

## USING GOD'S WORD TO DISCIPLE CHILDREN

### A GIANT? NO PROBLEM (Purposefulness)

**SCRIPTURE:** From 1 Samuel 17

**KEY VERSE:** "Lord, teach me what you want me to do. And I will live by your truth."  
Psalm 86:11

#### **SCRIPTURE TO SHARE:**

"He took his stick in his hand. And he chose five smooth stones from a stream. He put them in his pouch and held his sling in his hand. Then he went to meet Goliath. At the same time, the Philistine was coming closer to David. The man who held his shield walked in front of him. Goliath looked at David. He saw that David was only a boy, tanned and handsome. He looked down at David with disgust. He said, 'Do you think I am a dog, that you come at me with a stick?' He used his gods' names to curse David. He said to David, 'Come here. I'll feed your body to the birds of the air and the wild animals!' But David said to him, 'You come to me using a sword, a large spear and a small spear. But I come to you in the name of the Lord of heaven's armies....You have spoken out against him. Today the Lord will give you to me. I'll kill you, and I'll cut off your head....Then all the world will know there is a God in Israel! Everyone gathered here will know the Lord does not need swords or spears to save people. The battle belongs to him! And he will help us defeat all of you.' As Goliath came near to attack him, David ran quickly to meet him. He took a stone from his pouch. He put it into his sling and slung it. The stone hit the Philistine on his forehead and sank into it. Goliath fell facedown on the ground. So David defeated the Philistine with only a sling and a stone! He hit him and killed him. He did not even have a sword in his hand. David ran and stood beside the Philistine. He took Goliath's sword out of its holder and killed him. Then he cut off Goliath's head. When the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they turned and ran."

From 1 Samuel 17  
Children's International Bible

#### **AN INTERESTING FACT TO SHARE:**

Slings in Bible times were not like toy slings. They were deadly weapons used by trained soldiers. The stones David used in his sling were not little pebbles either. They weighed about two pounds each. No wonder the giant Goliath fell down. David hit him right between the eyes with a two-pound rock!

#### **LET'S TALK ABOUT IT:**

1. Why wasn't Goliath afraid of David?  
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2. What were the differences between David and Goliath?

**3. David's purpose was clear. Anyone who spoke against the Lord God of Israel must be brought down. David never wavered; he never doubted God's ability to help him complete the task. What he knew of God strengthened him for the job. Have you ever had God help you to do a difficult task?**

**4. An exercise: For one minute, say as many things that you know about God as you can. (Examples might be: God answers prayer. God loves people. Jesus died on the cross so that we can be saved).**

**5. Talk about times when we may face very difficult things. Ask the children if they have ever doubted God? Take time to pray with the children. Talk about ways that we can keep our faith in God strong.**

# BEING PURPOSEFUL

## A Lesson to Learn from David



### A Prayer:

**“Lord, help me purpose in my heart to serve You with my thoughts, my words, my actions. Daily give me strength to do what is right according to Your Word. Amen.”**

Draw five stones. On each stone, write one way that God helps you to become strong in Him. When you feel discouraged, look at what you have written and read it aloud. This can help strengthen and help you.

To see David's sling, connect the dots from 1 to 13.



David chose five smooth stones from the stream and put them in his shepherd's bag. With his sling in hand, he faced the giant.  
1 Samuel 17:40