



Bible Class Kids

Printable lessons rooted in Scripture

BIBLE CLASS PACK • 1 SAMUEL 17

David and Goliath

“For the battle is the LORD’s.”



Inside this pack

- Teacher prep checklist & 45-minute plan
- Scripture text (ESV) & background notes
- Read-aloud story script
- Discussion questions for K-2 and 3-5
- “Five Smooth Stones” toss game & memory-verse game
- “My Five Smooth Stones” pouch craft + template
- Two coloring pages (K-2 and 3-5)
- Story sequencing sheet (K-2)
- Word search & questions (3-5)
- Memory verse cards, take-home page, answer key

Ages 5-11 • One 45-60 minute class • Print on US Letter

At a Glance

Big idea: David was not brave because he was big or strong. He trusted the living God, who had helped him before. Victory belongs to the LORD, and we can trust Him with the big, scary things in our lives.

Scripture

1 Samuel 17:32-50

Supporting: 1 Samuel 16:7; Psalm 23:1;
Psalm 56:3

Memory verse

K-2 “For the battle is the LORD’s” — 1 Samuel 17:47b

3-5 “You come to me with a sword and with a spear and with a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts” — 1 Samuel 17:45a

Children will

1. **Know** that young David trusted God and defeated the giant Goliath with a sling and a stone.
2. **Understand** that God gives the victory, not size, strength, or weapons.
3. **Do** pray and trust God about one thing that feels big or scary this week.

Age split

Every section marks **K-2** (ages 5-7) and **3-5** (ages 8-11) options. Combined class? Use the K-2 path and give older children the 3-5 questions as “challenge” questions.

Teacher Prep Checklist

The week before

- ☐ Read all of 1 Samuel 17 (key verses on p. 4)
- ☐ Read the background notes (p. 3)
- ☐ Print pages 7-13 (one per child)
- ☐ Make a Goliath poster (about 9 ft of paper) for the game
- ☐ Gather 5 beanbags or rolled socks

Class day

- ☐ Tape the Goliath poster to a wall
- ☐ Mark a toss line with tape
- ☐ Set out crayons, scissors, glue sticks
- ☐ Write the memory verse on the board
- ☐ Pray for your students by name

Printing: Pages 7-13 are student pages. Card stock is best for the craft (p. 7) and verse cards (p. 12). Everything prints well in black & white.

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Lesson Plan (45 minutes)

0-5 min	Welcome & opener. Show a tape mark on the wall about 9 ft high: “Goliath was this tall!” Let children stand under it.
5-15	Bible story. Open your Bible to 1 Samuel 17. Tell the story with the script (p. 5).
15-22	Discuss. Use the questions for your age group (p. 5).
22-32	Five Smooth Stones toss game (p. 6).
32-42	Craft, coloring, or worksheet (pp. 7-11). Practice the memory verse while they work.
42-45	Close. Children name a “giant” worry and pray: “The battle is the LORD’s.” Send home p. 13.

Have 60 minutes? Add the memory-verse game (p. 6) and do both the craft and the worksheet.

Background for the Teacher

The setting. Israel’s army and the Philistine army faced each other across the Valley of Elah. For 40 days Goliath of Gath, about “six cubits and a span” tall (17:4, roughly 9 feet), came out and defied the armies of Israel. King Saul and his soldiers “were dismayed and greatly afraid” (17:11).

David. David was the youngest son of Jesse, already anointed by Samuel (ch. 16) but still a shepherd. He came to bring food to his brothers and was upset that anyone would “defy the armies of the living God” (17:26).

Why David was confident. David pointed to what God had already done: “The LORD who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear will deliver me” (17:37). He refused Saul’s armor and took his staff, five smooth stones, and his sling (17:38-40).

The point. David’s words are the center of the story: “the LORD saves not with sword and spear. For the battle is the LORD’s” (17:47). Help children see God as the hero. They are not the giant-killers; God is the one they trust.

The Bible Passage (1 Samuel 17:32-50, ESV)

Selected verses. Read these aloud from your own Bible as well, so children see the story comes from God's Word.

1 Samuel 17:32-37

³² And David said to Saul, "Let no man's heart fail because of him. Your servant will go and fight with this Philistine." ³³ And Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him, for you are but a youth, and he has been a man of war from his youth." ³⁴ But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep sheep for his father. And when there came a lion, or a bear, and took a lamb from the flock, ³⁵ I went after him and struck him and delivered it out of his mouth. And if he arose against me, I caught him by his beard and struck him and killed him. ³⁶ Your servant has struck down both lions and bears, and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, for he has defied the armies of the living God." ³⁷ And David said, "The LORD who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine." And Saul said to David, "Go, and the LORD be with you!"

