

“EPIC” - LESSON 2

“BIG Trouble”

Main Focus:

God is bigger than any problem we face.



Power Verse:

“...If God is for us, who can ever be against us?”

– Romans 8:31



Whatchagaddaknow:

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But My God Is Bigger!”

LEADER'S INFO

David was just a young kid - about fourteen years old. He walked into the Israelite camp amazed that not one of the adult soldiers was willing to take on the giant, Goliath, who was threatening them and blaspheming God.

David was willing to go up against the odds - and a nine foot tall giant. You talk about BIG trouble! David had his hands full. But he didn't let that stop him from trusting God for the victory.

In this lesson, the children will learn how God can use young boys and girls who are willing to step out in God's mighty power and face the BIG giants in their lives. The trouble in their life may be BIG, but their God is so much bigger!



“The Spark” Intro Video

“Here Comes Trouble”



“Whatchagaddaknow” Video

Big Ray teaches “Whatchagaddaknow”



Character Skit

“Wacky Wally”



Offering Time



Game Time!

“Giant Show Scramble”



Bible Story

“David Battles Goliath”



Power Verse Video

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Call To Action

“BIG Trouble”



Rewind!

Review Game



Small Group Experience

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Lesson 2 Materials Needed:

“The Spark” Intro Video

- “Lesson 2 - The Spark” Intro Video

“Whatchagaddaknow” Video

- “Whatchagaddaknow” Teaching Video
- “Whatchagaddaknow” Trigger Video

Character Skit

- “Wacky Wally” Theme Graphic/Music

Offering Time

- “Offering Time” Bumper Video

Game Time!

- “Game Time!” Bumper Video
- “Giant Shoe Scramble” Graphic
- High-Energy Music

Bible Story

- “David Battles Goliath” Graphics

Power Verse Video

- “Lesson 2 Power Verse” Video

Call To Action

- “BIG Trouble” Graphics
- A Chair
- A Volunteer
- Magnifying Glass
- A Small Object
- Large Balloon
- A Sharpie
- Needle

Rewind!

- “REWIND!” Bumper Video
- “REWIND!” Lesson 2 Graphics

Small Group Experience

- Bible Story Pictures Print Piece
- Giant Spray Paint Print Piece
- Crayons, Colored Pencils, Or Markers
- Romans 8:31 Print Piece

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Introduction to “The Spark” Intro Video

Leader: Hey, kids! Today, we are continuing our series called “EPIC!” We are learning from some of the most EPIC Bible Stories that will blow your mind!

How many of you play sports? *(allow response)* What is your favorite sport to play? *(allow a few kids to tell what their favorite sport is)* Well, have you ever been in a game against a team that you were not supposed to beat....but you won!? How awesome did that make you feel? Wasn't it the best feeling in the world?

When you are not supposed to have a chance, but then you win - it is so exciting! There's just nothing like the thrill of victory over a GIANT opponent! Speaking of a GIANT opponent, we are going to learn from one of the most famous stories in the Bible - David and Goliath! I can't wait for you to hear it!

Before we do, let's check out this video...

(play “The Spark - Intro Video Lesson 2”)

Leader: When you face BIG trouble, it's good to know that God is on your side! That's not always easy to remember, though. When you are facing a BIG problem, it's hard to focus on God instead of the problem.

Today, you are going to learn how David handled some BIG trouble that he faced. He needed God's help! You and I need God's help, too, when we are facing BIG trouble. The cool thing is - God will come through for us every time!

In your lesson, today, you will learn how God came through for David when he faced Goliath. This story is so amazing. I can't wait for you to hear it.

But, before we do that, we need to find out “Whatchagaddaknow.”

(play “Whatchagaddaknow” Teaching Video)



CHARACTER SKIT

Character: “Wacky Wally” *(a mega-nerd who dreams of one day becoming a superhero! He usually wears a cape.)*

Wally: *(Enters talking to himself, wearing an apron with flour all over it)* Oh, what have I done this time? I was just trying to create a machine to help me bake the world’s biggest cake! Now it’s more like the world’s biggest mess! My poor cape.

Leader: Wally, it looks like you’ve gotten yourself into quite the pickle! What’s going on?

Wally: *(Sighs dramatically)* Nothing good! I wanted to bake a cake for the community bake-off, but now I’ve created a flour explosion! What am I going to do?

Leader: *(Trying not to laugh)* Wally, take a deep breath.

Wally: *(Breathes, then coughs ridiculously)* I think there’s even flour in my lungs! This is a huge problem!

Leader: Remember, no problem is bigger than God! Even our biggest messes can inspire great victories.

Wally: You think so? But how can a flour-covered guy like me inspire anyone? Just look at me! Everything I do seems to turn into a mess!

Leader: It can’t be that bad, Wally.

Wally: Oh, really? The other day, I put a batch of cookies in the oven and set the timer. When I came back in 30 minutes, I saw that I had not even turned on the oven!

Leader: Oh, that’s nothing! You just had to turn on the oven! Problem solved!

Wally: Three weeks ago, my feet were hurting really bad. As I was walking around, this kid told me my shoes were on the wrong feet! Not only that, but my left sock was on my right foot, and my...

Leader: Your right sock was on your left foot?

