



## Bible Studies on Demand

# The Many Faces of David & Goliath



### Breaking the Ice

**Group:** Tell about a time when you faced a bully. Tell about a time when you were afraid.

**Just You and God:** Think about a time when you faced a bully or were afraid.



### Caring And Sharing

**Group:** What was one way has God “delivered” you today, this week? What is the greatest challenge you are facing?

**Just You and God:** Write down one way God has delivered you today/this week. Now write down the greatest challenge you are facing.



### Prayer & Worship

**Group: Suggestions:** Ask for volunteer to pray. Have a prayer printed that everyone could read together. Select and read a Psalm. Sing a song learned in Sunday School and or camp about David and Goliath...or create your own.

**Just You and God:** Talk to God about how great you think He is. Think about and or sing out loud a song learned in Sunday School, and or camp about David and Goliath.



### Studying His Word

**The Message:** The story of David and Goliath clearly demonstrates that faith in God to deliver is far more important than size and brute strength. The way things look to us is not always the way God sees and uses them for His purposes.

**Group:** After you have finished the PowerPoint presentation, write what you think the message is.

**Just you and God:** After you have finished the Bible study, write what you think the message is.

### **Bible Story – David and Goliath (1 Samuel 16; 17)**

This is the story of David, a shepherd boy, who finds favor with the king of Israel, Saul. When the Philistine army comes to fight with Israel again, a giant-sized warrior, named Goliath, calls for an Israelite to come out and fight with him. When none of the Israelites is willing to fight with Goliath, trusting in God to protect them, David offers to go. He refuses the usual armor and weapons, carrying his staff and sling instead. He kills Goliath by hitting him in the head with a stone from his sling.

**Lesson** 1 Samuel 17:1-58

#### **Lesson Text:**

The very sight of Goliath struck fear in the hearts of Israel's soldiers. Every morning and every evening for forty days, he roared across the valley, "Why have you not come out to line up for battle?" Choose a man for yourselves...if he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants. But if I kill him, then you shall be our servants." 1 Samuel 17:8,9

#### **Memory Verse**

1 Sam 17:45 "You come to me with a sword and a spear, but I come to you in the name of the Lord God.

#### **Questions for Further Understanding**

**Group:** The following questions can be used in a general discussion of the story, or the group can be divided into smaller groups, comparing their views in the larger group when everyone is finished. Reflect on these questions. What message do you think Jesus was trying to give His disciples? What message do you think God has for you in these parables?

**Just you and God:** Reflect on these questions. What message do you think Jesus was trying to give His disciples? What message do you think God has for you in these parables?

#### **Additional Questions you may wish to use based on the time you have allotted.**

1. Why are the Israelite soldiers afraid of Goliath?
2. Why does Saul say that David cannot fight Goliath?
3. What argument does David use to convince Saul that he is capable of fighting against Goliath?

4. What does Saul do for David to try and help him in the fight?
5. Why doesn't David accept the help that Saul gives him?
6. By the world's standards, does it make sense that David is able to defeat Goliath?
7. Why is David able to defeat Goliath?
8. Describe a personal Goliath type of life experience that was defeated by faith in God.

**Suggested Activity in Creating Guidelines for Group Discussion on David and Goliath**

The group will work together to create a list of guidelines to follow during the small group discussions. The list will be displayed in the room for all to see. One person in each group will be responsible for reminding the group to stay on track, watch the time and follow the guidelines.

**Witnessing For Christ:**

**Group:** Who needs to hear this message? How will you tell them? Who will you invited to become a part of your group?

**Just You and God:** Who needs to hear this message? How will you tell them?

**Closing:**

**Group:** Prayers for group members and others outside group who need God's protection.

**Just You and God:** Prayers for yourself, prayers for family members and friends who need God's protection.