



Take a Chance on Me

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

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GETTING READY

1. Opener/Closer

What You Need:

- Host
- Tables; one for each small group competing in the game
- Avery® labels 22807 or equivalent for the Trophy Stickers (see Large Group Visuals and "What You Do"); 15 stickers for each group competing in the game
- Plastic SOLO® cups with Trophy Stickers on them; 15 cups for each group competing in the game
- Bucket; one for each group competing in the game
- Mini plastic footballs or bean bags; about 30 for each group competing in the game
- Masking tape
- Host's phone
- Tape or rope to section off a VIP seating section for the winning group

Music and Sound Effects (SFX):

- Upbeat music to use as kids enter and exit the room
- Fun music for the game

Large Group Visuals:

- Theme Slide
- Honor Slide
- Blank Bottom Line Slide
- Bottom Line Slide
- Blank Memory Verse Slide
- Memory Verse Slide
- “Trophy Knockdown” Slide
- Trophy Stickers (printable)

2. Bible Story

What You Need:

- Storyteller
- Host
- Two kid volunteers
- Bible
- Prop box with the following items for King Saul:
 - Crown
 - Robe
 - Sword
 - Shield
- Prop box with the following items for David:
 - Shepherd’s crook
 - Stuffed sheep
 - Five crumpled-up pieces of paper
- Prop box with the following items for the Host (Goliath):
 - Viking helmet
 - Sword
 - Shield
 - Step stool

Large Group Visuals:

- One Big Story Intro (Video)
- Blank Bottom Line Slide
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3. Worship

What You Need:

- Alive Again
- Good Grace

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SFX: Play high-energy music as kids enter.

CG: Theme Slide

Host is on stage, welcoming the kids as they enter.

Opener

HOST: "Hi, everyone! Welcome to [your environment's name]. My name is [your name], and I'm so glad you're here with us today!

"Welcome to the Hall of Fame—where it's all about honor.

CG: Honor Slide

"Honor is letting someone know you see how valuable they really are.

CG: Theme Slide

"We're here in the Hall of Fame to honor very important people. You might call them VIPs. Well, guess what? God says we're ALL VIPs. We're all very important to Him! It's our job to treat each other with honor and make sure every person knows just how valuable they are.

"Each week, you'll be competing to see who gets to be the VIP Group of the Week. We'll play a game, and then the winning group will get VIP stickers and VIP seating at the front of the room!

"Today's game is a 'Trophy Knockdown.'

CG: "Trophy Knockdown" Slide

Note: This game will be the most fun if you can have all groups play simultaneously; however, if your supplies are limited, you can choose two or three groups to compete against each other.

Hold up one of the “trophies” (plastic cups with trophy stickers on them).

“Each group has a table with these ‘trophies’ lined up across it. When I say, ‘Go,’ your whole group will throw footballs at the trophies to try to knock them down.

Give a bucket of mini footballs to each group.

“Be sure to stand behind your tape line as you throw, okay? The group that knocks down the most trophies in 30 seconds will be the VIP Group of the Week!

“Everybody get set . . . and go!

Set a 30-second timer on your phone.

SFX: Fun music

Optional Video (Media Package): Countdown (30-second version)

Comment on the action as groups are trying to knock down the trophies. At the end, choose the group(s) that have the most trophies knocked down and escort them to the VIP seating section.

“That was amazing! And, this group (point out the VIP Group of the Week) was incredible! (To the VIP group) Are you all comfy? (Pause for response.) Great! I hope you enjoy the rest of Large Group from your VIP seats.

“Actually, don’t sit down yet, because it’s time for us to dance and sing and worship God together!”

HOST: (Mission Announcements Here)

Worship Leaders enter as Host exits.

Worship

WORSHIP LEADER:

Storyteller enters as Worship Leaders exit.

VIDEO: One Big Story Intro

CG: Blank Bottom Line Slide

SETTING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: “Hi, everyone! (Hold up Bible.) Before we get started, let’s catch up from where we left off in God’s One Big Story.

