
LESSON PLAN

Facing the Giant (Lesson One)

Lesson One: Samuel goes to Bethlehem

Teacher:

Scripture: 1 Samuel 16:1 - 11

Lesson time: 40 minutes

Lesson Objective:

- Objective 1: Children will know the importance of obeying Yahweh.

Additional Downloads:

1. Facing the Giant story (pdf)
 2. Facing the Giant coloring pages (pdf)
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Welcome prayer:

Pray a small prayer with the children before you begin the lesson.

Bible lesson overview:

In Lesson One, Saul disobeys Yahweh's (God) instructions to destroy the king of the Amalekites and all his animals. He keeps the king as his prisoner. God is not pleased with Saul's disobedience. He tells His prophet Samuel to anoint another king of Israel and sends him on an important mission to the city of Bethlehem. When Samuel arrives in Bethlehem, he invites Jesse and his sons to a sacrifice. But God doesn't choose any of Jesse's seven sons to be king. Samuel asks Jesse if he has any more sons, and Jesse calls for his youngest son, a shepherd named David.

Did you know?

Did you know Saul was 30 years old when he became king of the Israelites? He reigned for 42 years.

Bible lesson:

Read pages 1, 2, 3, and 4 from the story, 'Facing the Giant'. Questions to ask:

1. Why did King Saul disobey God?
2. What facts did you learn about Samuel?
3. What does God look at and make decisions?
4. What is the job of a shepherd?
5. Why do you think God chose David to be the next king of Israel?

Message:

Read: Deuteronomy 30: 9-10. Yahweh (God) is pleased when we obey His commandments (instructions). He promises wonderful things to children who obey Him.

Memory verse:

"For God sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but Yahweh looks at the heart." (1 Samuel 16:7)

Activity:

Obedience Game: Have the children stand in a circle. Give a command such as, "Simon says raise your right hand." The children should only obey the commands that Simon Says. If a command is given such as, "put your hand down," the child who follows that command is out of the game because Simon did not say to do so. Commands are given until only one child is left.

Closing prayer:

End the lesson with a small prayer.

LESSON PLAN

Facing the Giant (Lesson Two)

Lesson Two: David is anointed king of Israel

Teacher:

Scripture: 1 Samuel 16:12 - 17:3

Lesson time: 40 minutes

Lesson Objective:

- Objective 1: Children will learn that God always keeps His promises.

Additional Downloads:

1. Facing the Giant story (pdf)
 2. Facing the Giant coloring pages (pdf)
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Welcome prayer:

Pray a small prayer with the children before you begin the lesson.

Bible lesson overview:

In Lesson Two, God promises David that he will be the next king of Israel. Samuel pours his horn of olive oil over David's head and anoints him as king. Because Saul disobeyed God, his mind is troubled. One of Saul's servants suggests young David visit Saul and play his harp to make him feel better. And David does so. Meanwhile, the Philistines have gathered to fight the Israelites. They have a fearsome warrior called Goliath on their side! He is taller and stronger than any Israelite.

Did you know?

Did you know that Yahweh often chose shepherds to lead the Israelites? Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses and David were all shepherds.

Bible lesson:

Read pages 5, 6, and 7 from the story, 'Facing the Giant'. Questions to ask:

1. Who did Yahweh promise will be the next king of Israel?
2. What did you learn about David?
3. What was tormenting Saul?
4. How did David help Saul when the evil spirit came upon him?
5. Who was the Philistines' fearsome warrior?

Message:

Read: Deuteronomy 7:9. Throughout the Bible, Yahweh makes many promises. Whenever God makes a promise, He keeps His promise.

Memory verse:

"Trust God with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight." (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Activity:

Coloring page: Goliath

Closing prayer:

End the lesson with a small prayer.

LESSON PLAN

Facing the Giant (Lesson Three)

Lesson Three: Goliath threatens the Israelites

Teacher:

Scripture: 1 Samuel 17: 4 - 27

Lesson time: 40 minutes

Lesson Objective:

- Objective 1: Children will learn the importance of trusting God.

Additional Downloads:

1. Facing the Giant story (pdf)
 2. Facing the Giant coloring pages (pdf)
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Welcome prayer:

Pray a small prayer with the children before you begin the lesson.

Bible lesson overview:

In Lesson Three, the Israelite and Philistine armies prepare for battle. They face each other across the Elah Valley. For forty days, the giant Goliath threatens the Israelite soldiers to fight him. David takes food to the battlefield for his brothers who are in the Israelite army. The Israelite soldiers are scared to fight Goliath, but not David. He asks about the king's reward for killing the Philistine giant.

