandwiches. Except for one problem, right? The big boys weren’t taking care of it!”

“So David went directly to the king. *(Read directly from 1 Samuel 17:32, NIRV)* ‘Don’t let anyone lose hope because of that Philistine. I’ll go out and fight him.’”

*Communicator raises David’s hand and puts it back down.*



“But king Saul gave David a reality check. *(Read directly from 1 Samuel 17:33, NIV)* ‘Saul replied, “You aren’t able to go out there and fight that Philistine. You are too young. He’s been a warrior ever since he was a boy.””

“Basically Saul was saying, ‘Not you, David.’ Let somebody else do it. But David spoke up and challenged the king’s words. He talked about the times a dangerous animal had come to threaten his sheep and he had to step up and defend those sheep from a vicious attack. And now someone is coming to attack God’s people, and nobody has stepped up to defend them. Somebody had to do it, and David believed it could be him!”

“Well, many of you know how the story goes from here. David got dressed in the king’s armor and carried his sword, but it is all too big. He decided to use his old trusty sling and some stones from the brook. He walked out on the battlefield to face Goliath and said *(1 Samuel 17:45, NIV)* ‘You are coming to fight against me with a sword, a spear and a javelin. But I’m coming against you in the name of the Lord who rules over all. He is the God of the armies of Israel. He’s the one you have dared to fight against.”

David took one of his stones, dropped it into his sling, and let it fly right into Goliath’s forehead. He fell face down in front of all of the Israel. Then the Israelites chased the Philistine army away.”

*Communicator holds both hands of David and Goliath, and then raises*

*David’s hand in victory.*

“Give it up for our volunteers! You guys can be seated.”

## **APPLICATION**

**COMMUNICATOR:** “It’s crazy to think that the hero of the story, David, wasn’t even a part of it until the end. He was overlooked . . . nobody thought that he had a place among the soldiers besides just bringing them food. And yet, God brought the one they were overlooking off of the bench to make a huge difference.”

“Have you ever been there? Maybe you’ve been sitting on the bench thinking, ‘I know I can help my team right now if the coach would just give me a shot!’ Or you’ve been working hard in class, but it seems like the same students always get recognized for their work. Or you didn’t get the part in the play you were hoping for even though you know you’d do a great job on it. Getting overlooked can be really hard. But let me ask you a question: have you ever been on the other side? Have you ever overlooked someone else? Is there anybody right now that you could be including that might just need someone to give him or her a chance . . . a shot . . . an opportunity?”

“Jesus was an amazing example of this. He made it clear that everyone matters to God. He spent time with all sorts of people that other people overlooked, people like the outcasts, the sick, and the sinners. We can follow his example and show the people in our lives how much they matter to us and to God!”

## **LANDING**

**COMMUNICATOR:** “Today as you go to groups, I want you to talk about this question:”

**CG: Key Question Slide**

“**How does it make you feel when you’re overlooked?**” But then I also want you to turn that question around and put yourself in someone else’s shoes and ask that question. Think about how YOU can be the solution and help others feel like they’re welcomed, included, and shown honor. You’ll talk more about all of this in Small Group, but before we head out, let’s pray and thank God for not overlooking us.”

*Communicator leads group in a prayer related to what they just heard.*

*After prayer, Communicator dismisses kids to Small Group.*

**SFX: Play high-energy music as the kids exit.**