“Moses was the one who led God’s people out of Egypt. When Moses died, a man named Joshua led the Israelites into the land God had promised them. There were people who were chosen as judges to help guide God’s people when they didn’t know what to do.

“But the Israelites saw that other nations had kings, and they decided THEY wanted a king, too. So God gave them a king named Saul.

Choose an older child to be Saul and bring him on stage with you. Give him a crown and a robe to wear, and give him a sword and shield.

“Now, we know that [kid’s name] isn’t really Saul, but just for today we’re going to pretend that he is. Saul didn’t listen to God, so God chose another king: David.

Choose another child to be David and bring him on stage with you. Give him a shepherd’s crook and a stuffed sheep to hold.

“We’ll let [kid’s name] be David for today.

“We’re picking up the story when Saul still ruled Israel, and David was still a shepherd.”

THE BATTLE LINES ARE DRAWN

STORYTELLER: “David was strong. *(To ‘David’)* Ummm . . . excuse me, David? Could you just flex your muscles so we can see how strong you are? *(Wait for him to do it.)* Great! Okay, so David was really strong. He had protected his sheep from lions and bears!

“But David’s older brothers were picked to follow King Saul into battle against the Philistines. Every morning and evening for 40 days, there was a giant warrior named Goliath who marched out to make fun of them. No Israelite dared to face him.

“Goliath . . . okay, just a minute. [Host’s name]! Can you come out here for a minute?”

Host enters. Give him a Viking helmet, sword, shield, and a step stool.

“All right. Now let’s get our battle scene set up. *(To one side of the audience)* All of you on this side of the room, you’re playing the Philistines. *(To Host)* Go on, Goliath—go get ready with your army!

Host takes his step stool into the middle of the “Philistine Army” and stands on it.

“Great! Now, when I point to you Philistines, you’ll yell, “We will, we will beat you! *(to the tune of “We will, we will rock you!”)*. Let’s try that one time. Ready?”

Point to the Philistine side of the room.

HOST and PHILISTINES: “We will, we will beat you!”

STORYTELLER: “Perfect! Okay, now everyone on this side of the room (*point to the other side of the audience*), you’re God’s people, the Israelites. You’re standing over here just looking at those scary Philistines, and you’re terrified! When I point to you, can you show me your very best scared face and say, ‘UH-OH!’?”

Point to the Israelites.

ISRAELITES: “UH-OH!”

STORYTELLER: “Excellent! Now let’s practice. (*To the Philistines*) Philistines!”

Point to the Philistines.

HOST and PHILISTINES: “We will, we will beat you!”

STORYTELLER: (*To the Israelites*) “Israelites!”

Point to the Israelites.

ISRAELITES: “UH-OH!”

STORYTELLER: “That was great! The Philistines were a big, scary army with a big, scary warrior leading the way. God’s people were afraid! What would they do?”

PICK ME!

STORYTELLER: “Well, while all of this was happening, David’s dad Jesse sent David to his brothers. He wanted David to take them some food and find out how they were doing.

“David saw Goliath. He saw how the Israelite warriors ran away in fear. He saw how Goliath was saying mean things against God. (*To David*) David, can you give us a look that says, ‘What in the world is happening here?’ (*Pause for David to do it.*) That’s great! David thought someone should fight these Philistines, but no one would do it! He couldn’t believe God’s people were just standing around in fear!

“King Saul heard what David had said, and he asked David to come see him. (*Nod to Saul and David to act this out.*) David told King Saul that HE would fight Goliath! He knew that God had saved him from a lion and a bear, and God would save Him from Goliath, too. King Saul was amazed. (*To Saul*) King Saul, can you look amazed? (*Pause for Saul to do this.*) That’s great!

“King Saul was impressed by David’s bravery, so he decided to give David a chance. He even offered David his armor and sword. (*Nod to Saul and David to act this out.*) David tried on King Saul’s armor, but he decided not to wear it because it was too big and he wasn’t used to it.”

