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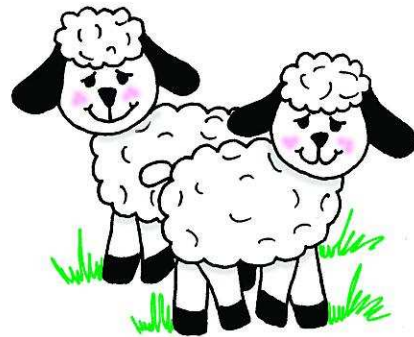
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David and Goliath Family Home Evening Packet



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Home Evening Outline

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Suggested Songs: "I Feel My Savior's Love", pg. 74 (Childrens)
"Lift Up Your Voice and Sing", pg. 252 (Childrens)
"Behold! A Royal Army", pg. 251 (Hymn)

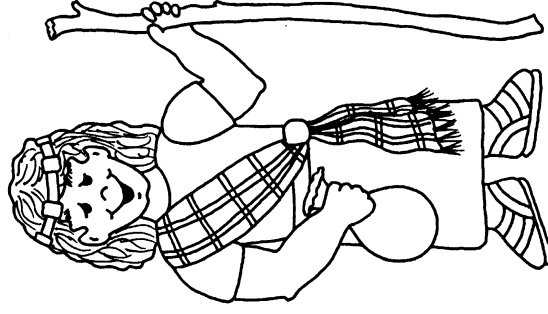
Scriptures: Deuteronomy 31:6, Deuteronomy 20:1

Story: Before beginning the story, measure off nine feet, so that during the story you can illustrate how large Goliath was. Color graphics with markers, colored pencils, chalks, etc. Use flannel, or laminate and cut out and place magnets on back of graphics, etc.

Game: Preparation: Collect nine 20-oz. plastic water or pop bottles with lids. Color, laminate and cut out each of the nine "Goliaths". Fill each of the plastic water bottles about 1/4 full of water, sand, etc. Make sure the lids are sealed tightly. Place masking tape on the backs of the "Goliaths" and secure to the plastic bottles. Make sure the feet are level with the bottom of the bottle. Place the Goliaths in a row five to ten feet away from the group, depending on the ages of your children (closer for younger children, farther away for older children).

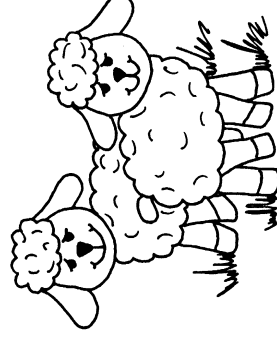
Play: Use a small ball (a racquetball, tennis ball, etc. Have the children roll the ball on the floor and try to knock over as many "Goliaths" as they can. You determine how many tries are given on each turn. Also, at some department stores, you can sometimes find inexpensive, plastic slingshots. Use the slingshots instead of the ball, and always remember eye safety.

David's No-Bake Stone Cookies



Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 stick butter
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon water
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 3 tablespoons cocoa
- 2 cups oats



Soften butter, and mix with all ingredients. Shape into balls.

Roll in powdered sugar and chill.

David and Goliath

Early in the days of the Bible, there was a very wicked group of people called Philistines, who hated the Israelites and wanted to destroy them. The Philistines gathered together their armies to fight, while Saul, a very righteous man, gathered the Israelite army. They pitched their tents in the valley of Elah and tried to get ready for a huge battle.

The Philistines stood on the top of one mountain and the Israelites stood on the top of the other mountain that surrounded the valley. Suddenly, from the Philistine's camp, there came a champion fighter named Goliath. This man is described in the Bible as being six cubits and a span tall. A cubit is between seventeen-and-a-half inches and twenty-one inches, so we know that Goliath was over nine feet tall. He was huge! He wore a helmet of brass on his head and he was armed with a heavy metal coat that was very heavy and strong. His legs were covered with brass and his chest was protected with brass. He carried a large spear that had a head made of iron and was also very heavy. A man bearing a shield walked in front of this giant man.

