

Foundation Worldview Home Connection

Unit 2: Studying the Bible | Lesson 6



This Home Connection activity should take about twenty minutes to complete. As soon as you get home, with a parent, write down a time this week when your family will work together to complete this activity.

Day: _____ Time: _____



Activity

This week we continued exploring the question “What skills do Christians need to study the Bible well?”

- We looked at how to learn true lessons from descriptive passages in the Bible. We saw that it is important to ask ourselves two questions:
 - How does this descriptive text fit into God’s big story?
 - What does this passage reveal about God?

These questions help us put our focus in the right place — learning truths about God and His big story.

- As a family, read through 1 Samuel 17, the story of David and Goliath. After you have read through this chapter, discuss the two questions above. Then read through the possible lessons below and discuss which lessons we can actually learn from this descriptive story and which lessons are just made up.

Lesson 1: David brought food to his older brothers while they were fighting in the army. He helped his brothers by serving them. From this story, we can learn that it is always the job of the younger siblings to serve their older siblings. If you are a younger sibling, be like David and serve your older brothers and sisters.

Lesson 2: In this story, the Philistines were trying to take over the land of Israel. But long ago, God had promised Abraham that his family would one day own that land. David trusted that God would keep His promises, so David was not afraid to fight Goliath. From this story, we learn that God is faithful, always keeping His promises.

Lesson 3: David tried on Saul's armor for protection, but all that armor did was weigh him down. David knew he didn't need that armor for protection; he only needed confidence that he would win the battle. Like David, we shouldn't worry about protecting ourselves. We simply need to have confidence and then we can achieve our dreams!

Lesson 4: In this story, David chose five smooth stones to put in his bag. He then used these stones to fight and defeat Goliath. Like David, we need to choose the five smooth stones of prayer, power, perseverance, purity, and presence to fight the giants in our life.

Lesson 5: At the end of this story, we see that David stood out to King Saul because of his bravery. We know from God's big story that God was preparing David to be king, even when he was just a boy. This shows us that God always has a plan and, like Romans 8:28 says, He is always working things together for the good of those who love Him.

- While you complete the Follow-Up Assignment this week, as a family, discuss why it is important to ask ourselves these questions when reading descriptive passages:
 - How does this descriptive text fit into God's big story?
 - What does this passage reveal about God?