

FAITHFUL SERVANTS- UNIT 3

JUNIORS

LESSON 11- KING DAVID- On the Field with Faith

OBJECTIVES:

1. The main objective of this lesson is that the child identify the faith of David. This will be seen during the review time.
2. The second objective is that the child learn the memory verse and recite it the following week with no more than three helps.
3. The third objective is that the child identify his need for trusting God evidenced during the verse time.

PREPARATION: Make the head of Goliath on poster board. Place it in the class room visible to all the children during the lesson time. If the ceiling is too low, put it as high as possible. Bring five large and smooth stones and a sling shot to show the class during the lesson.

CRAFT SUPPLIES: Smooth stones, Paint, Paintbrushes, Small cups of Water, Black permanent makers, Paper placemats, Paper towels,

SONG TIME: Only a Boy Named David, Make Me a Servant,

INTRODUCTION: How many of you think that you are tall? Some people are very tall but some are small, right? Many of you know of tall people, but I am sure that none of you know anyone as tall as Goliath was. Goliath was somewhere close to 10 feet tall!! Look at the poster that we have up here. That is approximately how tall this giant was. Most of you have probably heard the story of David and Goliath before, but I want you today to put yourself in the sandals of David. David was a normal teenager, just a little older than you all. Turn in your Bibles to I Samuel 17:3. I need a volunteer to read verses three through eleven.

- I. FEAR!
 - A. The giant Goliath was well armored. He had a helmet. A coat of mail- which was made of strong metal that would keep things from hitting his chest. Brass on his legs and shoulders. He also had a huge and heavy spear.
 - B. Goliath mocked the Israelites and dared someone to come fight him.
 - C. But the Israelite feared him greatly and would not go to fight him. Even King Saul was not willing to go fight Goliath.
 - D. No one knew what to do or how to defeat this giant!
- II. COURAGE!!
 - A. David had been watching sheep for his father, when his father decided to send David on a mission. David was to take cheese and food to his brothers who were at the battlefield.

- B. David heard the commotion about this giant that could not be fought. David wondered aloud why no one had gone to fight Goliath. So Saul sent for David.
- C. When David went to the King he agreed to go fight the giant.
- D. Saul tried to give David his armor, but it was too big and heavy.
- E. David took with him only his sling and five smooth stones.
- F. (Show the class the five stones and the sling shot. Ask the children if they would be up for this challenge like David was?)
- G. David began the ascent to the top of the hill where Goliath awaited. Let's read what happened. Each of you read one verse starting at 1 Samuel 17:
- H. So David's faith and trust in the Lord saw him through the slaying of Goliath, the giant!!

APPLICATION/CONCLUSION: What do you think it would have been like to have been in David's place? Can you imagine having to kill a giant like Goliath? That would have seemed like nuts, for David to go with only a sling and stones. But he knew that he had God on his side and that God would protect him!! When you have things in your life that seem impossible, God can work in those situations. God will always do the best for us if we are following Him. God will protect and allow things into our lives to stretch our faith and our trust in Him. Remember this week when you or your family is faced with a problem, God will work it out for our best and for His glory!! Romans 8:28 says, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose."

REVIEW TIME: Now we are going to see what you all remember about the lesson!!

EX. Questions: How tall was the giant? What was the giant's name? Who sent David to the battlefield? What did David take to his brothers? What did David do to help his father? Whose armor did David try to wear? What did David take to the battle? How many stones did it take to kill the giant? Who ultimately got the glory? How did David show faith in God?

ACTIVITY: Give each child one large smooth stone to paint. Pass out small cups of water, paper towels, paint brushes, and placemats. Have them paint the stone one color and then let it dry. Have the children use the large permanent markers to write the word *faith* on the stone. The project will not take long to dry and should be ready to be sent home in plastic lunch bags.

VERSE TIME: Ps. 46:5 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

TEACH VERSE: This verse was written by David. David went through a lot in his lifetime, and learned more and more about the strength that God gives. God can be your help in time of trouble as well. We are going to learn this verse in Psalm. (Have the children read it together several times. Have them give you examples of times that they have been in "trouble.")

EVALUATION:

1. The child will have participated during the review time.
2. The child will have learned the verse and will recite it from memory next week with no more than three helps.
3. The child will answer questions during the verse time about his personal need to trust God.