Goliath stood before the armies of Israel and said, "Why are you here to get this battle going? Am I not a Philistine and you are servants to Saul? Choose a man from your army and let him come down here to me! If he can fight me and kill me, then we will be your servants, but if I prevail against him, and kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us. I defy the armies of Israel today. Give me a man that we might fight each other." When Saul and the Israelite army heard these words, they were afraid.

Meanwhile, there was a young shepherd boy named David whose father, Jesse, had eight sons. The three oldest sons had gone with Saul to fight the Philistines. Their names were Eliab, Abinadab and Shammah. David was too young and had stayed home with his father so he could tend the sheep. During this time, however, Goliath went every morning to the Israelites and tried to coax them to fight him. This went on for forty days while the battle was being fought.

One morning, Jesse told his youngest son, David, to take some corn, loaves of bread and ten cheeses to the captain of his brother's section. He was to see how they were doing and if they were well. David was an obedient son, so in the morning, he got up early. He left the sheep with someone else and traveled to the camp of the Israelite army. When he arrived there, Goliath came out on top of the mountain as he did every morning. He began shouting his challenges to the others and David heard him.

All the Israelite men fled from Goliath because they were very afraid of him, but David was curious. He asked everyone what reward would be given to the man who killed the giant. They told him that he would be made rich and be given the daughter of the king for his wife.

David's brothers heard this conversation and were very angry with David. They accused him of coming to them just to see what was going on in the battle. David kept talking to others about the rewards. When Saul heard what was going on he called for David to be sent to him. David appeared in front of Saul, and said, "Let no man's heart fail because of Goliath. I will go and fight with this Philistine."

Saul was afraid for David and told him that he wasn't able to go against this giant because he was so young. But David was strong in his will to fight. David told Saul of how he had killed a bear and a lion who had come to kill his sheep. Because he could do that, he believed he could kill the Philistine. Here is the important thing that David said to Saul: "The Lord that delivered me out of the paw of the lion and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine," and Saul said unto David, "Go, and the Lord be with thee."

David was dressed with Saul's armor, his helmet and heavy coat made of brass. It weighed him down and he told Saul that he couldn't wear all this protection because he hadn't ever tried it before. Instead, he took a staff to walk with and chose five smooth stones from the brook and put them into a shepherd's bag which he carried. With his sling in his hand, he walked toward Goliath.

Goliath and the man who protected him started toward David. When the Philistine saw David, he began making fun of him, saying that he was just a boy. But David had courage and he said to Goliath, "Thou comest to me with a sword and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied. This day will the Lord deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee."

As the Philistine began walking, David ran to meet him. David put his hand into his bag and took out a stone. He loaded it into his sling and hurled it at Goliath. The stone struck the giant in the forehead and he fell to the earth. David had conquered Goliath, not with a sword and a shield, but with a single stone. When the Philistines realized that Goliath was dead, they ran in fear.

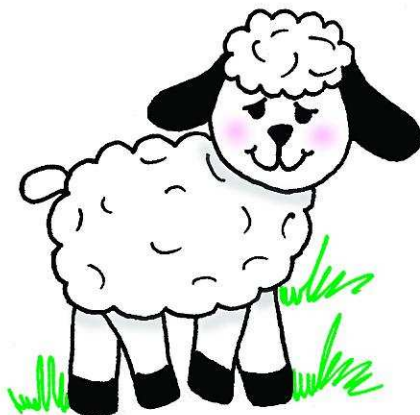
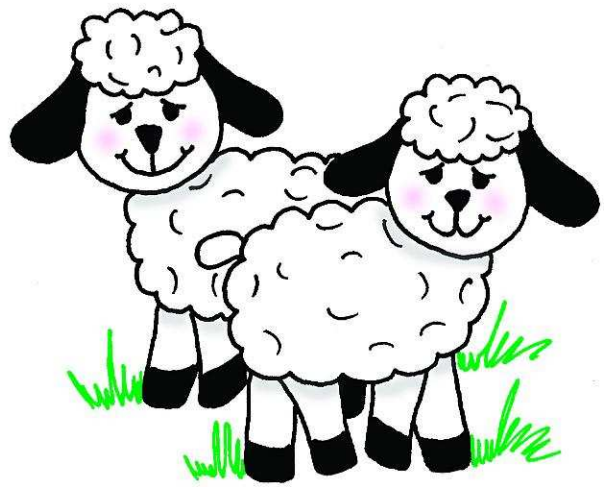
If there is one thing we all need to remember as we go through life, it is that faith in Jesus Christ will see us through anything. We all have our own giants to deal with, whether it is being teased in school or dealing with international terrorism. We have the secret to getting through these terrible trials and times. As we live righteously, the Lord will fight our battles for us and be there to comfort us in times of sadness and fear. Lean on the Lord. Go to Him in prayer and have faith in Him. He knows you individually and loves you perfectly. He will take care of you.

