

CatholicMom.com Gospel Activity – Celebrating Our Catholic Faith

Religious Education Lesson Plan Helpers by Laura Grace

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David and Goliath

Review:

Questions from last week's lesson

Vocabulary: (Write the bold words on the board and discuss with class).

Shepherd- person who watches over sheep

Harp- a small musical instrument that has strings that you strum or pluck (show picture)

Israelites- people from Israel (show students this on a map or have one of the students find it on a map).

Philistines- they were people who hated the Israelites. They wanted to take their land and make the Israelites their slaves

Slaves- person forced to work for another

Giant- a very large person

Armor- a covering worn to protect you during battle

Slingshot- a weapon that is a strap or loop which is used for throwing stones (show picture)

Forehead- the part of the face between the eyebrows and hairline (show students where that is on a person)

Trust- to believe or have faith in

Faith- a strong belief in God

Plan:

1. Read story: "David and Goliath" from your own story book. While reading the story do cut outs (Snip-And-Tell Bible Stories by Karyn Henley, page 37 - 39) as the story unfolds. Then ask questions from below.
 1. What was the name of the boy in this story? David.
 2. What did he look after? His father's sheep.
 3. What was the giant's name? Goliath.
 4. Who was not scared to fight Goliath? David.
 5. When Goliath saw David coming, what did he do? He made fun of David.
 6. How did David kill Goliath? He put one of the little stones in his sling, swung the sling around his head, faster and faster, and let it go. The stone hit Goliath right in the middle of his forehead and killed him.

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2. Introduce movie: Who did David kill with just a stone and a sling?

Veggie Tales: Dave and The Giant Pickle (25 min.) and ask questions:

Note: You can skip Silly Songs with Larry during movie.

1. Where did Dave live? In Israel.
2. What was Dave? A shepherd.
3. Who was attacking the Israelites? The Philistines.
4. Who are the Philistines? They were people who hated the Israelites. They wanted to take their land and make the Israelites their slaves.
5. Who put an army together to save Israel? King Saul.
6. Who was the Philistine's strongest man? Goliath.
7. What did Dave bring to the battlefield? Food.
8. Who would fight Goliath? Dave.
9. Who were God's chosen people? The Israelites.
10. King Saul gave something to Dave. What was it? His armor.
11. What was wrong with it? His armor was too big for Dave.
12. How many stones did Dave get? 5 smooth stones.
13. How did Dave kill Goliath? His sling and a rock that hit him in the middle of his forehead.
14. Who did Dave trust to help him? God.

3. Introduce game: What was the name of the giant that David killed?

Defeat Goliath- http://www.christiancrafters.com/game_goliath.html

You could also put the Goliath picture on a 2 liter soda bottle and roll a small ball at it like bowling. (Students can even make this game to take home for a craft).

4. Puzzles & Mazes, Worksheets, etc.

365 Activities for Kids

May 14th- Find the six hidden helmets.

May 15th- Which line must David follow to find exactly five stones.

More 365 Activities for Kids

(June 5th – Here are 6 pictures from the Story of David. Number them in the right order).

David and Goliath puzzles- <http://www.thewordpuzzles.com/childrens.html>

5. Introduce snack: Who was bigger, Goliath or David?

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Grilled Cheese People-

<http://www.childfun.com/modules.php?name=News&file=article&sid=273&mode=&order=0&thold=0>

Have the children make one little person and one big grilled cheese person.

David and Goliath Snacks-

<http://www.daniellesplace.com/html/rrpreschoolsampledavid.html>

Scroll about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way down to the second paragraph above the poem: Five Little Stones

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