

TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Whatever It Takes

David Anointed/Goliath
1 Samuel 16:1-13; 17:1-51

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

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MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

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Joshua 1:9b, NIV

MONTHLY VIRTUE

Courage—Being brave enough to do what you should do, even when you're afraid

BASIC TRUTH

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PRELUDE: Setting the tone for the experience

See the **Getting Ready** pages at the end of this document for a detailed description of what you'll need for today. In the **Prelude** folder of your curriculum, you'll find a variety of other resources to help you prepare.

SMALL GROUP

15
MIN

SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction

Early Arriver
Opening Activity

LARGE GROUP

35
MIN

STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways
WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

Welcome/Opener
Worship ("Love Like You" from *Make a Move* and "Brave" from *Everything to Me*)
Bible Story
Bottom Line
Prayer
Closer

SMALL GROUP

25
MIN

GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Bible Story Review: Target Practice (*k-1st grade*), Taking Down Fear (*2nd-3rd grade*)

Application Activity: Should Versus Want (*k-1st grade*), Better Plan (*2nd-3rd grade*)

Memory Verse Activity: Duck, Duck, Verse (*k-1st grade*), Keep It Standing (*2nd-3rd grade*)

Prayer Activity: Pray and Dismiss

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

Parent Cue Card (print or email)
Devotionals for Kids
Parent Cue App

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Bible Versus:

Open the Bible to 1 Samuel 16:1 (NIV)
Open the Bible to 1 Samuel 16:7 (NIV)
Open the Bible to 1 Samuel 17:8 (NIV)
Open the Bible to 1 Samuel 17:32 (NIV)
Open the Bible to 1 Samuel 17:45-46 (NIV)

Host Supplies

- Square of aluminum foil for each person (try to find individual, pre-cut sheets). May need one big sheet for Leader to wrap all into one.
- Paper clips or binder clips—one per small group
- Ten mostly empty two-liter bottles with lids to use as bowling pins
- Large box or sheet to conceal the bottles
- Masking tape
- "Week 2 Timeline Image" printed on cardstock from the LG Assets PDF
- Clothesline and clothespins for the timeline in your room

Storyteller Supplies

- Host (If no Host pre-draw all pages/sheets)
- Artist to freehand the drawings ahead of time or preprinted scenes that Host can draw on (stick people or their best attempt at drawing) (see "What You Do")
- Bible
- 2 Easels - Use the 2 easels when drawing the battle scene - one for each side
- Easel pads of paper for each or something to hold the preprinted papers
- Thick permanent marker

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ENGAGE KIDS' HEARTS THROUGH A DYNAMIC AND INTERACTIVE BIBLE STORY, WORSHIP, AND PRAYER EXPERIENCE IN A LARGE GROUP SETTING.

AUDIO: PLAY HIGH-ENERGY MUSIC AS KIDS ENTER.

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP

Host enters.

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): COUNTDOWN (30- OR 60-SECOND VERSION)

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME

OPENER

HOST: "Hi, everyone! I'm so glad we're all here together at [your environment's name]. This month, we're finding out how God can give us courage.

"Courage is about being brave and facing your fears. And actually, it's even bigger than that!

SLIDE: VIRTUE

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME TRANSITION TO VIRTUE

"Courage is being brave enough to do what you should do, even when you're afraid.

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): VIRTUE TRANSITION TO THEME

"When I think about courage, I think about superheroes. And when I think about superheroes, I think about feats of super strength. (*Flex your arms.*)

"I thought we'd start our time today with some of our OWN feats of strength. First, I've got a sheet of aluminum foil for each of you. I'll pass them to your leader, then your leader will pass them to you.

AUDIO: FUN MUSIC (SUGGESTION: "EYE OF THE TIGER" INSTRUMENTAL)

Pass out the stacks of aluminum foil to each small group. Leaders should pass out a sheet of foil to each kid. (Have extra just in case.)