DISCUSSION:

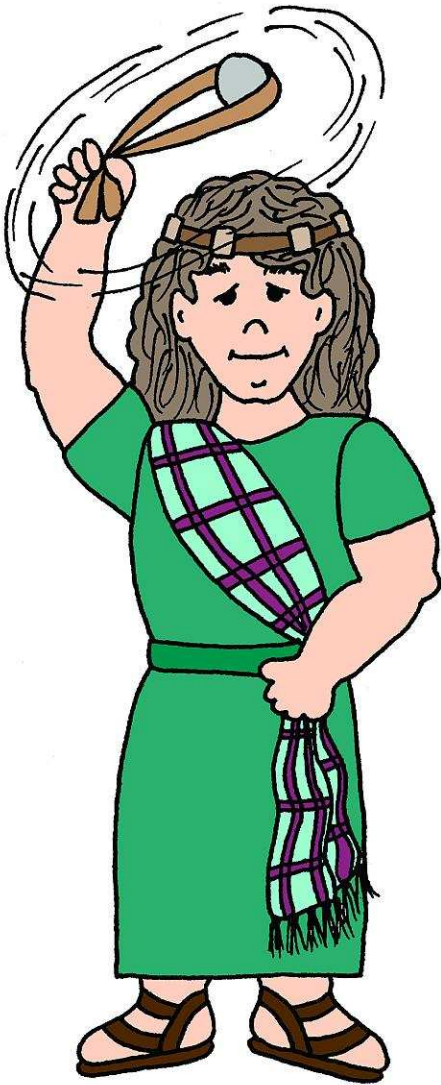
- What does it mean "to have courage"?
- How did David show that he had faith in the Lord?
- What "giants" do you and I have to face everyday?
- Where can we turn for help when we have a problem?



