



LESSON SNAPSHOT

BOTTOM LINE:

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OBJECTIVE:

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KEY PASSAGE:

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MEMORY VERSE:

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SUMMARY:

With God's help, kids can do big things for God. The entire Israelite army was afraid to go up against the Philistine giant, Goliath. But a kid named David stepped up to face the giant. With five smooth stones and an incredible faith in God, David was victorious.

SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

With your help, every kid can do great things. Help us to have faith and courage to do big things for your kingdom.

*In Jesus' name,
Amen*



MEMORY VERSE

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"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young. Set an example for the believers in what you say and in how you live. Also set an example in how you love and in what you believe. Show the believers how to be pure. " - 1 Timothy 4:12 (NirV)

LARGE GROUP:

Put the verse on the big screen and read it aloud several times with the kids.

SMALL GROUP:

Ask the kids what they think the writer was trying to say when he wrote these words. Then ask them how this verse is connected to today's story.



SKIT

JUST KIDS CLUB, PART ONE

ITEMS NEEDED:

Table

Chairs

CHARACTER BREAKDOWN: 3M, 1F

CHARACTERS:

Billy – 10 year old

Sally – 10 year old

Timmy – 10 year old

Mr. Horton – Timmy's dad

Billy, Sally and Timmy are seated around the table.

BILLY: Okay, it looks like everyone's here, so I call this meeting to order. Our first item of discussion is the-

Mr. Horton enters.

HORTON: Hello, guys. I just came in to see if you needed anything to drink. Sally?

SALLY: No, thank you, Mr. Horton.

HORTON: Billy?

BILLY: Nothing for me. Thanks.

HORTON: How about you, Timmy?

TIMMY: Dad, we're in the middle of our meeting.

SKIT

HORTON: Oh, you guys have a little club going on here, huh? When I was your age, a couple of my buddies and I had a club too. We used to meet every day after school up in my tree house. Ah, the good old days.

TIMMY: Dad! Our meeting!

HORTON: Sorry. Hey, can I sit in on your little meeting?

SALLY: Well.

HORTON: I won't interrupt. I'd just like to see what you kids are up to.

The kids look at each other, discussing the idea with just their eyes.

BILLY: Sure, Mr. Horton.

Mr. Horton sits down off to the side.

HORTON: Thanks, kids.

BILLY: Our first topic of discussion is the lemonade stand we did last weekend. Report.

HORTON: A lemonade stand. How cute.

SALLY: We raised over 300 dollars with the lemonade stand last weekend.

HORTON: What?

SALLY: The money has been donated to the Helping Hand Homeless Shelter.

Mr. Horton stands up.

HORTON: You raised over 300 dollars to help a homeless shelter? How were you able to do that? You're just kids.

TIMMY: Dad!

Mr. Horton sits back down.

BILLY: Next item: Mrs. Richards.

HORTON: That's our next door neighbor.

SKIT

TIMMY: I talked to Mrs. Richards yesterday. Since she got home from the hospital, she doesn't have a lot of energy to take care of things around the house. I asked her what she need the most help with and she said yard work.

BILLY: All those in favor of mowing Mrs. Richards' lawn and taking care of her garden, say "aye."

SALLY: Aye.

TIMMY: Aye.

BILLY: Motion passed. We'll get started today after our meeting.

HORTON: That's really nice of you guys, but are you sure you can handle that job? You're just kids.

BILLY: Our next item is after school tutoring. I've been helping my little brother with his homework after school, and it got me to thinking, maybe there are other kids out there who are struggling in school that we could help out.

SALLY: Great idea. I'm really good at math.

TIMMY: I'm great in history.

BILLY: And English is my best subject.

HORTON: You're going to start a tutoring program?

SALLY: I'll see if I can round up a few other kids to become tutors too. We could really help a lot of people here.

HORTON: But how? You're just kids.

TIMMY: Dad, I thought you said you weren't going to interrupt.

