



Lesson Eleven

God Gives David Victory

Heart Preparation & Bible Background



Bible Truth

God was with David, giving him all he needed to deliver God's people from their enemy.

Scripture

1 Samuel 17



Lesson Focus

We can trust God to help us in times of trouble.

Goals for the Children

- Tell what God did through David.
- Tell what God did through Jesus.
- State that God has promised to help his people.
- Pray for God's power and strength.



Memory Minute

*Review Isaiah 41:10b
[God said,] I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you.*

God's call to David to leave his job of tending sheep came when Israel faced the powerful Philistines in the Valley of Elah. The Philistines' primary weapon was the mighty giant Goliath of Gath, who terrorized God's people and mocked God. When David heard Goliath's taunts, he asked, "Who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God?" (1 Samuel 17:26b). David was offended that Goliath would dare oppose God and his covenant people.

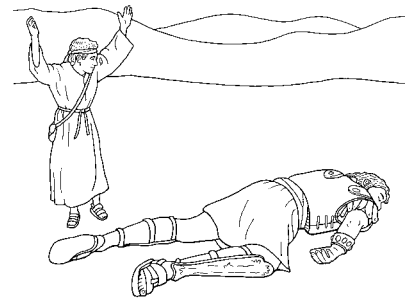
Then, undaunted by Israel's fear, his oldest brother's anger and insults, Saul's discouragement, and Goliath's formidable strength and armor, David got ready to take on the enemy. You see, David knew that God had called him and was with him. He had learned to rely on the Lord because he had found him to be faithful. Alone with his father's sheep in the hills around Bethlehem, hadn't God protected David from the attacks of wild animals? Now he knew that, in the same way, God would deliver him from the Philistines.

Also, David knew that God had promised to be faithful to Israel. He had promised to send a Savior one day, and he would preserve the Israelites from their enemies to receive that promise.

So God's anointed servant went before Goliath in the name of the LORD Almighty, knowing that the battle belonged to the Lord (1 Samuel 17:45–47).

Far more than a resounding battle victory, this story points us to Christ. David was God's chosen king, and his defeat of Goliath foreshadowed the defeat of Satan by the promised Savior-King. Teach your children that God chose his Son, Jesus, to come to earth and deliver his people from their enemy, Satan, by dying on the cross for their sins and rising from the dead.

It is a great comfort to know that we can trust our heavenly Father to be with us and give us what we need no matter what "giants" we face. He stands before us, beside us and behind us, so we have nothing to fear. Praise the Lord that the battle is his and that he has won the victory!



☆ Let's Talk

ASK *What do you see in the picture?*

SAY God did something very special through David. God called David and used him to deliver his people from Goliath and the Philistines. David was much smaller than Goliath and all he had to fight with were a shepherd's staff, a bag with five stones, and a sling. When the warrior Goliath saw the shepherd boy, he laughed.

ASK *What did David tell Goliath just before he killed him?*

SAY David said to the champion soldier, "You have a sword and a spear with you, but I have the Lord God with me. I come against you in his all-powerful name. The battle is the Lord's and he will win."

ASK *Why did David trust God?*

SAY David knew that God had called him and was with him. He had protected David before, and he would give David all he needed to deliver God's people from their enemy. Also, David knew that God had promised to be faithful to his people. God had promised to send Jesus the Savior one day.

