

DAVID – Lesson #4

DAVID WINS A VICTORY

SCRIPTURE: 1 Samuel 17

MEMORY VERSE: 1 Samuel 16:7 “...for *the LORD seeth* not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.

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MAIN TRUTH: God wants you to trust Him for victory over sin.

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I. INTRODUCTION

A. BEGINNING STATEMENTS

The enemy armies were gathering together. Soon they would be ready to attack the Israelites! The Philistines hated the true God. They wanted to rule His people and make them their slaves.

Saul, king of the Israelites, knew they had to defend themselves, so he quickly gathered his own army. Soon, the Philistine army was on one side of a mountain, and the Israelite army was looking across at them from the side of another mountain, with a valley in between them.

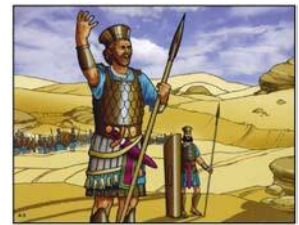
B. TRANSITION

War was about to begin.

II. PROGRESSION OF EVENTS

FLASHCARD 4-2

Then something huge began moving in the Philistine camp. As it came closer, the Israelites must have opened their mouths in surprise. It was a man, but no ordinary one. The Bible tells us that this man was nine or ten feet tall! His name was Goliath.



IH Show or name something in sight that is about the right height. OR, prepare a string that is nine feet long. OR, say, *“That means he was two and a half feet taller than some popular tall basketball player.”*

He wore a helmet made out of a strong metal, called brass. His coat was made out of this metal too; it probably weighed about 125 pounds! He wore brass armor around his legs and brass armor between his shoulders to protect his neck. He carried a gigantic spear with an iron point. He had a man walk in front of him to carry his shield until he needed it. Goliath was a powerful, dangerous man. He was the champion of the Philistines who were God’s enemies.

“Why have you come to get ready for a battle?” Goliath shouted so loudly that the whole Israelite army could hear him across the valley. “I am a Philistine and aren’t you the servants of Saul? Choose a man for you and let him come down to me. If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants, but if I kill him, then you will be our servants.”

Maybe Goliath raised his voice even a little more. “I dare all the army of Israel today. Give me a man so that we may fight together!”

Goliath hated the true God and His people. He was a sinner.

S, PAU
Isaiah 64:6

But you and I are sinners too. We might not seem so bad on the outside as Goliath was, but God sees who we are on the inside what we think, what we want, and how we feel. When we do, think or say anything that God says is not right, that is sin. The Bible says, “. . . ***We are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags . . .***.” Even our righteousness, the good things we try to do, are like dirty rags compared to how good and perfect God is. (Ex. Maybe you “*borrowed*” your sister’s jacket without asking her, planning to bring it back before she noticed.) Sin is a serious thing to God even if it doesn’t seem so bad to us.

Goliath was certainly a sinner.

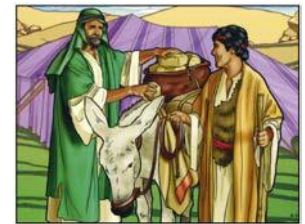
Every morning and every evening, Goliath walked to the edge of his camp and shouted the same words. For forty days, twice a day, the Israelites heard his challenge and they were afraid of him.

IH Together, count to 40 by 10’s and then hold up two fingers.

While all this was going on, David, the son of Jesse, was back in Bethlehem with his family. Maybe he had been going back and forth between living at the palace to play music for Saul and going home to take care of his father’s sheep. When the war with the Philistines began, David’s three oldest brothers went off to join Saul’s army.

FLASHCARD 4-3

One day, David’s father said to him, “I want you to go see how your brothers are doing. Take this corn, these ten loaves of bread, and this cheese for them, and run down to the camp.”



I’m sure Jesse was worried about his sons because he loved them.

G I hope you have someone who takes care of you because they love you. But even if you don’t have any person like that in your life, you can know that God loves you. God tells us in His Word that He loves you, knows you, and cares about everything that happens to you.

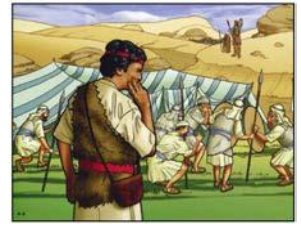
I’m sure Jesse loved his sons and cared about what was happening to them. That’s why he was sending David with food for them.

So David got up early the next morning, left his sheep with someone who would take care of them, and did what his father told him to do.

IH Have children pack the corn, loaves of bread, and cheese into sacks and put them on their donkey.