HORTON: I'm sorry. I just can't believe everything you're doing. Raising money for causes, taking care of shut-ins, helping people who are struggling in school. This is some club you've got here. When I was in a club at your age, we just sat around reading comic books and eating candy. We were just kids.

BILLY: Our last item this meeting. We still need a name for our club. Any suggestions?

TIMMY: How about "Just Kids"?

SKIT

BILLY: All those in favor.

SALLY: Aye.

TIMMY: Aye.

BILLY: Aye from me, too. If there are no other pieces of business, this meeting of the Just Kids Club is adjourned.

Horton stands.

HORTON: Um, guys, can I join your club?

TIMMY: Sorry, dad. But we're just kids.

END.



OBJECT LESSON OR KIDS SERMON

ITEMS NEEDED:

Rope
Thread
Needle
Button

I'm going to show you two things now and I want you to tell me which one is better.

Show the kids the rope and the thread. Allow kids to respond.

For those of you who said that the rope is better, why did you think so? It's definitely bigger. And stronger. If I needed pull myself up a mountain, the rope would do me a lot more good than this thread. So, can we all agree that the rope is better?

Bring out the needle and the button.

Oh, but wait. What if I need to sew this button back onto my shirt? What do I need then? In this case, the bigness of the rope is a bad thing. It's too cumbersome and there's no way I could get this rope through my sewing needle. No. I need something small and delicate, like the thread. For what I need, the thread is definitely better.

Sometimes we think that just because something's bigger, it's better. But that's not always the case. Every thing has it's own purpose. And every person has their own way for being used by God. Whether they're big or small, old or young.



LARGE GROUP GAME

FACING GOLIATH

ITEMS NEEDED:

Plastic bowling balls

7 plastic bowling pins

Poster board, cut into 7 pieces (each piece will be taped to one bowling pin)

Tape

Marker

INSTRUCTIONS:

Choose three kids to play.

Beforehand, write one letter on each piece of poster board to spell the name “GOLIATH.” Then tape one letter to each pin. Place the bowling pins in a line, in order, so that they spell “GOLIATH.”

Give each kid a “stone” (bowling ball). Kids can have up to five stones, but the goal is to take down Goliath in as few shots as possible.

The kid who takes down Goliath with the fewest stones wins.

VARIATION:

For younger kids, place the pins in a “V” shape instead of a straight line – this will bring more pins down per shot.

WHAT’S THE POINT?

Once, God gave victory to a kid named David over a giant named Goliath.



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INTRO

Kids hear a lot about all of the things they can't do. "You're too young to go there." "You can't stay up that late." "I know you want to try that, but you're just a kid."

"You're just a kid." That's what adults say. It's true that there are some things you can't do just yet – drive a car, get a job, get married. But it's also true that there are a great many amazing things that you can do. That's what God says.

In fact, the Bible tells us about some great kids who did some amazing things for God and with God's help. We're going to spend a few weeks looking at some of those great kids.

David was the most famous king in Israel's history. But before he was king, he was just a kid who watched over his father's sheep in the field. Then one day, his father gave David some food to deliver to his older brothers in the battlefield of the war against the Philistines. It was there that David proved that he had a tremendous faith in God. And he showed that with God's help, a kid can win great victories.

READ 1 Samuel 17:1-24, 32-50.

MAIN POINT

Goliath, the Philistine giant, had come out to the battlefield and challenged Israel to send out any one fighter to face him.

LARGE GROUP LESSON

Among the whole Israelite army, not one person could be found with enough courage to fight Goliath. These were men with sword and armor, who had been trained to fight. They were also adults. Still none of them would fight.

It took a kid to get the job done. David stepped up, with only five small stones and a slingshot. But he had something else too. He had faith in God. He knew that victory comes from God.

The adults were afraid to fight because they saw how big Goliath was. David eagerly went into battle because he knew how much bigger his God is.

DRIVE IT HOME:

When you're picking people to play on your team, who do you pick? You look for the strongest, the tallest, the fastest. You want the people who can do the most things the best. That's how you win a victory.

