Lesson Plan
David and Goliath

THE SERIES: Shepherd to King
THE POINT: God is bigger than my challenge
BIBLE STORY: David and Goliath || 1 Samuel 17
AGE: Prep - Grade 2

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Children will learn that David trusted God when he faced the giant Goliath.
- They will understand that David's courage came from trusting God.
- They will learn that God is bigger than any challenge we face.

BIBLE CONTEXT

The story of David and Goliath is found in 1 Samuel chapter 17. The Israelites were at war with the Philistines. A giant warrior named Goliath came out each day and challenged the Israelites to fight him. Goliath was very big and strong, and the Israelite army was afraid. No one wanted to face him. David was still a young shepherd boy. He had come to visit his brothers who were soldiers. David remembered how God had helped him protect his sheep from lions and bears. He believed God would help him again. Instead of using heavy armour, David took his sling and five smooth stones. When Goliath came toward him, David trusted God and defeated the giant.

SERIES MEMORY VERSE

Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God.
- Psalm 20:7

WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

"The Lord doesn't need swords or spears to save His people. The battle belongs to the Lord."
— 1 Samuel 17:47

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY

Place several cups, boxes, or soft blocks in a row and write one or two words of the memory verse on each cup.
Give the children a soft ball or beanbag to gently throw at the items.
Each time a child knocks down an item, the group reads the word written on it.

After the cups have been knocked down, work together to say the whole verse.

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SMALL GROUP GUIDE

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START THE CONVERSATION

- Have you ever been the person to choose someone for a team or a game?

DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Goliath was a giant soldier who made the Israelites very afraid. Why do you think no one wanted to fight him?
- David believed that God would help him defeat Goliath. What does David's courage show us about trusting God?
- Sometimes we face challenges that seem very big. How can remembering that God is bigger than our challenges help us?

PERSONAL LIFE APPLICATION

When David saw Goliath, he did not trust in his own strength. Instead, he trusted that God was powerful and would help him. David believed that the battle belonged to the Lord. Sometimes we face challenges that feel big or difficult. It might be trying something new, learning something hard, standing up for what is right, or facing a difficult situation. When we remember that God is with us and that He is greater than any challenge, we can choose to trust Him just like David did. God helps us be brave because He is always with us.

GAME

You can find a list of small group games at https://lmnetwork.com.au/small-group-games/

PRAY

Go around the class asking your kids if there is anything they would like prayer for. Ask if anyone would like to pray for each other, and give them the opportunity to. If not, then pray for the needs as the teacher / facilitator. Take note of any prayer requests to be passed onto your child's support network.

This weeks prayer example:

Dear God,

Thank You that You are bigger than any challenge we face. Help us trust You and remember that You are always with us.

Amen

LESSON WRAP-UP

Take photos of any art or creations created by your children that they would like to share with The Link Show. Images can be submitted to thelinkshow@lmnetwork.com.au

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CRAFT

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Supplies Needed

- God is number 1 hand shape page
  (Ideally on A3 paper - but A4 will still fit on a child's finger)
- Scissors
- Tape
- Colouring materials

STEPS

- Give each child a 'God is number 1' page, to colour in cut around the edges, leaving the two hand shapes touching in the centre.
- Next, children can fold the shape in half, and tape or glue around the edges, leaving the bottom open.

SEND IT TO THE LINK CREW

- Take a photo of your students crafts (Without the students face or identifying features) and email to thelinkshow@lmnetwork.com.au





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BIBLE BOOKLET INSTRUCTIONS

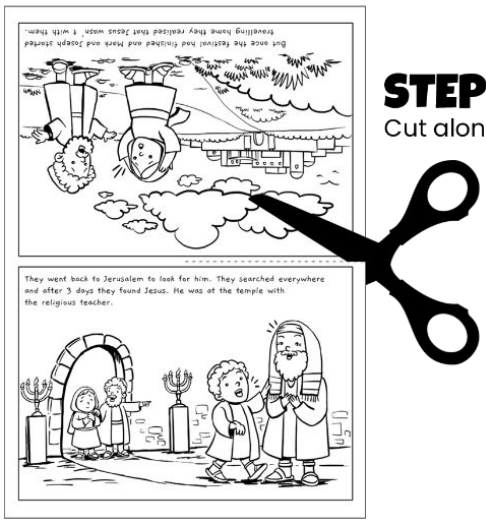
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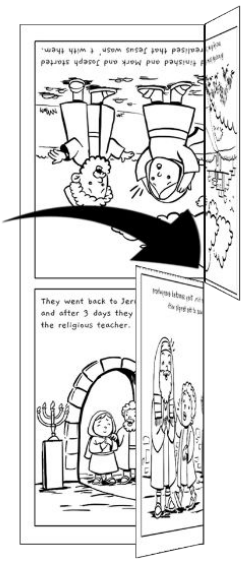
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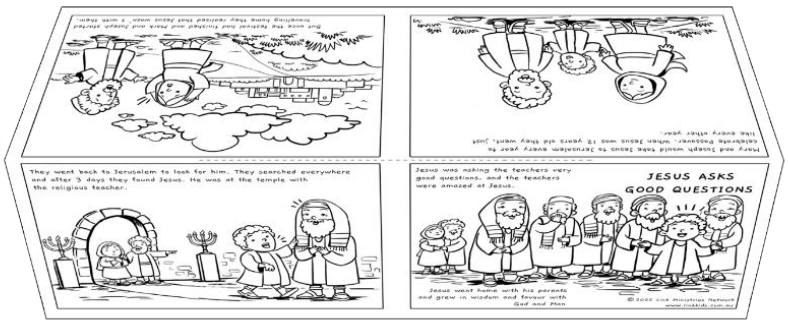
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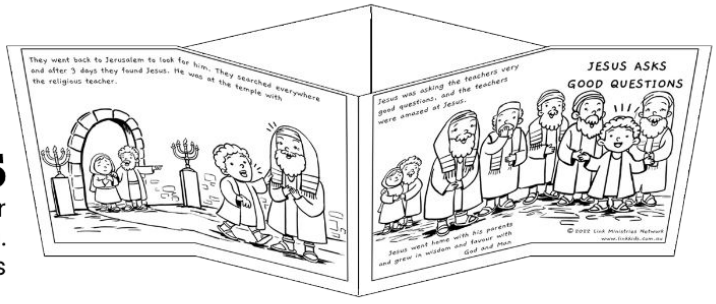
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STEP 4

Open page, then fold along the long edge



STEP 5

Push the short edges towards each other allowing the centre cut to open like a diamong. Continue unil the diamond becomes pages

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David told Goliath, "I come in the name of the Lord God Almighty!" David took a stone, placed it in his sling and flung it at Goliath. It hit him in the middle of his forehead and died.

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David was looking after his father's sheep when he was asked to take food to his brothers. His brothers were in the Israelite army and was at a stand-off with the Philistine enemy.

David went to the local stream and picked 5 small smooth stones. Armed with his sling, the stones and his staff he walked to face Goliath.

When David arrived, he saw Goliath insulting the Israelite army. David went to King Saul and said he would fight the giant. Saul agreed.