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Hold up a sheet of foil.

"Okay! Does everyone have a piece of foil? (Pause.) All right, on the count of three, I want you to crush it into a boulder. One, two, three, crush it!

Crush your foil along with the kids.

"Look at your super strength! Amazing.

"Next, I want you to get together with your small group and on the count of three, you'll crush all your boulders together to make one BIG boulder for your group. Ready? One, two, three, crush it!

Wait while the groups combine their foil "boulders" together.

"Awesome! Leaders, hold up those boulders. (Pause.) Looking good!

"Now we have one last challenge. Let's all put those big boulders into a GIANT boulder in the middle of the room. Come on, let's go! One, two, three, crush it!

Wait while all groups combine their foil "boulders" together into one.

"Okay, because of your super strength, we now have ONE boulder. I think we should see if we can use it to knock down some bowling pins.

Remove the box to reveal the ten mostly empty two-liter soda bottles, which should be in a bowling pin formation.

"Let's see how many rolls it takes to knock down all the pins! Raise your hand if you want to give it a try.

Pick kids and/or leaders, one at a time. Have each kid/leader stand behind the tape line and try to roll the aluminum foil "boulder" to knock down the bottles. Retrieve the foil "boulder" each time and hand it to the next person—but be sure to keep this moving quickly. Keep going until they've knocked down all of the bottles.

"And there we go! Wow! Way to go, everyone. I feel like I can face all my fears because I've got super-strong friends like you. Give yourselves a hand and give a friend a high-five! Now let's all get ready to sing and worship God together. Everyone on your feet!"

Collect the game supplies and set them out of the way.

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BIBLE STORY**SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND**

Storyteller enters as Worship Leaders exit.

SETTING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "Hi, everyone! It's great to be here with you as we continue God's Big Story together. *(Hold up Bible.)*

If you're using a Bible timeline on your wall, you can reference it here as you recap.

"We've seen how God promised to bless the whole world through Abraham's family, the Israelites. God rescued the Israelites from slavery in Egypt . . . then God led them through the desert to freedom in the land of Canaan."

Host enters, dressed like an artist.

HOST: "Helloooooo, [Storyteller's name]. Is it okay if I interrupt for a second?"

STORYTELLER: "Oh, hi, [Host's name]. What a pleasant surprise."

Host walks over to the easel, which should be facing away from the audience.

HOST: "YES! I heard you're telling a really amazing story today. I thought it might be fun if I help illustrate it for you."

STORYTELLER: "Illustrate, as in drawing? Like, you're going to draw the whole story?"

HOST: "Yep! So, you just go ahead and tell the story, and I'll let you know when I've got something to share."

STORYTELLER: "Ummm . . . well, okay! This should be interesting!"

Host pretends to draw the first pre-drawn illustration on the easel pad. (He/she can use the marker to "finish off" the illustration.)

"So, where were we? Oh, yes! Even though God continued to protect the Israelites and provide for them, the Israelites kept turning away from God. Instead of trusting God to lead them, they begged God to give them a king. They saw that the nations around them had a king, and they wanted one, too."

Host finishes the drawing with a flourish.

HOST: "And there . . . we . . . go. The Israelites wanted a king."

Host spins the easel around to reveal the image of the crown that he/she has (pretended to) draw. Then Host spins the easel back around, turns to the next page, and pretends to continue drawing.

STORYTELLER: "God DID put a king over the people, named Saul. But King Saul quickly turned away from God."

He did his own thing instead of trusting God to lead him.”

A NEW KING

STORYTELLER: “Now, something else you should know is that during this time in history, one of the ways God spoke to the people was through prophets. There was a prophet named Samuel who had loved and listened to God since he was a young boy. God spoke to Samuel and gave him a plan to choose a NEW king.

Host spins the easel around to reveal the image of Samuel listening to God.

Storyteller references the Host’s illustration.

“God said to Samuel . . .