God doesn't look at things the same way we do. He will use anyone who's willing. He uses people regardless of age or experience or ability. God looks at the heart. He does great things through people who have faith in him.

To the Israelite army, victory seemed possible. What seems impossible for you today? Maybe school has become difficult and you don't think it will ever get better. God can bring you through it. Maybe there's someone at school who is constantly picking on you. God is right there with you, helping you through it. Maybe you have big dreams but you don't see how they will ever come true. Take heart, God is your source of victory.

Turn to God and trust in him. Ask him to use you to do great things for his kingdom. I know that he will do great things through you. After all, you're a kid!

CLOSE WITH A SIMPLE PRAYER

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SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION (K-2ND)

ICEBREAKER

What's something you look forward to doing when you're older?

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY

1 Timothy 4:12

Ask the kids what they think the writer was trying to say when he wrote these words. Then ask them how this verse is connected to today's story.

SMALL GROUP GAME/ACTIVITY

Create a sling and stones to serve as a reminder that God can use even a kid. Cut a two-prong slingshot out of cardboard, adding twine or shoelaces as the sling. Stones can be made from crumpling up quarter sheets of construction paper. You could also use twigs and a rubber band to form the slingshot.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read 1 Samuel 17:1-24, 32-50.

Why did David go to the battlefield?

How tall was Goliath?

Why didn't Saul want David to go up against Goliath?

How many stones did David use before he finally brought down the giant?

What are some great things you can do even though you're "just a kid"?

SIMPLE PRAYER

Dear God,

Like the boy David, every one of us can do great things for your kingdom. We love you and we put our faith in you to use us.

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SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION (3-5TH)

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Read 1 Samuel 17:1-24, 32-50.

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What was Goliath's challenge?

Why didn't Saul want David to go up against Goliath?

What was Goliath's reaction to encountering David on the field?

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POWERPOINT REVIEW GAME

Multiple Choice

1. David was the _____ son of Jesse.
A. Oldest
B. Youngest*
C. Nicest
2. Why did David's father send him to the battle lines?
A. To bring his brothers food*
B. To fight Goliath
C. To enlist in the army
3. For _____ days, Goliath had challenged the army of Israel.
A. Twenty
B. Thirty
C. Forty*
4. Saul didn't want David to fight Goliath because _____.
A. Saul wanted to do it himself.
B. David was just a boy*
C. David refused to wear armor.
5. David told Goliath, "I come against you _____."
A. In the name of the Lord.*
B. Because I'm so brave.
C. To impress all of the adults.

MAKE IT STICK

5 Simple Ways You Can Make This Lesson Stick With Your Kids

THIS WEEK'S LESSON: A KID CAN HAVE FAITH



IN THE CAR:

Ask your child what they learned about this week on the drive home:

Today we learned that, with God's help, kids can do big things. The entire Israelite army was afraid to go up against the Philistine giant, Goliath. But a kid named David stepped up to face the giant. With five smooth stones and an incredible faith in God, David was victorious. 1 Samuel 17:1-24, 32-50.



HANGING OUT:

Make this week's lesson real:

Adults have a tendency to focus on all of the things that kids can't do. In conversation throughout this week, make an effort to focus on what your kids are able to do. Praise your kids for their abilities and accomplishment. Invite them to turn to God for strength and direction in doing great things for God's kingdom.



AT DINNER:

Here are some great discussion starters:

- Why had no one in the Israelite army come out to fight Goliath?
- What did David take into battle?
- How did David know that he would win the battle?



AT BEDTIME:

Quiz your child on this week's memory verse:

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PARENT TIME:

What you need to know:

David defeated Goliath because he knew that the victory came from God. What battles are you currently fighting? Give them over to God. Trust him to bring about victory in whatever way he sees fit – maybe through your efforts, maybe in spite of them. Praise God in the waiting and be ready to give him the glory for the impending victory.

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CRAFT PROJECT

Give kids markers and paper to draw a depiction of the battle between David and Goliath. At the bottom of each picture, write: "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty." - 1 Samuel 17:45