FLASHCARD 4-4

David arrived at Saul's camp with his load of food just as the two armies were getting ready to start the battle. Both sides were shouting, and everything must have been loud and confusing.



Quickly, David hurried through the crowd to find his brothers. He was just starting to ask them how the war was going when one voice suddenly rose above all the shouts of the soldiers. David must have turned in surprise to see where that powerful voice was coming from.

There was Goliath. He was standing out in front of his army, shouting the same words he had been shouting for weeks. The Israelite soldiers around David backed away, trembling in fear.

But David said, "Who is this Philistine, a man who is not one of God's people! Does he think he can stand up against the armies of the living God?"

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Like David, have half of the children ask, "*Who is this Philistine?*" Have the other half respond, "*Goliath.*" Switch roles and do it again.

David's oldest brother, Eliab, was angry when he heard those words. Maybe he was ashamed that David would speak so bravely when he himself had been afraid of Goliath for so many days. "Why did you come here?" he said to David. "Who did you leave your few little sheep with in the wilderness? I know how proud you are; you came here just so you could see the battle, didn't you?"

Eliab wasn't being fair. He was accusing David. But David hadn't done anything wrong. David was just obeying and doing what his father had asked him to do.

I know Someone else who obeyed His Father.

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His name is Jesus. He is the one and only Son of God, and He always did exactly what His Father, God, wanted Him to do. He never sinned.

The Lord Jesus always obeyed His Father.

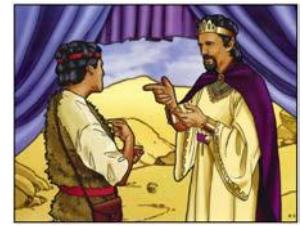
David was obeying his father and came to see how his brothers were doing at the battle.

"What have I done?" David answered his brother. Then he turned to talk to the other men.

It didn't take long for the news to spread around the camp that a young man was asking questions about fighting Goliath! As soon as King Saul heard about it, he called for David to come talk to him.

FLASHCARD 4-5

David said to King Saul, “Do not let any man be afraid of him any longer. I, your servant, will go and fight with this Philistine.”



That reminds me of what Jesus willingly did for us when He lived here on the earth.

P, E
Eph. 1:7

Jesus knew that the only way for you and me to be forgiven of our sin was for Him to pay for our sins. He did this by giving His precious blood when men nailed Him to a cross, where He bled and died. Jesus didn't *have* to die there. He willingly *let* those men do that to Him so that He could take the punishment for all the wrong things you and I have done. He was punished for sin so we don't have to be. The Bible says, ***“In whom we have redemption (been set free) through His blood, the forgiveness of sins ”*** After Jesus died He was buried in a cave, three days later He came out of that grave alive again! Jesus came back from the dead. He is alive right now, and He will never die again. If Jesus had not done this for us, we could never be forgiven.

Jesus was willing to give His life's blood to save you and me from our sin.

David was also willing to go and fight Goliath.

“You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him,” Saul answered. “You are just a young man, and Goliath has been training to be a soldier since he was a boy.”

But David wasn't afraid. “When I kept my father's sheep, a lion came to take a lamb out of the flock. I went out after him, hit him, and rescued the lamb from his mouth. When he attacked me, I grabbed him by his mane and killed him. I have killed both a lion and a bear. This Philistine, who does not follow God, will be like one of them to me.”

“And the Lord,” David continued, “who rescued me out of the paw of the lion and out of the paw of the bear, will also rescue me from the hand of this Philistine.”

David had faith to believe that God would give him victory and help him to win over their Philistine enemy, Goliath.

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God wants you to trust Him for victory over sin.



If you have trusted Jesus to save you from your sin, you should also trust that God can help you win over your enemy too. Your enemy is your sin. God wants you to trust Him for victory over sin. It is very tempting to look at our neighbor's text answers when we didn't study for the test the night before. But this girl needs to trust God to help her not to cheat, but to have victory over sin.

David was trusting that God would give him victory, so Saul didn't argue with him anymore. He just said, “Go, and the Lord be with you.”

Then Saul gave David a helmet of brass, a metal coat, and a sword. David tried to walk with all that big armor, but he was smaller and younger than Saul. The armor was so heavy he could hardly move. Saul's armor did not fit David.

“I can't use these,” David said.

IH

Have children pretend to put Saul's armor on: helmet, coat, and sword. Groan as try to walk hunched over with weight. Say, *"I can't use these"* and take them off.

He took Saul's armor off. David picked up his long, strong stick, called a staff, and went out to meet Goliath.

On his way, he bent down over a little stream of water, picked out five smooth stones, and put them in the little bag he always carried while he was taking care of his sheep.

