Virginia Agape International Baptist Church

Children's Cell NEWSLETTER

June 22, 2025

Dear Parents,

This week, we have the opportunity to explore the teachings of **"David Defeated Goliath"** (1 Samuel 17).
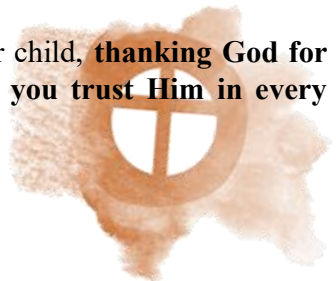
The Israelites were afraid of the Philistine giant Goliath, who mocked God and challenged them for forty days. Young David, sent to deliver food to his brothers, heard Goliath and trusted God for victory. With just a sling and a stone, David defeated Goliath— not with strength or armor, but through faith in God. This powerful story teaches us that no matter how big our problems seem, God is greater. Just like David saved Israel, Jesus saves us from sin and death through His victory on the cross.

This message will inspire your child to grow in the love and light of Jesus. Reinforce the lesson at home by discussing the following points with your child:

☐ **Trusting God in Big Challenges**: David wasn't afraid of Goliath because he trusted God. What challenges can we face with God's help?

☐ **God Uses the Faithful, Not Just the Strong**: David was young and small, but full of faith. How does God use us when we trust Him?

☐ **Jesus Is Our Greatest Hero**: David saved Israel, and Jesus saves us from sin. How can we thank Jesus for His love and victory?

You might consider praying with your child, **thanking God for His power and asking Him to help you trust Him in every battle you face.**
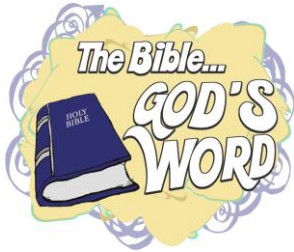
Grace and blessings in Christ.

David Defeated Goliath

BIBLE PASSAGE: **1 Samuel 17**

KEY PASSAGE: **Jeremiah 10:6-7a**

BIG PICTURE QUESTION: *Is anything or anyone greater than God?*
No, God is greater than everything and everyone.

The Philistines gathered for war against Israel. The Philistines stood on one hill, and the Israelites gathered on another hill. There was a narrow valley with steep sides between them.

Then a champion named Goliath came out from the Philistine camp. He was nine feet, nine inches tall and wore bronze armor that weighed 125 pounds. He had a long spear, and the tip of the spear weighed 15 pounds. He shouted to the Israelites: "Why are you lining up for battle? Choose one of your men and have him come down and fight me. If he wins, we will be your servants. If I win, then you will be our servants."

Goliath threatened the Israelites every morning and every evening for forty days. Saul and all the Israelites were terrified.

One day, Jesse sent his son David to bring supplies to his brothers who were in the Israelite army. He heard the words Goliath used to threaten the Israelites. David said, "Who does Goliath think he is, that he should mock the living God and his army?"

Someone heard what David said and reported it to Saul. So, Saul had David brought to him. David said, "Don't let anyone be afraid of this Philistine. I will go and fight him!"

Saul replied, "You can't go and fight Goliath. You're just a young man, and he's been a warrior for a long time!"

David answered, "I have been tending my father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a lamb, I went after it, struck it down, and rescued the lamb. The Lord who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine."

Saul said, "Go, and may the Lord be with you." Saul had his military armor put on David. David said, "I can't walk in these," because he was not used to them. He took them off. Instead, he took his staff and sling, and chose five smooth stones.

Then David approached Goliath. David said, "You come against me with a sword and spear, but I come against you in the name of the Lord of Armies—you have defied him! Today, the Lord will hand you over to me. Then all the world will know that Israel has a God, and that the battle is the Lord's."

When Goliath ran to attack David, David ran toward him. David pulled out a stone, slung it, and hit Goliath on the forehead. Goliath fell facedown to the ground and died.

The Israelites were helpless to defeat the giant enemy Goliath, but God sent David to save them. We are helpless to defeat our enemies of sin and death, but God sent Jesus to save us by dying for our sin and rising again.

Key Passage

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There is none like you, O LORD; You are great, and Your name is great in might. Who would not fear You, O King of the nations? For this is Your due.

« Jeremiah 10:6-7a »

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〔 **Important Notice** 〕

- ✓ Children's cell worship service starts at 12:00 noon.
- ✓ Remind your children **not to play with electronic devices or toys** such as smartphones or dolls, during our service.
- ✓ Our prayer is that the children's time spent in our church would encourage them to trust Christ as Savior, to submit to Him, and to live out the Gospel wherever they are.

What we're learning NEXT

"David Showed Mercy"
(1 Samuel 24)

THE GOSPEL PROJECT FOR KIDS