

Faith Learning Unit Studies

THEMED CHRISTIAN HOMESCHOOL UNIT STUDIES FOR K-5

David and the Giant

READING COMPREHENSION · 1 SAMUEL 17 · GRADE 3

Read the passage. Then answer the questions in complete sentences.

Long ago, a giant named Goliath came to fight God's people. He was taller than any man, and his shout was loud and cruel. Every day he called out, "Send a man to fight me!" The soldiers of Israel were afraid, and they hid.

But a young shepherd named David was not afraid. He said, "The Lord saved me from a lion and a bear. God will help me now." David left the heavy armor behind. He took only his sling and five smooth stones from the brook. Goliath laughed when he saw the boy. But David ran toward him and said, "The battle is the Lord's!" He swung his sling, and one small stone struck the giant. Goliath fell to the ground, and God gave David the victory — because David trusted in Him.



◆ Comprehension

1. Who came to fight God's people?
2. What did David take instead of armor?
3. Why do you think David was not afraid when the soldiers were?
4. Find and write the words David said before he swung his sling.

◆ Words to Know

giant — a very big, tall person

shepherd — a person who cares for sheep

armor — metal clothing that guards a soldier

victory — a win

◆ Write

Tell about a time you had to trust God to be brave.

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"The battle is the Lord's."

1 Samuel 17:47 · NKJV · This week's memory verse

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TEACHER KEY

◆ Comprehension — answers

1. Who came to fight God's people? *Goliath, a giant.*
2. What did David take instead of armor? *His sling and five smooth stones.*
3. Why do you think David was not afraid when the soldiers were? *He trusted God, who had saved him before. (Accept reasoned answers.)*
4. Find and write the words David said before he swung his sling. *"The battle is the Lord's!"*

◆ Words to Know — sample answers

giant — a very big, tall person

shepherd — a person who cares for sheep

armor — metal clothing that guards a soldier

victory — a win

◆ Write — look for

A personal example connected to the lesson, written in a complete sentence.

◆ Teaching Notes

Before reading — ask what students know about David; preview the vocabulary.

Discussion — How did David's trust in God give him courage? Where do we need courage today?

Extension — Read 1 Samuel 17; students draw the scene or write a prayer for courage.

Faith focus — Our battles belong to the Lord; He fights for those who trust Him.

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