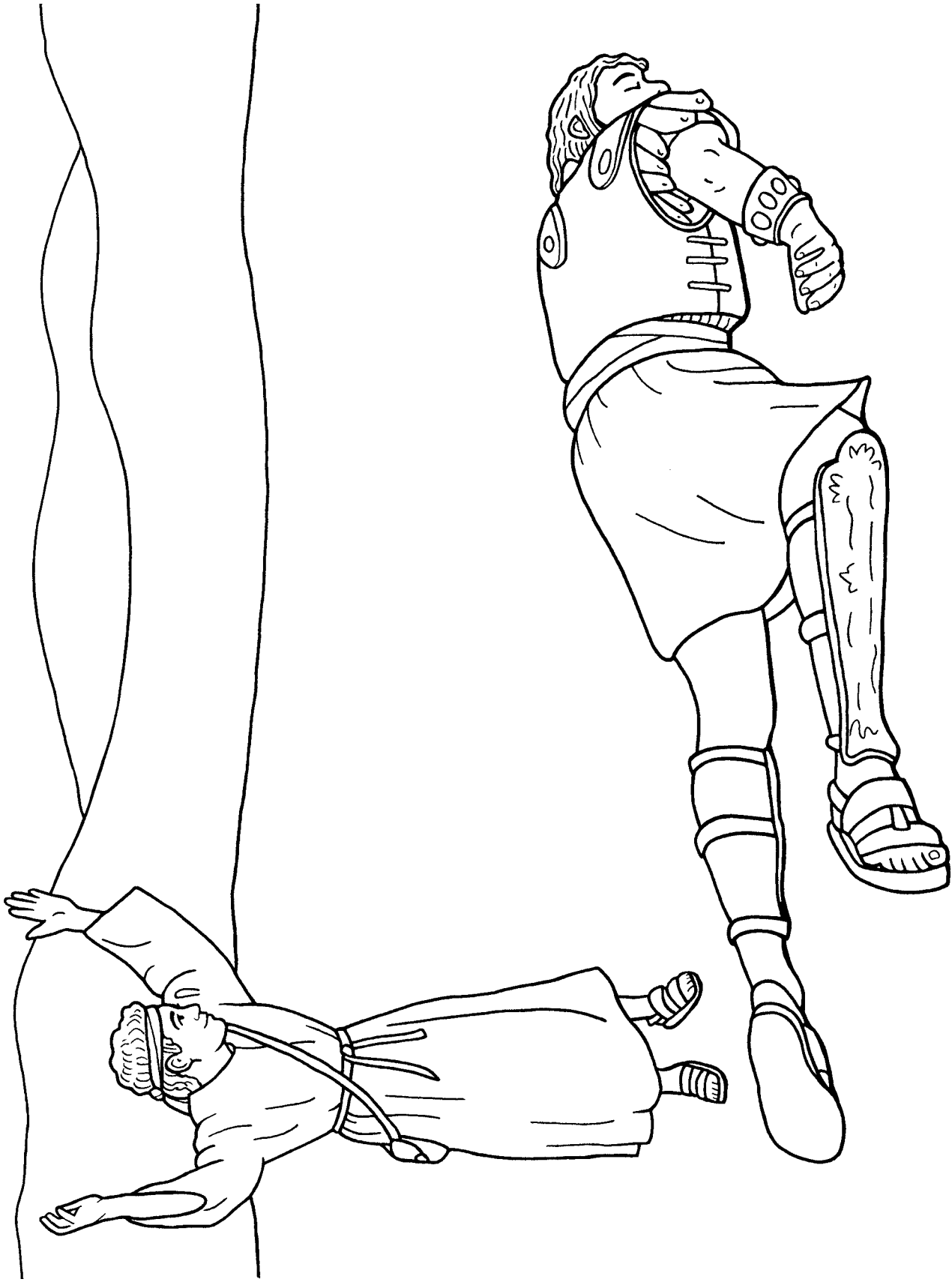
☆ Let's Make and Remember

Using **play dough**, have the children make figures representing David and Goliath. They can also make David's stones and Goliath's sword.

Encourage everyone to use the props to retell the Bible story of David and Goliath.

☆ Let's Draw and Say

- 1** Talk about times when we have faced something big and scary and how we can always trust God to help us. Point out that God is more powerful than all things that trouble us.
- 2** Hand out **paper** and **crayons or markers**. Draw self-portraits. Write on each picture: *I can trust God to help me in times of trouble*. Help children write their names on their papers.
- 3** Invite children to hold up their self-portraits for everyone to see. As they do, say the caption together.



God gave David victory over Goliath.

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