1 Samuel 17:45-50

⁴⁵ Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword and with a spear and with a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. ⁴⁶ This day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head. And I will give the dead bodies of the host of the Philistines this day to the birds of the air and to the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, ⁴⁷ and that all this assembly may know that the LORD saves not with sword and spear. For the battle is the LORD's, and he will give you into our hand." ⁴⁸ When the Philistine arose and came and drew near to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. ⁴⁹ And David put his hand in his bag and took out a stone and slung it and struck the Philistine on his forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell on his face to the ground. ⁵⁰ So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and struck the Philistine and killed him. There was no sword in the hand of David.

Words to explain: **Philistine** – a member of a nation that fought against Israel; **youth** – a young person; **delivered** – rescued, saved; **uncircumcised** – not one of God's covenant people; **defied** – dared and mocked; **the living God** – the true God who is alive, not a statue; **javelin** – a throwing spear; **LORD of hosts** – the LORD who rules over armies, even the armies of heaven; **sling** – a strap with a pouch for throwing a stone very fast; **prevailed** – won.

Read-Aloud Story

Tell this in your own words, holding your open Bible. Pause at the ► marks for children to act out.

The army of Israel was camped on one hill, and the army of the Philistines was on another, with a valley in between. Every day a giant named **Goliath** stomped out. ► *(stomp, stomp)* He was about nine feet tall, with a bronze helmet, heavy armor, and a spear as thick as a fence post! He shouted, "Send someone to fight me!" Everyone was afraid. ► *(shake and shiver)*

A young shepherd named **David** came to bring food to his big brothers. When he heard Goliath mocking God's people, David said, "I will go and fight him!" King Saul said, "You can't. You are just a boy."

David answered, "When I kept my father's sheep, a lion came, and a bear came, and God helped me save the lambs. **The LORD who delivered me from the lion and the bear will deliver me from this Philistine.**" Saul said, "Go, and the LORD be with you!"

David did not take a sword. He went to a stream and picked up **five smooth stones**. ► *(count to five on your fingers)* He put them in his shepherd's bag, took his sling, and walked toward the giant. Goliath laughed at him. But David called out, "You come to me with a sword and a spear, but I come to you in the name of the LORD!"

David ran toward Goliath, put a stone in his sling, and swung it around and around. ► *(swing your arm)* Whoosh! The stone hit Goliath on the forehead, and the giant fell flat on his face to the ground. ► *(everyone fall down slowly)* God gave David the victory without a sword, so everyone would know: **"The battle is the LORD's."**

K-2 Talk about it

1. Who was the giant?
2. What job did David do before he met Goliath?
3. What did David pick up from the stream?
4. Who did David trust to help him?
5. What is something scary you can pray to God about?

3-5 Think deeper

1. Why was everyone in Israel's army afraid?
2. What did David remember God doing for him before (17:37)? Why does remembering help us trust?
3. Why do you think David refused to wear Saul's armor?
4. In 17:47, David says God "saves not with sword and spear." What did he mean?
5. Who is the real hero of this story? Why does that matter?

Game: Five Smooth Stones

Goal: Children toss “stones” (beanbags) at a giant Goliath poster and answer a question for each hit.

Supplies

- 5 beanbags or rolled-up socks (“stones”)
- A tall Goliath poster drawn on butcher paper and taped to a wall
- Masking tape toss line
- The discussion questions on p. 5

Small class or small room?

Use one beanbag and a laundry basket “bag.” Each toss into the basket earns a stone for the class; collect five to win.

Safety: Soft beanbags only, aimed at the poster, never at people. Keep the toss line clear of the wall.

How to play

1. Make two teams. Each team takes turns at the toss line.
2. Each child gets one toss at the poster.
3. A hit on the poster earns a question from p. 5. A right answer earns the team a point.
4. After every child has tossed, the whole team says the memory verse together for 2 bonus points.
5. Finish by having everyone shout, “The battle is the LORD’s!”

Debrief: “Did your aim win the game, or did you need help? David knew his help came from God.”

Memory Verse Game: Giant Steps

Children line up at one side of the room. A child who says the verse correctly (with help is fine) takes one giant step forward. The first to reach “Goliath’s wall” leads the next round. Everyone reaches the wall before the game ends. **K-2** use 1 Samuel 17:47b. **3-5** use 1 Samuel 17:45a.

