

D6 EveryDay™ Parent Page

Date | **October 24, 2021** Family Theme | **Faith Stands Up to Challenges** Study Text | **1 Samuel 17:1-58**

Objective: Family members choose to do everything God leads them to do, confident that God will bring about His will.

How This Lesson Fits in the Story of the Bible: This lesson is set around 1025 BC during Saul's reign as king of Israel. David had been secretly anointed as king by Samuel and was serving in Saul's court. He now entered the public scene by facing Goliath in battle.

Bible Basics: Review Mark 16:15 this week and work with family members to do so as well.

Read the Word: 1 Samuel 17:1-58

Disciple Your Kids

Help your children and grandchildren understand that trusting God makes it possible for us to do what is good and right no matter what other people might think. We follow God's directions, trusting God to take care of us.



Key Truth: God's People Face Challenges to Their Faith (1 Samuel 17:1-24)

When David went to visit his brothers at the battle lines, he faced two very different challenges. The first was Goliath, who taunted Saul and his army for 40 days, twice a day. He was an idolatrous pagan. His people, the Philistines, were a continual problem for Israel and Saul. This challenge lay before Saul and all his army. They observed, but dared not act. The second challenge was David's brothers' and fellow soldiers' unbelief. His oldest brother Eliab belittled him, attacking his character and motivation. Saul in turn, when David finally stood before him, showed no confidence in David's abilities or competence. It is hard to imagine a more intimidating physical adversary than the legendary Goliath. The Hebrew text used for most Bible translations gives his height as "six cubits and a span," over nine feet. Goliath's armor added well over 100 pounds. The iron tip of his spear weighed over 15 pounds. He defied Israel's army. Whoever defied Israel's army defied their God, too. Saul should have answered Goliath's taunts. Saul was taller than the other Israelites, and he was the king. If he was unwilling to participate in the combat himself, then he should have been "kingly" enough to send someone else. Instead, he avoided any conflict altogether by trying to bribe someone (anyone) to do it for him.



Key Truth: God Honors Courageous Faith (1 Samuel 17:25-58)

David offered a solution for Saul's problem — he, David, would fight Goliath. David understood that his victories over wild animals had prepared him to defeat Israel's enemy as well. Those previous victories had come from God; present victory would come from the same source. David did not require the weapons that conventional wisdom demanded. He refused the unfamiliar armor because he needed to be as mobile as possible. He went with what he knew — a sling and five stones — and stepped up to fight. David focused on his belief that the God of Israel would honor His Name and His covenant with His people. Goliath had picked a fight not with Saul or his army or even with David, but with God. David met Philistine armor with the name of God. David ran in quickly and attacked with a stone from his sling. The enemy fell. To complete the task, David used Goliath's own sword to decapitate him. Such an unexpected outcome shocked the Philistines, and they fled in panic. The newly confident Israelites pursued them, then returned to plunder

the abandoned enemy camp. God's victory through David spoke to many that day, Philistines and Israelites alike.

Discussion Starters

Use one or more of the following questions as discussion starters with your kids this week.

- What does it mean to be courageous?
- Why is it often necessary for us to be courageous in our faith?
- What challenges did David face in 1 Samuel 17?
- What kinds of challenges do believers face in our culture?
- How does trust in God help us face challenges?
- In what ways does God honor courageous faith?
- What challenge are you facing in which you need to trust God and have courage?
- **For Elementary:** What kinds of challenges do believers face in our culture?
- **For Elementary:** How can David's faith in God encourage you in your walk with Him?
- **For Elementary:** What are some areas in which you need to demonstrate courageous faith in God?

Everyday Extras

Host a contest for your children to dress in clothes that are much too large and go to battle. The "weapons" could be pool noodles, stuffed plastic bags, Nerf guns, paper wads, or balled up socks. How do the big clothes affect the battle plan? Was David wise to reject Saul's armor as he went to battle with Goliath? Talk about the way God has enabled you to face difficult battles and the personality, abilities, and resources He has provided for you. Is bullying a problem in your child's peer group? Help your children identify ways to stand up against bullies, whether in person or online, whether for themselves or for friends.

Preschool Highlights for SQUARE 1 & ROUND 2

Today your child learned a boy named David was checking on his brothers when he heard Goliath shouting at the Israelite army. He didn't understand why the Israelites were afraid and why the giant thought he was bigger than God. David knew God would help the Israelites. **God Helps Me Be Brave** when I am afraid.