David



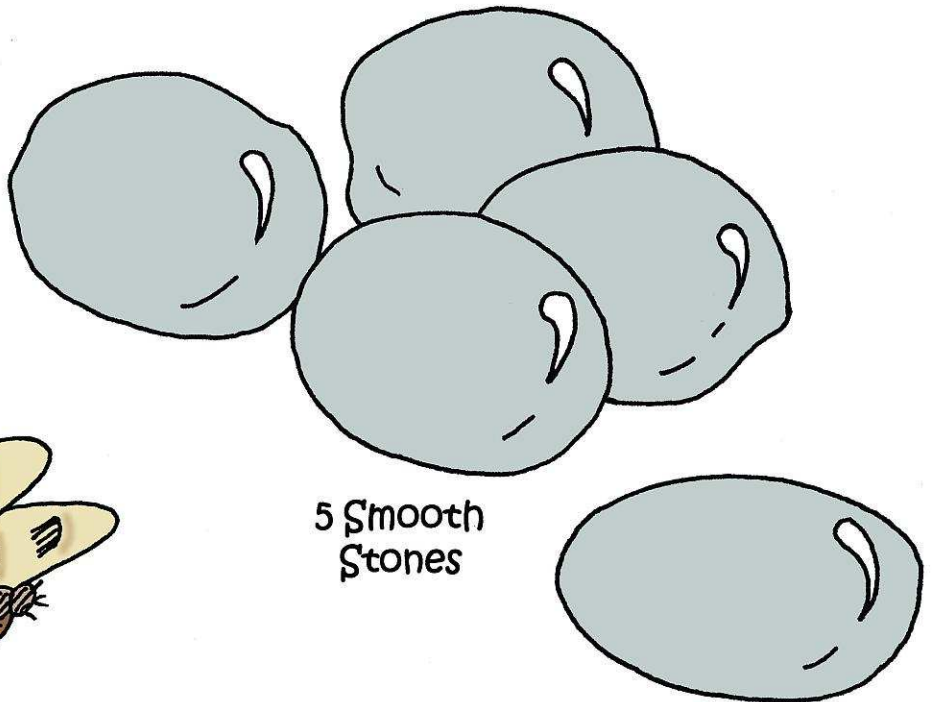
Goliath



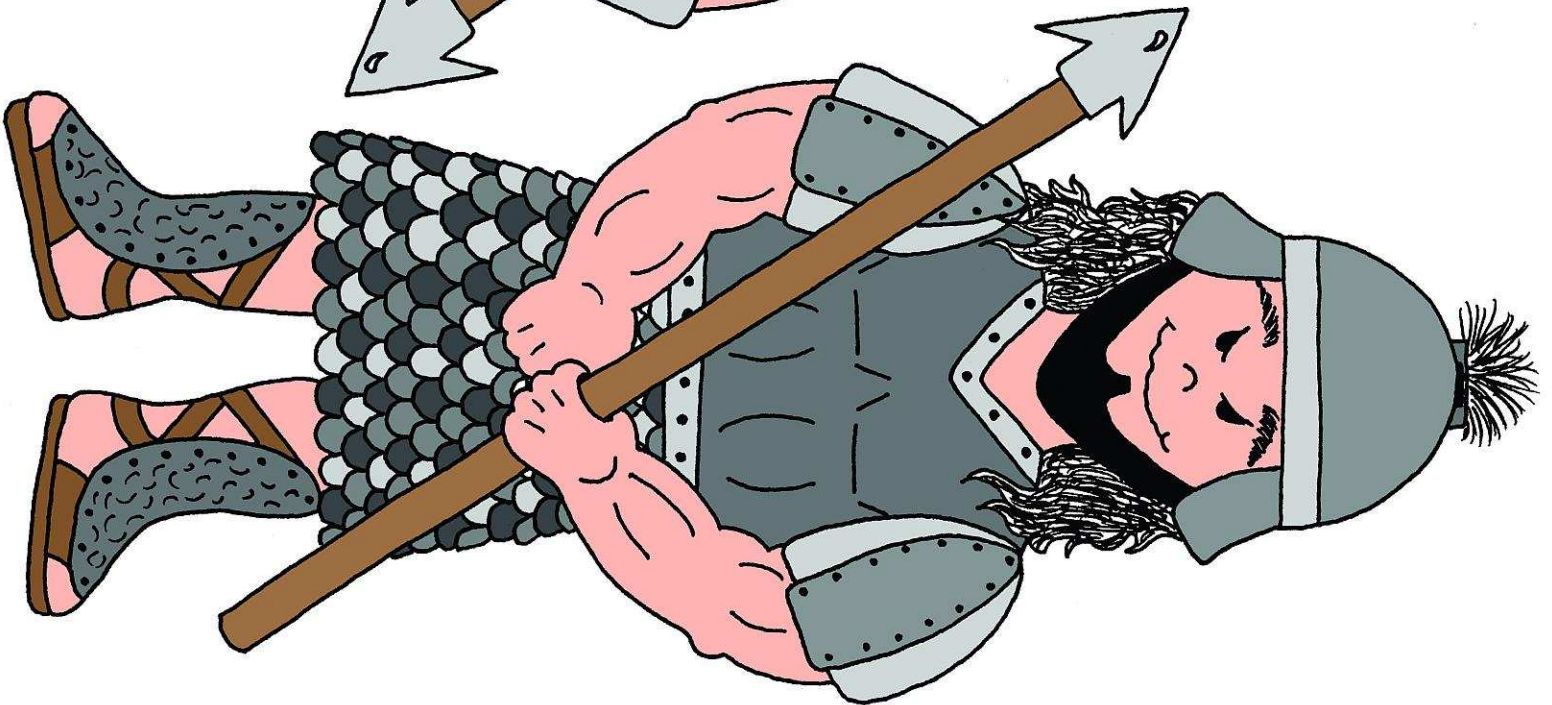
David's Brothers
Eliab, Abinadab & Shammah