Craft: “My Five Smooth Stones” Pouch

Supplies (per child)

- This page on card stock
- Crayons or markers, scissors, glue stick
- Optional: a length of yarn for a strap

Steps

1. Color the five stones gray or brown. Read each truth about God.
2. Cut out the stones and the pouch.
3. Fold the pouch in half on the dotted line and glue the two side edges to make a pocket.
4. Put your five stones in the pouch.
5. Pull out one stone each day this week and say the truth.

K-2 Teachers may pre-cut the pouch; children color and place the stones. **3-5** On the back of each stone, write a Bible verse reference that teaches that truth.

**God is
with me.**

**God helped
me before.**

**The battle is
the LORD’S.**

**I can
pray anytime.**

**God is bigger
than any giant.**

glue edge

glue edge

(back of pouch)

fold here

My Five Smooth Stones

1 Samuel 17:40, 47

K-2 David Trusted God

Color David choosing smooth stones from the stream.



“For the battle is the LORD’s”

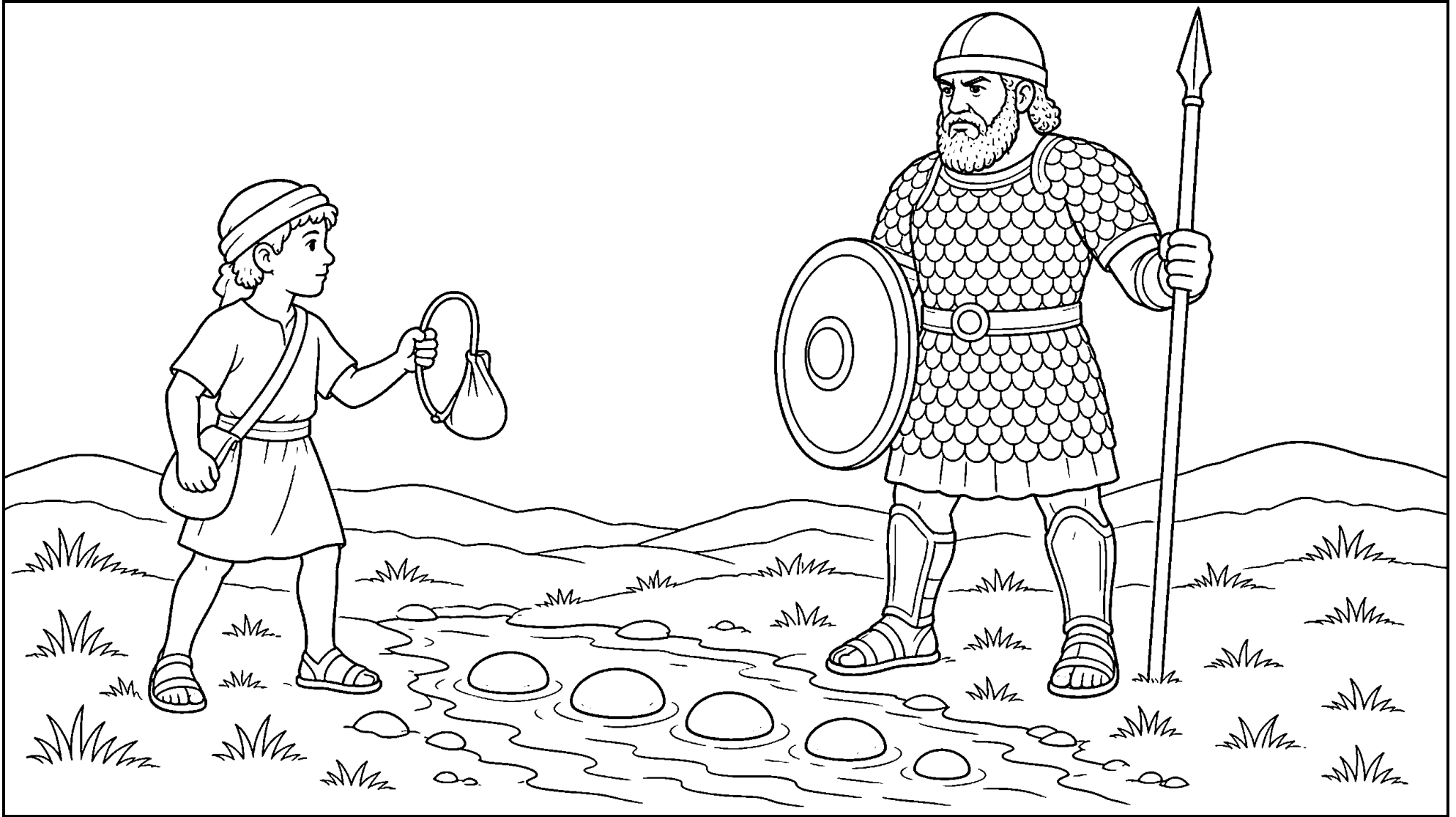
1 Samuel 17:47b

Name: _____

3-5

“In the Name of the LORD”

Color the scene. Then find and circle: David’s sling, Goliath’s spear and helmet, the stream, and five stones.