Open the Bible to 1 Samuel 16:1 (NIV) and read.

“How long will you be filled with sorrow because of Saul? I have refused to have him as king over Israel. Fill your animal horn with olive oil and go on your way. I am sending you to Jesse in Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king.

Host spins the easel back around, turns to the next page, and pretends to continue drawing.

(This next transition will be especially quick, which you can play for laughs as the kids will realize that the Host isn’t actually creating each drawing from scratch.)

“Samuel knew that King Saul probably wouldn’t be too happy to find out that God had chosen a new king. But Samuel chose to be brave and do what God had told him. He traveled to Bethlehem, where a man named Jesse lived with many sons.

Host spins the easel around to reveal the drawing of Jesse’s seven sons (faces).

Storyteller references the illustration.

“As you can see, each of Jesse’s sons certainly LOOKED like a king. Jesse showed each of them to Samuel. But God hadn’t chosen any of them as king. Listen to what God said about the first son, Eliab.

Open the Bible to 1 Samuel 16:7 (NIV) and read.

“Do not consider how handsome or tall he is. I have not chosen him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outside of a person. But the Lord looks at what is in the heart.

“Samuel asked Jesse if these were all of his sons, or if he had any others. So Jesse sent for his youngest son, David, who was taking care of the sheep in the field.

Storyteller watches as Host turns the easel around and draws David’s face on the same page with the other brothers. (This time, the Host will actually draw the face.)

Host flips the easel around to show David’s face.

Storyteller references the Host's illustration.

"When Samuel saw David, God told him that David was the one. Samuel poured oil on David's head, which was a special sign that God had chosen David to be the next king of Israel."

Host flips back to the first page to show the crown again. Host points at the crown.

Then Host spins the easel back around, moves over to 2nd easel (the Goliath illustration), and pretends to continue drawing.

DAVID STEPS UP

STORYTELLER: "David didn't become king right away, though. Saul was still the king—and he didn't know that Samuel had chosen David.

"Besides, Saul was pretty busy fighting off their enemies. Eventually, Saul led God's people to fight off the Philistine army. But this would be a very difficult battle. The Philistines had a secret weapon—a warrior named Goliath who was more than nine feet tall!

Host spins the 2nd easel around to reveal the drawing of Goliath. Predraw most of it to save time

"Every day, Goliath would walk out onto the battlefield and challenge God's people by shouting at them.

Storyteller walks over and stands beside the drawing of Goliath on the easel.

"He told them . . .

Open the Bible to 1 Samuel 17:8 (NIV) and read, in a deep voice.

"Choose one of your men. Have him come down and face me.

"The Israelite warriors were terrified! It seemed impossible that they could ever go up against a warrior like Goliath. Goliath repeated his challenge for 40 days in a row, and nobody knew what to do about it.

Host moves back to first easel

"Now, David's brothers were warriors in the Israelite army. Their dad, Jesse, wanted to make sure they were okay. So Jesse told David to leave the sheep behind and take some food to his brothers.

"When David arrived, he heard Goliath's challenge. David couldn't believe that Goliath was mocking God's people and that no one was doing anything to stop him!

"King Saul heard there was a young man asking about Goliath. So he sent for David.

Host spins the easel around to reveal the drawing of David appearing before King Saul.

"Listen to what David said to King Saul. He was very courageous!

Open the Bible to 1 Samuel 17:32 (NirV) and read.

"Don't let anyone lose hope because of that Philistine. I'll go out and fight him.

"King Saul tried to tell David not to go up against Goliath, because he thought David was too young. But David reminded King Saul what he had already done as a shepherd—that he had protected his sheep from lions and bears. God was with him then, and he knew that God would be with him if he fought Goliath."

Host spins the easel back around, flips to the next page, and pretends to continue drawing. (This will be another comically quick transition.)