IH

Pretend to be David and pick up five stones, placing them in a bag at their side.

In his hand, he held his sling. It worked a little like the toy slingshots we have today. But it was powerful enough to be used as a real weapon. With nothing else to protect him, David began walking toward the Philistine.

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Have children walk in place.

As David moved closer, Goliath must have realized that this was not Israel's mightiest soldier; it was nothing but a good-looking young man, maybe only a teenager.

Goliath was angry. "Am I a dog, so you come against me with sticks?" he shouted. He began to curse David using the names of the gods that he worshiped. "Come to me," he said to David, "and I will kill you and give your body to the wild birds and animals to eat."

David knew exactly how he wanted to answer. "You come to me with a sword and spear and shield, but I come to you in the name of the Lord, the God of the armies of Israel, who you have challenged. This day, the Lord will give you to me to defeat. I will kill you; then the whole world will know that the God of Israel is the true God. Everyone watching this will know that God does not save using a sword and spear. The battle belongs to God, and He will give you to us to defeat."

IH

Have children repeat, *"The battle belongs to God!"*

David really believed that God would help him. Yes, he trusted God for victory to win against this wicked man!

**MT, PAS
Ps. 118:8**

God wants you to trust Him for victory over sin.

If you have trusted Jesus to save you from your sin, God wants you to trust Him for victory over sin. God says in the Bible, ***"It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man."*** He has made it possible to stop doing the wrong things and to start doing what is right. You can't win over sin yourself. Nobody else can do it for you. If you trust God for His help, He will do it (*Ex. When there is something that you really want and you know that if you lie to your parents or your teacher, they will give it to you, will you trust God to give you victory over sin and choose not to tell that lie?*) God wants you to trust Him for victory over sin.

David could not win on his own. He was trusting God to give him victory over Goliath.

When Goliath heard what David said, he didn't answer. He just began to run toward David to kill him. David started to run, too, right toward Goliath!

FLASHCARD 4-6

David put his hand in his shepherd's bag, pulled out a stone, and fitted it into his sling. Then he swung the sling around and around and whipped it toward Goliath as hard as he could, letting go of one of the strings so the stone could fly out.



IH Have children pretend to place a stone in their sling, swing it around their head, and then let it fly.

David's stone flew fast and straight toward the Philistine and hit him hard right in the forehead. Goliath fell down flat with his face to the ground.

IH Have children clap hands together once for stone hitting Goliath and then once again as Goliath falls flat.

David ran to Goliath. He didn't have a sword of his own, so he stood on the huge man, grabbed his gigantic sword, and pulled it out of the sheath where Goliath kept it hanging at his side. Then David killed the Philistine using his own sword.

When the Philistine army saw that their hero was dead, they turned around and ran. With a shout, the men of the Israelite army rushed forward to chase after them.

III. CLIMAX

The war that never really started was over!

IV. CONCLUSION

A. CLOSING STATEMENTS

The entire Philistine army was defeated that day when David killed Goliath.

The captain of Saul's army brought David to Saul as people were rejoicing and singing all around them. David had rescued his people from their enemy. He would never again go home to be a shepherd. He was now a famous man. He had trusted God, and God had done what seemed impossible.

B. BRIDGE

Have you trusted God to help you win over sin that seems impossible in your life?

C. CHALLENGE

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Ps. 118:8



If you have trusted Jesus to save you from your sin, remember, God wants you to trust Him for victory over sin. Remember, the Bible says, ***"It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man."*** You can't win over sin on your own. Will you trust God to help you? When you want to tell a lie to get what you want, God can help you to do what is right. Trust Him to do that. You can pray right now and tell God you want to trust Him to give you victory, win, over sin. I'll be quiet while you talk to God in your heart, and then I'll finish our prayer time. *(Allow time for them to pray quietly.)*

D. INVITATION

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Acts 16:31

Maybe you can't ask Jesus to help you to do what is right because you have never believed in Jesus to forgive you of your sin. This is the first and most important thing you need God to do for you. The Bible says, ". . . ***Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved*** (from the punishment of sin)....." Do you know that you have sinned and that you deserve to be punished for your sin? Do you believe that Jesus gave His blood when He died on the cross to take the punishment for your sin? He came alive again and lives today. Are you ready to believe in Jesus to forgive you and receive Him as your personal Saviour? You may bow your head and close your eyes and show me by raising your hand that you are ready to receive Jesus to be your Saviour. You may all look up now. Thank you. *(Tell them when to come and where to go for counseling.)* (Teacher close in prayer.)