

Lesson: David and Goliath 1 Samuel 17

Lesson Purpose:

This lesson teaches about one man's faith and courage because he knew with the Lord's help, the Israelites could defeat the armies of the Philistines. "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13

Main Points:

Like David, we can believe that God is with us as long as we are with him. (v. 45)

Like David, we can be brave when faced with trouble. (vs. 37, 46)

Like David, we can remind others who is really in charge of everything. (vs. 46-47)

Lesson Presentation: Abeka Flash-A-Cards series "Young David" Lesson 2. Read some verses from the Bible for this lesson, in particular 43-47, with emphasis.

Activities:

Go through Psalm 23 (with the pop-up book by Agostino Traini) using the words from the NKJV instead of the words in the book. May need to explain some of the work of a shepherd

Read Be Brave, Anna by JoDee McConnaughay (a Happy Day book) to talk about courage and bring to the children's level of understanding.

Make a songbook with pictures for "The Battle Belongs to the Lord." David said to Goliath, "The battle is the Lord's." (1 Samuel 17:47) Can also sing "My God is So Big" which most of the children should know.

David said in v. 46, "This day will the Lord deliver thee into mine hand...that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel." For each lesson taught so far, a picture of any lesson where God demonstrates his power can be found and shown along with a picture of David and Goliath. Demonstrations of God's power help build faith. Faith in the power of God builds courage and gives comfort. Show pictures of the lessons where God demonstrated his power.

Questions for Review:

Where were the Philistine and Israelite armies? One on a mountain and the other on another mountain with a valley between

What was Goliath? A giant

What did Goliath carry? A spear

Who did David say would deliver him from "this Philistine?" The Lord

Who tried to give David his armor? Saul

What weapon did David carry? A sling

What did David pick up on his way to meet Goliath? 5 stones from the brook

How did David kill Goliath? With the first stone he cast from the sling

Discussion Question: It has been my experience that younger children are perfectly capable of coming up with their own discussion questions.