DAVID WINS THE BATTLE

STORYTELLER: *"King Saul agreed to let David go. He tried to give David his own armor to wear. But the armor was heavy, and David wasn't used to it. So David took off the armor. He went to a stream and found five smooth stones.*

Host spins the easel around to reveal the drawing of David with the sling and stone.

"Then he went to face Goliath.

Host: Keep the Goliath and David pages facing forward

"This time, when Goliath made his challenge, David stepped forward.

*"Goliath said mean things to David and tried to make fun of him. But listen to what David said in return.
*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.

"Goliath moved closer.

Host moves 2nd easel closer to 1st

"David reached into his bag, grabbed one of the stones, and put it in his sling.

(Draw the stone going off 1st easel and onto second easel striking Goliath) "David slung the stone at Goliath. The stone hit Goliath on the forehead, and he fell to the ground. David had won the battle for the Israelites! And everybody cheered!"

Motion for the audience to cheer. Host bounces the easel pad so it looks like David is celebrating.

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WRAPPING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "When the Philistines saw that Goliath had been defeated, they were terrified and ran away! The Israelites chased them until their whole army scattered.

"After this all happened, King Saul was so impressed with David that he invited him to come live at the palace. David still wasn't king at that point, but eventually he would go on to become the king of the Israelites.

"[Host's name], thank you so much for using your artistic skills to help me tell the story today. *(to audience)* Let's give [Host's name] a big hand!

Host bows and exits.

Storyteller references the David illustration.

"It was a really big deal for David to face Goliath. To everyone else, it seemed impossible that any Israelite warrior could defeat Goliath—least of all a young shepherd like David. But David knew that God had been with him in the past. David knew that God would be with him when he went up against Goliath, too.

"Sometimes we face things in life that can seem impossible. Sometimes there's something that we know we SHOULD do, but it seems impossible that we could actually step up and do it. In those times, we can have courage if we talk to God and ask God to help us.

SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE

"You can do what you should even when things seem impossible."

"Let's pray and talk to God about that now."

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

PRAY

STORYTELLER: "Dear God, thank You so much for the story of David. He was in a situation that seemed impossible, but You helped him have courage! Please help us have that kind of courage when WE face things that seem impossible. We know that You're always there to help us, and we are so grateful! We love You, God, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."



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CLOSER

Host enters as Storyteller exits.

HOST: “I think it’s really cool how David had learned to trust God from a young age—because God helped him protect his sheep from wild animals. David also knew that God was with him, because God had chosen him to be Israel’s king in the future.

SLIDE: GOD’S BIG STORY TIMELINE

SLIDE: WEEK 2 TIMELINE IMAGE

If you’re making a timeline of printed images on your wall, take this moment to place today’s timeline image on the clothesline.

“That’s why David was able to have courage—even when he went up against Goliath and the situation seemed impossible. David trusted God!

“Remember . . .

SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE

“You can do what you should even when things seem impossible.

“When things happen in our lives that feel impossible, we can ALWAYS talk to God about it. God can give us the courage we need to do what’s right.

“Maybe your mom or dad or grandparent told you to clean your room . . . but the job is just SO big. You feel like you can’t even get started! Remember, God can help you do what you should, even though it seems impossible!

“Maybe you’ve been dishonest and you get caught, and it’s time to tell the truth. That might seem almost impossible to you. But God can help you have the courage to do what you should do.

“If you’re up against something that seems impossible, don’t forget that God is always there to help you. Stop and think about how good and powerful God really is. God is big enough and strong enough to raise Jesus from the dead! When we put our trust in Jesus, we can have courage. We don’t have to be afraid, because God’s power is bigger than everything—even death! **[Basic Truth] We can trust God no matter what.**

“In Small Group, you’ll get to talk with your friends about how you can have courage when things seem impossible. In fact, let’s head to Small Group right now. Have fun!”

Dismiss kids to their small groups.

AUDIO: PLAY HIGH-ENERGY MUSIC AS THE KIDS EXIT.

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP