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Babies-Toddlers Lesson

DAVID AND GOLIATH

Bible Words: “Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid . . . for the Lord your God goes with you.” Deuteronomy 31:6, NIV

Bottom Line: God can help you be brave.

Basic Truth: I am made for a purpose.

BIBLE STORY FOR NURSERY

(The Beginner’s Bible Pg. 173-180, “Story Images” Activity Pages)

Hello, friends! I’m so glad to see you today. Join me on the floor. Today’s true story from the Bible (hold up the Bible), begins with a boy named David. David was a shepherd and took care of his sheep.

“David had brothers who were in God’s army, and he went to visit them one day. That’s when he heard a big, scary giant named Goliath saying mean things to God’s army, the Israelites. Everyone was afraid, except David! David knew that God would help him be brave. He didn’t need armor to battle Goliath, just a sling and five smooth rocks. David put one rock in the sling and slung it right at Goliath. The rock hit Goliath and knocked him down. Hooray! David saved the Israelites from the mean giant! God helped David be brave, and God can help you be brave, too. [Bottom Line] God can help you be brave.”

HOW TO USE THE ACTIVITIES

As a nursery volunteer, your primary focus is on keeping babies-toddlers safe and happy. We understand that your classroom is busy, and your hands are literally full. However, we know that your influence on these children is more than childcare. The activities included in this lesson are suggestions of how to be more intentional in pointing little ones to Jesus. The theme will remain the same all month long. Choose one activity per week to focus on and don’t worry if you run out of time.

CONNECT WITH PARENTS/INFLUENCERS

(Monthly Parent Cue - 1 per family first weekend of the month)

Hand parents/influencers the Parent Cue handout (age specific for Babies vs Toddlers) and encourage them to review the activities with their child this week.

BABIES ACTIVITIES

BIBLE STORY SONG

Hold baby's arms open wide while saying the phrase below. Put baby's arms down a little, and then do it again.

"God made you so biiiiiig. Yes, He did!
God made you so biiiiiig and God can help you be brave."

Words For Baby:

"Baby, God made you and God loves you too! Yes, God made you so biiiiiig and God can help you be brave!"

HEART

(Sensory Bottle with foam hearts and glitter)

What You Do:

- Add a few foam hearts and glitter to the water bottles and close the lids. Run a bead of hot glue around the lids to secure.
- Roll the sensory bottles, shake them, tip them back and forth, and look for the hearts.
- Say, "Jesus loves [child's name]."
- Continue as long as interest holds.

What You Say:

"Look at this amazing bottle! It has lots of fun things in it. Look at those hearts. Can you point to a heart? Can you point to another heart? Great job. There are so many hearts. These hearts remind me that Jesus loves [child's name]! Yes, He does. God loves you."

BIG THINGS

(No Supplies)

What You Do:

- Hold a child's arms open wide while saying the phrase below.
- Put their arms down a little, and then do it again.

What You Say:

"God made you so biiiiiig. Yes, He did! God made you so biiiiiig and God can help you be brave."

TODDLER ACTIVITIES

DRIVE THE CAR

(Floor Tape, Toy Cars)

What You Do:

- Create a tape road on the carpet. Mark Xs on the road with tape.
- Encourage children to drive the cars following the line and stopping at the Xs.
- Continue as long as interest holds.

What You Say:

"Friends, come play with these cars with me. Drive the car on the line. Look, there is an X on the road. Stop at the X. God is with you right here. Let's drive again. Stop at the X. God is with you right there. God can help you be brave because God is always with you."

CRAFT TIME

(“Big Goliath” and “Little David” Activity Pages, Brown Pom Poms, Glue stick, Crayons)

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy “Big Goliath”, one per child. Write each child’s name on their paper. Copy “Little David” on cardstock and cut, one per child.

During the Activity: Rub glue on the back of the picture of David and ask children to stick him on the page next to Goliath. Let children point to a spot on their paper to glue the rock(pom-pom).

What You Say:

During the Activity: “Today in our story, we heard about a big scary giant named Goliath. That’s him. (Point to the picture of Goliath.) He’s so big. He takes up so much of the paper. But God helped a shepherd boy named David (hold up the picture of David) be brave and battle him. Glue your picture of David next to Goliath. (Pause.) David used a slingshot and knocked Goliath down with one rock. (Hold up the pom-pom.) Point to where you want your rock to go. (Glue the pom-pom on where the child pointed.) Super-duper! God helped David be brave, and [Bottom Line] God can help you be brave.”