Did you know?

Did you know that the giant Goliath was approximately nine feet nine inches tall? (1 Samuel 17:4).

Bible lesson:

Read pages 8, 9, and 10 from the story, 'Facing the Giant'. Questions to ask:

1. Why did David go to the Israelites camp?
2. How many of David's brothers were in the Israelite army?
3. What was Goliath's challenge to the Israelites?
4. Why were King Saul and his army afraid of Goliath?
5. What was the king's reward for killing Goliath?

Message:

Read: Deuteronomy 20:1. We can trust God in every difficult situation. He will help us fight our battles.

Memory verse:

"Be strong and courageous, don't be afraid, nor be scared of them: for Yahweh your God, He goes with you; He will not fail you or forsake you." (Deuteronomy 31:6)

Activity:

Mark a spot on the wall 9 feet high. Then mark a spot about 5 feet high. Have each child stand up against the marks to see how tall they are compared to David and Goliath.

Closing prayer:

End the lesson with a small prayer.

LESSON PLAN

Facing the Giant (Lesson Four)

Lesson Four: David asks permission to fight Goliath

Teacher:

Scripture: 1 Samuel 17:28 - 40

Lesson time: 40 minutes

Lesson Objective:

- Objective 1: Children will learn about courage.

Additional Downloads:

1. Facing the Giant story (pdf)
 2. Facing the Giant coloring pages (pdf)
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Welcome prayer:

Pray a small prayer with the children before you begin the lesson.

Bible lesson overview:

In Lesson Four, Eliab mocks David for coming to the battlefield. But David ignores his older brother; in his heart he wants to save the Israelites from the Philistines. When King Saul hears about David's bravery, he calls David before him. David asks permission to fight Goliath. King Saul is unsure but finally agrees and gives David his own armor to wear. But David throws off the armor - he has another plan! Instead he chooses five stones from the creek to take into battle.

Did you know?

Did you know that King Saul was the tallest man in Israel? (1 Samuel 9:2)

Bible lesson:

Read pages 11, 12, and 13 from the story, 'Facing the Giant'. Questions to ask:

1. How did God prepare David to fight Goliath?
2. Why was David not afraid of Goliath?
3. Why was King Saul unsure that David could defeat Goliath?
4. What equipment did King Saul give David to fight Goliath?
5. What weapons did David take to fight Goliath?

Message:

Read: Psalm 23. David wrote this psalm. As a shepherd boy, David learned to trust God as his shepherd. This trust gave him the courage to battle Goliath.

Memory verse:

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for Yahweh your God is with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9)

Activity:

Coloring page: King Saul & David

Closing prayer:

End the lesson with a small prayer.

LESSON PLAN

Facing the Giant (Lesson Five)

Lesson Five: David defeats Goliath!

Teacher:

Scripture: 1 Samuel 17:41 - 58

Lesson time: 40 minutes

Lesson Objective:

- Objective 1: Children will review the importance of trusting and obeying God's Word.

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Welcome prayer:

Pray a small prayer with the children before you begin the lesson.

Bible lesson overview:

In Lesson Five, David and Goliath face each other on the battlefield. David put a stone in his sling and shoots it at Goliath's forehead. The stone hits Goliath and he crashes to the ground on his face. David wins the fight with just a sling and a stone! When the Philistines see that Goliath is dead, they run away as fast as they can. But the Israelite soldiers chase them back to their homes. All the Israelites celebrate David's great victory!

Did you know?

Did you know during this time, there were no blacksmiths in Israel? The Israelites took their iron tools to the Philistines to get sharpened. The Philistines (who were their enemies) charged a very high price for this service. (1 Samuel 13:20)

Bible lesson:

Read pages 14, 15, 16, and 17 from the story, 'Facing the Giant'. Questions to ask:

1. Who gave David power to fight and defeat Goliath?
2. What weapons did David use to kill Goliath?
3. What happened to the Philistine soldiers after David killed Goliath?
4. How did the Israelites celebrate David's victory?
5. What new job did King Saul give David?

Message:

Read: Acts 13: 20 - 22. David is called a man after Yahweh's own heart. What did God mean by this? (*David loved God, knew His Word (the Old Testament, or Tanakh) and tried to obey it.*)

Memory verse:

"You come to me with a sword and a spear, but I come to you in the name of Yahweh, the God of the armies of Israel." (1 Samuel 17:45)

Activity:

Coloring page: David Celebrates

Closing prayer:

End the lesson with a small prayer.

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