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David: Defeating Giants



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Introduction

We all have challenges and obstacles that we face on our life journey. We want to teach our children to conquer these challenges/giants in the correct way. Our hero for the month, David, is a great model of someone who faced and defeated giants.

Lesson Objectives:

- Teach the children how to face and defeat giants/challenges that come their way
- Teach the children to use the name of Jesus as a mighty weapon.

Lesson Context:

- The story takes place on the battlefield, in the land of Judah.
- The characters involved are: God, David and Goliath.
- David, a simple shepherd, decided to face the giant when he saw that the entire army of Israel was paralyzed by fear.

Read in advance:

- 1 Samule 17

Memorize the Word:

"The battle is the Lord's."

1 Samuel 17:47b NLT

Declaration for the week:

God fights my battles!

Word of the week:

Battles



Opening Activity:

Ask the kids to name a colour and ask questions based on the chosen colour.

Yellow: Your favourite food?

Red: The place you would most like to visit in SA?

Blue: When I grow up I want to be..?

Green: Favourite book?

Orange: Favourite birthday theme is?

Opening Prayer:

Father, thank You for this day. Thank You that I get to learn about You once again. Please help me to understand Your word so I can grow to be a hero just like David. In the name of Jesus, amen.

Read 1 Samuel 17:45-47

“David said to the Philistine, 'You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the Lord will deliver you into my hands, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. This very day I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves; for the battle is the Lord's, and he will give all of you into our hands.’”



Remind the children that the right way to face giants is:

- Without Fear (v45) - David faced Goliath with great courage. He did not allow himself to be intimidated by the size of the giant or his weapons.

A hero does not fear giants!

- With spiritual weapons (v47) - David did not have the same weapons as Goliath. He had the weapons God had given him. The right weapons for defeating giants are prayer, the name of Jesus and the power of His blood, not swords or guns.

A hero uses the right weapons!

- So that everyone would know God (v46-47) - David did not fight so that he could become famous. He fought so that everyone could see the wonderful things God does.

A hero fights to glorify God!

Application

Say: What are the things you have been afraid of?
We are going to trust God to help you to be strong
and we will see the giants being defeated.

Pray: (let the children pray after you)

Father, I know that You are by my side and that You make me brave. I give you this fear (name the fears according to what the children have said). I thank You that You are fighting my battles. I thank You that the blood of Jesus is applied over my life and I am more than a winner in Jesus. I will not be afraid because You are with me. In the name of Jesus, amen.

Lead the kids into applying the blood of Jesus over themselves:

- By the blood of Jesus, I have been redeemed from the power of the enemy.
- By the blood of Jesus, all my sins have been forgiven.
- By the blood of Jesus, I have been justified. God sees me as if I had never sinned.
- By the blood of Jesus, I have been sanctified and set apart for God. I will do great things for God on this earth.



Remember we
have age
specific
devotionals for
the kids to help
consolidate the
lesson.