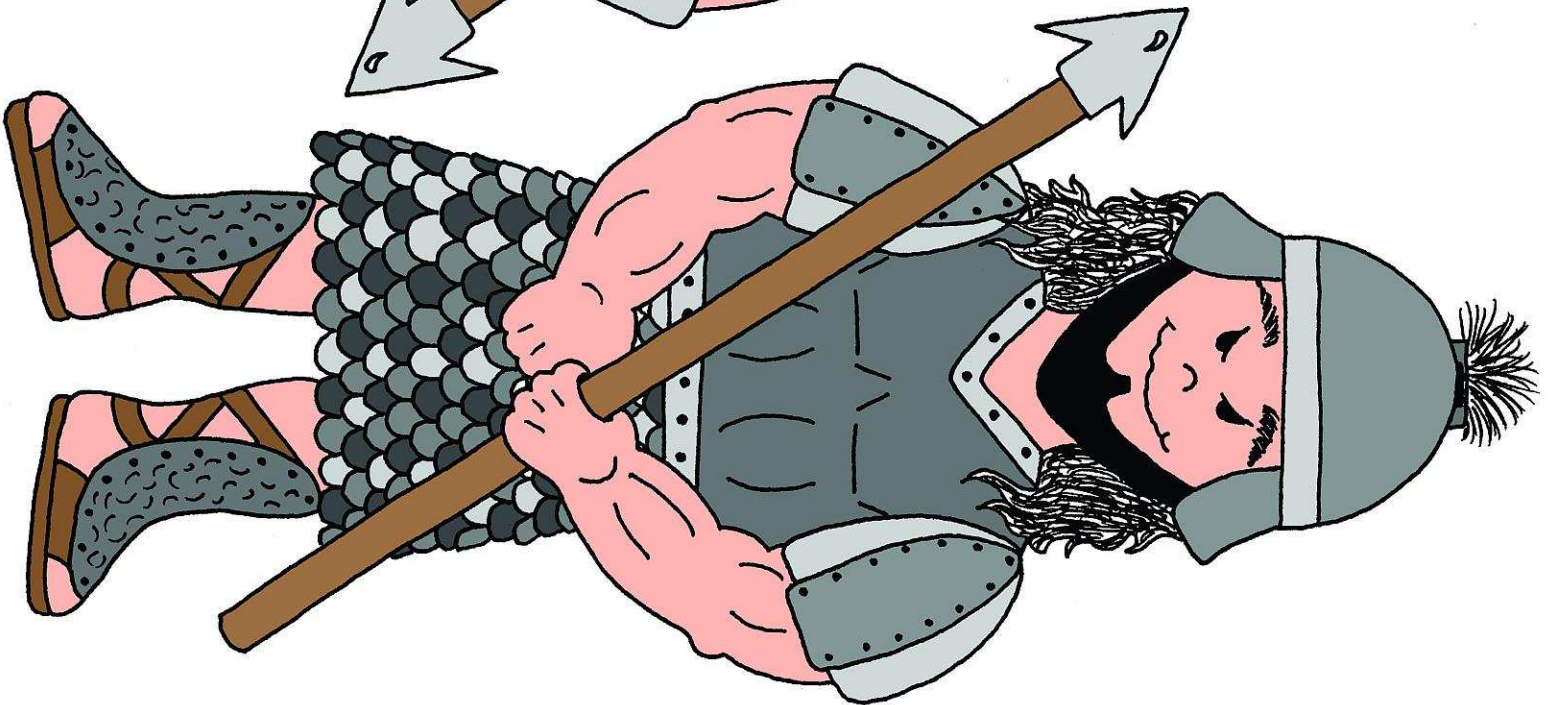


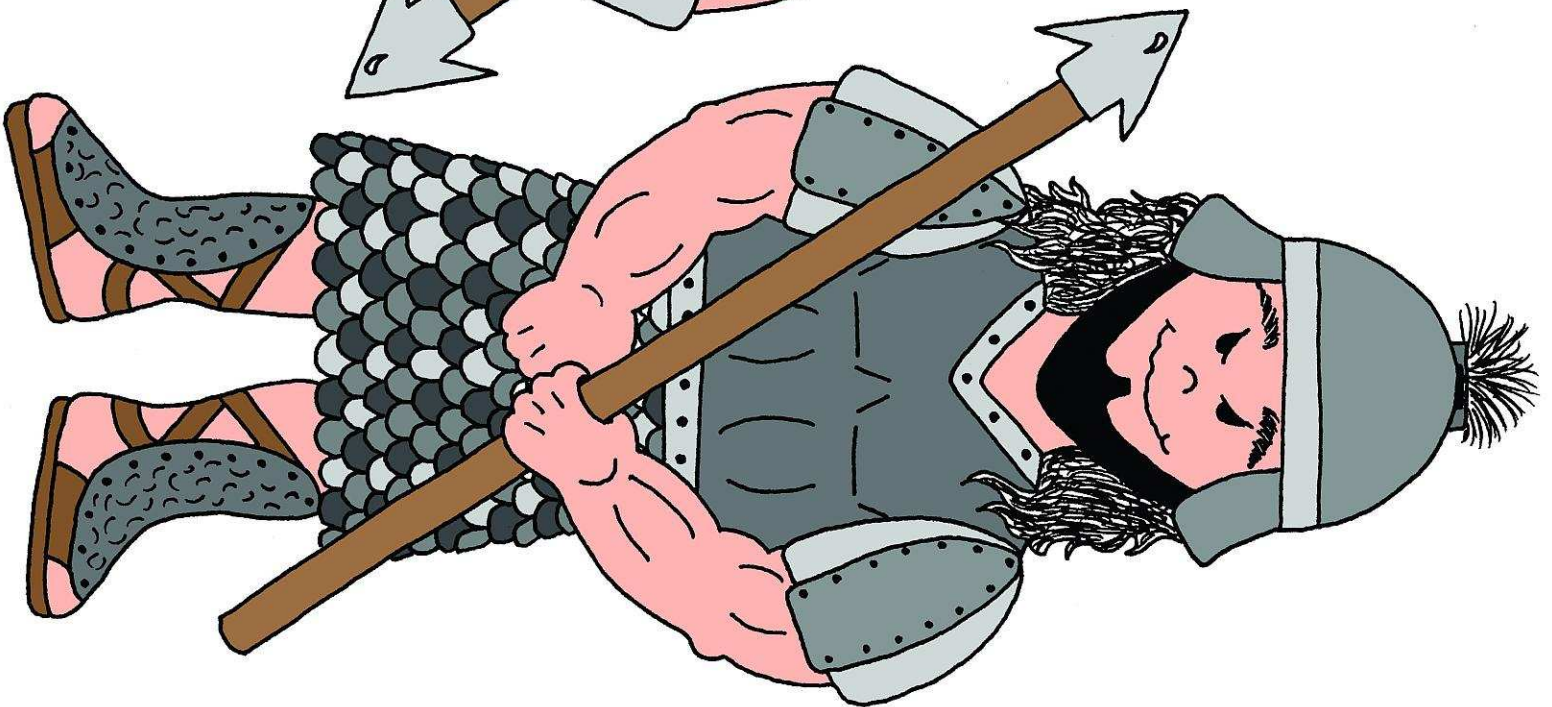
Basket of Corn,
Cheese & Bread



5 Smooth
Stones







Deuteronomy 31:6

**"Be strong
and of a good courage,
fear not,
nor be afraid of them:
for the Lord thy God,
he it is that doth go with thee;
he will not fail thee,
nor forsake thee."**

David

*The boy was just a lad,
his frame not fully grown.
The slingshot at his waist
the only weapon he had known.
They had sent him all alone
the enemy to face.
A boy to fight a man
for no one else would take his place.*



*No clothing made of steel,
and minus sword and shield,
He walked ahead with courage,
to fear he would not yield.
With five small, shiny stones
he strode to meet the foe,
Knowing Father would protect him,
he would never be alone.*



*And David the boy became David the man.
His faith was unbending,
with God he would stand.
The battle is won with the Lord at your side.
Even giants will seem small.
You can rise above it all,
if the spirit is your guide.*