THE GREAT BATTLE

STORYTELLER: “David picked out five smooth stones from the stream.

Hand the five crumpled-up pieces of paper to David.

“He marched out to meet Goliath. *(To David)* Go ahead, David. You can march out and stand with your army.

Guide David to stand on the Israelite side of the room, facing the Host.

“Remember, the Philistines were big and tough!”

Point to the Philistines.

HOST and PHILISTINES: “We will, we will beat you!”

STORYTELLER: “The Israelites were afraid.”

Point to the Israelites.

ISRAELITES: “UH-OH!”

STORYTELLER: “But listen to what David said to Goliath.

Open the Bible to 1 Samuel 17:45-46 (NirV) and read.

“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. This day the Lord will give me the victory over you.

“David slung a stone, and it hit Goliath right in the forehead!

Cue David to throw the crumpled-up pieces of paper at the Host. Let him keep trying repeatedly. He probably won’t hit him, which is fine (it’ll be funny). Eventually, you can pick up one of the paper “stones” and guide it toward the Host’s head with your hand.

“Goliath staggered and then fell to the ground.

Host dramatically, but carefully, falls to the ground.

“The Philistines saw that Goliath was dead, and they ran away. God’s people had won the battle!

“Let’s give a big hand to our actors. *(To the actors)* Thanks for your help!”

Collect the props and dismiss David and Saul to their seats. Host exits.

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: “The Israelites had beaten Goliath and the Philistines, all because King Saul was willing to give David a chance. From that day on, King Saul called on David to serve him, and David became a great warrior and leader through God’s power.

CG: Bottom Line Slide

“Just like Saul did with David, we need to *[Bottom Line]* honor others by giving them a chance. Can you say that with me?”

KIDS and STORYTELLER: *[Bottom Line]* “Honor others by giving them a chance.”

STORYTELLER: “Let’s pray.”

CG: Blank Bottom Line Slide

Pray

STORYTELLER: “God, thank You for this amazing story about Saul and David and Goliath. Thank You for helping us to see how Saul gave David a chance. Help us to do the same thing for the people around us. Help us to *[Bottom Line]* honor others by giving them a chance. We love You, and we ask these things in Jesus’ name, amen.”

Host enters as Storyteller exits.

Closer

HOST: “David wasn’t the obvious choice to go to battle against a giant. He was young. He was a shepherd, not a warrior. But King Saul gave him a chance.

CG: Today’s Story Image

Optional: Place Today’s Story Image on your timeline.

“And David defeated Goliath!

CG: Timeline

“We can find examples all through God’s story of people showing honor to others. Of course, the One who showed us the very best example of honor was Jesus. Jesus honored people who were sick or hurt or left out. He helped them and spent time with them. We can follow His example when we honor the people around us and show them that they’re valuable, too.

“Here’s what we need to remember.

CG: Bottom Line Slide

[Bottom Line] “Honor others by giving them a chance. Can you say that with me?”

KIDS and HOST: **[Bottom Line]** “Honor others by giving them a chance.”

HOST: “It feels good when someone gives you a chance, doesn’t it? *(Pause for response.)* You bet it does! It feels good when someone treats you like you matter. It’s important for us to **[Basic Truth]** treat others the way we want to be treated. We can help others feel like VIPs by giving them a chance.

“So, the next time you have the opportunity, pick someone new to be on your team. Invite someone who’s shy to your birthday party. Let your little brother or sister pick the movie for your family movie night. **[Bottom Line]** Honor others by giving them a chance.

CG: Blank Memory Verse Slide

“Our memory verse for the month is Romans 12:10. Let’s look at it together.”

CG: Memory Verse Slide

HOST and KIDS: “*Love one another deeply. Honor others more than yourselves*” (NIRV).

HOST: “We can honor others with God’s help! Right? Right! Have fun in Small Group!”

Dismiss kids to their small groups.

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

CG: Theme Slide