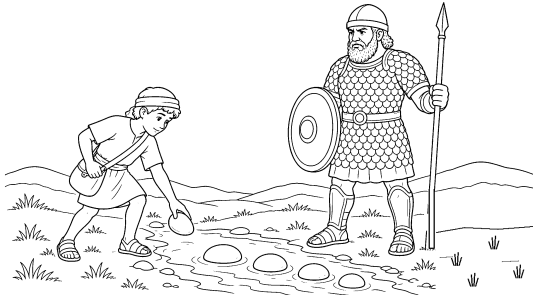
David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine.

1 Samuel 17:48b (ESV)

Name: _____

K-2 Put the Story in Order

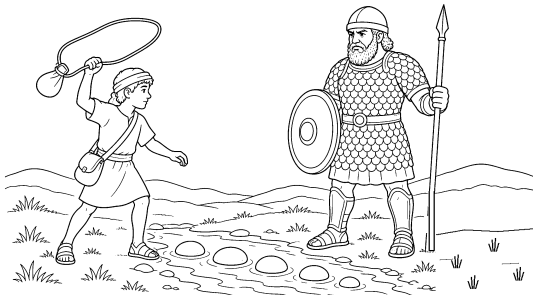
Cut out the pictures. Glue them in order, or write 1, 2, 3, 4 in the circles.



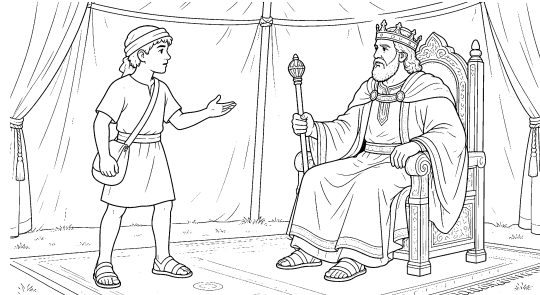
David picked five smooth stones.



David cared for his father's sheep.



David faced Goliath with his sling.



David told King Saul, "I will go."



Name: _____

Word Search & Think About It

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B	E	A	R	N	F	Y	T	I	G	N
R	S	A	U	L	G	W	C	D	O	B

Find these words

DAVID
GOLIATH
SLING
STONE
SHEEP
LION
BEAR
SAUL
BATTLE
TRUST

Words go across, down, or diagonally.

Think about it

1. What two animals had David faced while keeping sheep? (1 Samuel 17:34)

2. Who did David say would deliver him from Goliath? (17:37)

3. David said “the battle is the LORD’s.” What is something hard you can trust God with?

Name: _____

Memory Verse Cards

Print on card stock and cut apart. Send one home with each child.

“For the battle is the LORD’s”

1 Samuel 17:47b (ESV)

K-2

“For the battle is the LORD’s”

1 Samuel 17:47b (ESV)

K-2

“You come to me with a sword and with a spear and with a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts”

1 Samuel 17:45a (ESV)

3-5

“You come to me with a sword and with a spear and with a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts”

1 Samuel 17:45a (ESV)

3-5

“For the battle is the LORD’s”

1 Samuel 17:47b (ESV)

K-2

“You come to me with a sword and with a spear and with a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts”

1 Samuel 17:45a (ESV)

3-5

Take-Home: Trusting God With Big Things



Dear family, today we learned how young David faced the giant Goliath (1 Samuel 17). David trusted God, who had helped him before, and said, “The battle is the LORD’s.” This week, ask your child about worries that feel “giant” and pray about them together.

Read together

- ☐ 1 Samuel 17:1-11
- ☐ 1 Samuel 17:32-50
- ☐ Psalm 23

Ask at dinner

- Why wasn’t David afraid?
- How many stones did he pick up?
- What can we do when we are afraid?

Remember what God has done

- ☐ Name one time God helped our family
- ☐ Pray together about one worry
- ☐ Say the memory verse at bedtime
- ☐ Pull out a “stone” truth each day
- ☐ Help someone who feels afraid

Answer Key (Teacher)

Sequencing (p. 10): shepherd (box 2) → talks to Saul (box 4) → five stones (box 1) → faces Goliath (box 3). Order: 2, 4, 1, 3.

Think about it (p. 11): 1. A lion and a bear. 2. The LORD. 3. Answers vary.

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