



WEEK
TWO
OCTOBER 2023

SMALL GROUP
3-5 YEAR
-OLDS

PRELUDE SOCIAL WORSHIP STORY GROUPS HOME

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
15 MINUTES

MADE TO EXPLORE

an activity that channels a preschooler's innate curiosity into a discussion of the week's crucial concepts



3. NINE FEET TALL

WHAT YOU NEED: Butcher paper, measuring tape, washable markers, and painter's tape

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Roll out a long piece of butcher paper and mark off nine feet or draw a "Goliath" figure that is nine feet tall. Hang the butcher paper on the wall.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: One at a time, ask each child to stand next to the "Goliath." Mark each child's height and write their names next to their mark. Make sure you measure the volunteers too! Then show them how they "measure" up to a nine-foot-tall giant!

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Introduce the Bible story.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Hello, friends! It's great to see you today! Come look at this big picture."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Have you ever met someone who was nine feet tall? No way! Nine feet is THIS tall. (Point to "Goliath" or his height on the paper.) Let's see how we measure up to someone who's nine feet tall! [Child's name], come stand next to this giant, and let's measure you. (Mark child's height.) Let's see how tall [child's name] is next to the giant. (Continue with each child and volunteer.) Wow! Nine feet is REALLY tall!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "In our Bible story today, we'll hear about a big, tall giant named Goliath and a young boy named David. Let's go find out what happened! Come with me."

TRANSITION: Move to Worship and Story by walking with giant steps or regular steps. Call out "regular steps" or "giant steps" randomly as children travel.

BIBLE STORY

I can be brave because
God is with me.

DAVID AND GOLIATH
1 SAMUEL 17:1-50

MEMORY VERSE

"Be strong and courageous.
Do not be afraid . . . for the Lord
your God goes with you."

DEUTERONOMY 31:6, NIV

KEY QUESTION

Who can help you be brave?

BOTTOM LINE

God can help me be brave.

BASIC TRUTH

God made me.



CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO CREATE
an activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible story, bottom line, or memory verse by creating a craft to take home



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5. DAVID AND THE GIANT

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "David and the Giant" Activity Page, cardstock, crayons, gray tissue paper, scissors, glue sticks, and a permanent marker

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "David and the Giant" on cardstock, one per child. Cut tissue paper into two-inch squares, five per child. Write each child's name on their paper.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage children to color their picture. Ask children to ball up their five pieces of tissue and glue one on the rock headed to Goliath and the other four on the ground next to David.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bible story.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, come sit with me at the table. Let's make a picture of David and Goliath from our Bible story today."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Look at how big Goliath is next to David. Goliath was a scary giant! Color your picture. Now take your tissue paper squares. How many do you have? Count with me. One, two, three, four, five. Scrunch each piece to make the five rocks that David collected to fight Goliath. Now find the rock that David threw at Goliath on your paper. (Pause.) There it is. Glue one of your tissue paper rocks on that rock. (Pause.) Great! Glue the four rocks you have left on the ground next to David. (Pause.) Fantastic! David was really brave to fight the big, scary giant."

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "David was a boy who worked as a shepherd. He took care of sheep. One day, he went to see his brothers who were in God's army. This is when he heard a big, scary giant named Goliath saying mean things to God's army, the Israelites. All of the Israelites were so afraid and didn't want to challenge Goliath. But David wasn't afraid. He was strong and courageous because he knew that God is always with him.

"So David challenged Goliath. They tried to put armor on David, but it didn't fit and was too heavy. David said he didn't need the armor then took a sling with five smooth rocks and challenged Goliath. He put one rock in the sling and slung it right at Goliath. The rock hit Goliath and knocked him all the way down. David saved God's army, and they were so excited! God helped David be brave, and God can help you be brave too. **Who can help you be brave? God can help me be brave.**"



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MADE TO REFLECT
an activity that encourages personal application and prayer



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6. JOURNAL AND PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: “Memory Verse Card” from Week One in Bible, a journal, and a fun-shaped pen

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: If you do not have the “Memory Verse Card” in your Bible, copy “Memory Verse Card” on cardstock and cut, one per small group. Place one card in your Bible at Deuteronomy 31:6. Keep this card in your Bible all month.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Lead the children to act like sheep as you walk to your Small Group spot. Sit down and gather the children around you. Review the memory verse and motions, then encourage the children to help you make a list of places.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Pray with the children.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: “It’s Small Group time! Today, we’ll pretend to be sheep while we walk to our Small Group spot. Baa-baa! Follow me little sheep! (Pretend to be a sheep as you lead the children to your Small Group spot.) Here we are! Baa- baa! Let’s sit down so we can talk about today’s Bible story. One, two, three, sit down with me!”

DURING THE ACTIVITY: (Open the Bible to this month’s memory verse and lay it in front of the children.) “In our Bible story today, David did a very brave thing. Can you tell me the brave thing David did? (Pause.) Yes! David protected his sheep in the field, and David was the only person who would battle Goliath. Who made David brave? (Pause.) Right again! God helped David be brave! David knew that God was always with him, and that helped David be brave.

“When we remember that God is always with us, God can help us be brave, too! **Who can help you be brave? God can help me be brave!** And the Bible verse we’re learning will help us remember that God is with us so we can be brave. It says, ‘Be strong and courageous. (Hold fists in front of body.) Do not be afraid . . . (cross and uncross hands) for the Lord your God (flat hand with thumb to forehead, pull down) goes with you,’ (march in place) Deuteronomy 31:6. (Open hands like a book.)

“Let’s stand up and say that Bible verse together! Just say what I say and do what I do. ‘Be strong and courageous. (Hold fists in front of body.) Do not be afraid . . . (cross and uncross hands) for the Lord your God (flat hand with thumb to forehead, pull down) goes with you,’ (march in place) Deuteronomy 31:6. (Open hands like a book.)



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(6. JOURNAL AND PRAYER, CONTINUED)

"Yay! God is with us! Let's sit back down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. God was with David in the field with his sheep. God was with David on the battlefield with Goliath. God was with David everywhere! Let's make a list of places we go. When we pray, we can thank God for being with us, too! When I say your name, tell me the name of a place. It can be anywhere because God is with us everywhere!" *(Remember to print as you write in the journal so the children can recognize their names and the letters.)*

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: *(Hold the journal up.)* "Look at all of the places God is with us! Would anyone like to pray before I pray? *(Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.)*

"Dear God, thank You for being with *(name each child)* and me wherever we go. Thank You for being with us at *(read the places listed)*. Knowing You are with us helps us be brave. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."