

David & Goliath

Materials

- Measuring tape
- 5 stones

Introduction

How high do you think 9 feet is? Can you jump 9 feet high? Measure out how tall 9 feet would be.

Story

David was just a boy when he had to fight Goliath. How did he find the courage? Read 1 Samuel 17:4-11, 32-50.

Take five stones and put them in the open palms of your hands. Ask: How many stones am I holding? Each stone that I am holding can remind us of five things that Goliath had to protect him from King Saul's army. Who can name one thing that Goliath had that David did not have? (helmet, spear, shield, armor, height, strength) Name one for each of the 5 stones.

We can see that Goliath had these things, but now I'd like to think of one important thing that David had that Goliath didn't have. Here's a hint: It's invisible. (Let the kids respond). The answer is: Trust in God. David knew that God was by his side! David's trust in God gave him courage and helped David win the fight.

Discuss:

- What was the name of the king who looked for a warrior to fight Goliath?
- How many stones did David have for his sling?
- Would you have been scared to fight Goliath? Why or why not? Why wasn't David scared?
- Why do you think David's brothers got all crabby with him when he volunteered?
- What did Goliath do when he saw little David?