

DAVID AND THE GIANT

Timeless Truth: Total trust in God brings great courage.

Bible Basis: 1 Samuel 17:1–50

Key Verse: "I am coming against you in the name of the LORD who rules over all." —1 Samuel 17:45 NIV

Resource: *The Story for Little Ones*, Chapter 11, "David and the Giant"

PARENT TIPS

Read chapter 11 in *The Story for Little Ones* several times this week and talk about the key point. Reading the story several times will help your preschooler to remember it. Use the Table Talk questions to talk about the lesson. Use the questions anytime throughout the week, not just at the table. The Living Faith activity is designed to help your child remember the Bible story by finding big and small things, like David and Goliath. The Extra Mile ideas give you more ways to help your child remember the lesson.

GET THE POINT

God helped David be brave. God can make me brave, too.

TABLE TALK

- **Who was David?** (*A little boy who cared for sheep*)
- **Who was Goliath?** (*A big giant in the army*)
- **What did God make David?** (*God made David brave.*)
- **How can God make you brave too?**

LIVING FAITH

With your child, find two similar things in your house that are both big and small, such as picture frames, boxes, shoes, or chairs. When you see things that are big, say the key verse together with the motions. The motions for the key verse are in the Extra Mile section. Talk about how God helped David be brave and how he can help you be brave. After you say the key verse together, let your child tell you about a time when she was brave. Tell your child about a time when you were brave. Try to do this at least five times. Ask your child what was special about the number five in the story.

EXTRA MILE

Build a tall tower of boxes to be the giant Goliath. Let your child throw a soft foam ball at the giant to knock him over.

Read books about characters who were brave. What did they do that was brave?

Look around your house for five of the same thing. Count each as you find them.

Use the motions your preschooler learned in class to help your child remember the key verse.

I am (*Point to yourself.*)

Coming against (*Push a pretend wall in front of you.*)

You (*Point straight ahead.*)

In the name of the Lord (*Point up.*)

Who rules (*Point your index finger as if you are telling people to do things.*)

Over all. (*Fling your arms wide.*)

First Samuel 17:45 (*Open hands like a book.*)