

Devotion #8

David Kills Goliath

GATHER THE PLAYERS AND HAVE THEM SETTLE

READ THE SCRIPTURE

With his shield-bearer marching before him, the Philistine also advanced closer and closer to David. When he had sized David up, and seen that he was youthful, and ruddy, and handsome in appearance, he held him in contempt. The Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog that you come against me with a staff?" Then the Philistine cursed David by his gods and said to him, "Come here to me, and I will leave your flesh for the birds of the air and the beasts of the field." David answered him: "You come against me with sword and spear and scimitar, but I come against you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel that you have insulted. ... The Philistine then moved to meet David at close quarters, while David ran quickly toward the battle line in the direction of the Philistine. David put his hand into the bag and took out a stone, hurled it with the sling, and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone embedded itself in his brow, and he fell prostrate on the ground. 1 Samuel 17: 41-45; 48-49

USE QUESTIONS BELOW TO DISCUSS THE SCRIPTURE

1. What did the Philistine, Goliath, trust in?

-his weapons and shield (a scimitar is a long, curved sword)

2. Why was Goliath insulted when he saw David?

-David was carrying a staff which is what shepherds used to protect the sheep from wolves, it was not the tool of a warrior

-David was young and handsome, not tough and looking rough and battle-tested

3. Who or what did David trust in?

-the power of God

-David was confident that God would help him

4. Have there been times when you were facing a scary situation and found it difficult to trust God?

-maybe share an example from your own life (sick child, lost job, unexpected expense). Don't give too much detail, just a broad picture

-ask the players to share the same

5. How did David kill Goliath? Can you share an unexpected help to a problem?

-he flung a rock from his sling-shot...

-share a way that an unexpected blessing helped with a fearful situation (maybe the sick child getting better rather suddenly, a check for a refund of something arriving in the mail that helped with bills, a call for a job interview when you were beginning to despair)

-God can and does help us in every situation. We need to trust in the power of God.

PRAY IN THESE OR SIMILAR WORDS, OR INVITE A PLAYER TO LEAD PRAYER

Lord of heaven and earth, bless me with the gift of faith. Help me to trust you even when I feel like I am facing giant problems. Shower your love and grace into my heart. May the Holy Spirit teach me to call out to you in all of my distress. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.