

The good news is that God is bigger than any of those things and, just like Goliath, He can beat it!

Name

What "giant" is in your life right now?

Take a moment with your leader to pray that God would beat that giant.

REVIEW

Psalm 1:1-6 – "Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers. But they delight in the law of the LORD, meditating on it day and night. They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do. But not the wicked! They are like worthless chaff, scattered by the wind. They will be condemned at the time of judgment. Sinners will have no place among the godly. For the LORD watches over the path of the godly, but the path of the wicked leads to destruction."

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"ROAR" (that's lion for "Well done!")

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"Kids in the Bible: David." Well done!

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17 KIDS IN THE BIBLE: DAVID

Remember, the Bible is God's true story, full of some amazing characters. And some of those characters did some amazing things when they were kids. Last time, we learned about a kid named Samuel, who wanted to be close to God, who God spoke to, and who served God all of his life. This time, let's learn about a young boy named David.

David lived about 3000 years ago. His country, Israel, was not doing well. Israel's king, Saul, was not a good king. Though he did some good things for his country, Saul cared more about looking good than being good. Before long, God decided that it was time to choose a new king for Israel. So, God sent Samuel, His prophet, to a small village called Bethlehem, to the home of Jesse to choose Israel's next king.



READ 1 SAMUEL 16:1-7

(if you don't have a Bible yet, try www.biblegateway.org)

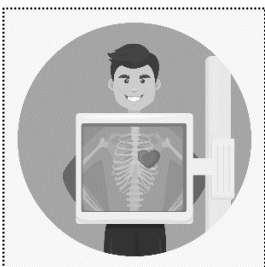
What was the name of Jesse's oldest son? E.....

Jesse had eight sons. The oldest son impressed Samuel. Likely, he was tall, strong, and good-looking. But God reminds Samuel of something so important...

MEMORIZE

1 Samuel 16:7b – "The LORD doesn't see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

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Earlier (in 1 Samuel 13:14), Samuel told Saul that God was looking for someone whose heart (not the organ that pumps blood, but the invisible part of you that makes you who you are, and that lives forever) looked like God's heart, someone who had a heart for the things

of God, someone who cared about what God cares about. Eliab didn't have the right kind of heart to be a good king.

READ 1 SAMUEL 16:8-13

God says "no" to the seven oldest sons of Jesse. David, the youngest, is not present at that moment. What was David doing?

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When David arrives, God says, "He is the one! He has the right kind of heart to be Israel's king." So, Samuel anoints David, pouring oil on top of David's head. This meant that God was giving David an important job to do, and that He would help David do it. David didn't become king right away (He had to wait for over ten years), but when the time was right, God gave the crown and throne to him.



MEMORIZE

Psalm 78:70, 72 – "God chose His servant David, calling him from the sheep pens. ... David cared for Israel with a true heart and led them with skillful hands."

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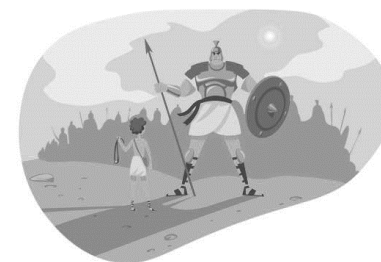
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Not long after David is chosen to be Israel's next king, he visits his older brothers, who are fighting with King Saul against the Philistines (fil-ih-steens), enemies of Israel. The Philistines had a champion, a giant named Goliath (go-ly-ith). He was over nine feet tall! Every day, he would make fun of Israel, and say bad things about God. When David heard Goliath, he told King Saul that he would fight the giant.

READ 1 SAMUEL 17:33-54

What wild animals did God help David to protect his sheep from? and

How many stones for his slingshot did David gather before He fought Goliath?



Read verse 47 once again. Who did David trust to defeat Goliath?

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MEMORIZE

Psalm 20:7-8 – "Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God. They are brought to their knees and fall, but we rise up and stand firm."

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To trust in God's name is to trust in Him. And why should we trust in Him? Because He is wise and powerful, and He cares about His children. And, He is so much bigger than any giant we might face. Sometimes in life, we face giants too. Sickness, bullies, sadness, loneliness, fear, losing someone we love. All of those things can feel really big. And they are.