Wally: WOW! How did you know that? Are you one of those people who can read minds? Tell me, what I am thinking about now! *(Stares at the leader with wide eyes)*

Leader: You are thinking that you wish you had a tuna fish sandwich with peanut butter and mustard.

Wally: *(In shock)* NO WAY! That’s exactly what I was thinking! I’m starving. But still, I have too many problems!

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CHARACTER SKIT

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Leader: Hey, I know. What if you turned this mess into a lesson?

Wally: You mean I can teach people how NOT to bake a cake?

Leader: Exactly! You can share your experience and how you learned to trust God through the chaos. We all face trouble in life. Yours just came this time in the form of flour!

Wally: *(Brushing some of the flour off his apron)* You know what? You're right! I can bake a cake, even if I have to do it the old-fashioned way! I'll invite everyone over, and we can all bake together! If things go wrong, we will still have a blast!

Leader: That sounds like a plan! But I sure don't want to be the one cleaning that up!

Wally: I didn't think about that... Oh well! I am so excited! Would you like to come to the baking party?

Leader: Thanks, Wally, but I have a lot to do here. Today's lesson is all about handling problems. Life is full of them, but if we depend on God, we will end up with a sweet victory!

Wally: I like the sound of that! Well, I better get to the store. I need some supplies. *(Looks down at his shoes)* Yep! My shoes are on the right feet. I'll see you later, citizens! Until then it's up, up, and A WACKY WALLY AWAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAYYY!

(EXITS WHILE THEME MUSIC PLAYS)



GAME TIME

“Giant Shoe Scramble”

Items Needed For Game:

High-energy music

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Preparation:

Choose an equal number of boys and girls to compete in this crazy game. Have them all take off their shoes and place them in a pile in the middle of the room. Mix up the shoes very well.

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How To Play:

When you say, “Go!” the music should begin and the children should dive into the pile to retrieve their shoes. The first team to have all team members find their shoes, put them on (*laced up*), and stand to their feet wins.



Bible Story

“David Battles Goliath”

Materials Needed:

The graphic slides for Lesson 2; begin with the slide that says “Bible Story”; follow the instructions below, changing the slides to follow along with the story (*as shown*)

Preparation:

Familiarize yourself with the story in 1 Samuel 17; have your open Bible in your hands as you tell the story

The Story:

Today, we are going to learn about one of the most EPIC stories in the Bible. It begins with the army of Israel, God’s chosen people, in a terrible situation. They were being challenged by their enemies, the Philistines. If they lose, they will have to become slaves to the Philistines.

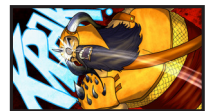
A young man named David (*show pic*) arrived at the battle to bring some food for his brothers, who were fighting. When David arrived, he saw how upset and scared all of the soldiers were. Suddenly, David heard the reason why they were scared. (*show pic*) A giant named Goliath was the champion of the Philistines. He screamed, “Send me a man who will fight me!” Goliath was over nine feet tall and had never been beaten in a battle.

(*show pic*) Not a single soldier was willing to fight the mighty Goliath. David looked around and saw nothing but scared soldiers. (*show pic*) So he spoke up - “I will fight this giant.” The soldiers laughed at him. Everyone tried to talk David out of fighting Goliath. When that didn’t work, the king tried to offer David his armor, but the armor did not fit - David was just a kid. But David knew that even though he was facing some BIG trouble, God was much bigger! (*show pic*) So David grabbed five smooth stones from a nearby stream and headed out to face Goliath.

(*show pic*) Goliath was not impressed. He made fun of David because he was just a boy. That didn’t matter to David. He knew that God was on his side. David yelled back at Goliath, “I come to you in the name of the Lord God! This is HIS battle!”

(*show pic*) David loaded up his slingshot with one of his stones. He hurled it around and around until he finally let it fly towards Goliath. The rock sailed through the air. It must have seemed like forever as the rock sailed toward Goliath. Suddenly, (*show pic*) the rock hit Goliath right between the eyes. It hit him so hard that it knocked him to the ground, completely unconscious. (*show pic*) David had beaten the giant, and God was receiving the glory.

The entire army of Israel were inspired to fight! They chased the Philistines all the way back to their homeland. Imagine if David had not been willing to fight. The entire nation of Israel would have become slaves to the Philistines. Today, you are going to learn that you might face BIG trouble in life, but you have an even BIGGER God that is on your side!





Call To Action

“BIG Trouble”

Materials Needed:

The “BIG Trouble” graphics; A chair; a volunteer; magnifying glass; a small object; large balloon; a sharpie; needle

Preparation:

Begin with the slide titled “BIG Trouble”; blow up the balloon, tie it, then write “TROUBLE” on the balloon



The Message: *(title slide)*

Today, we are learning from the EPIC story of David and Goliath. We are learning how to handle it when you face BIG trouble in your life. Have you ever faced a problem SO big, it made you feel so small and helpless? *(invite a kid volunteer to come up and help you - it would help if they are rather short)* Imagine this is you *(point to the volunteer)* and I am the BIG trouble you are facing. *(stand up on the chair and look down at the kid, demonstrating how small they seem next to how tall you are)*

Sometimes this is exactly how it seems in life. We all face BIG trouble from time to time. For some of you, your BIG trouble is a sinful habit that you have been battling for a long time: lying, stealing, talking bad about other people, or maybe even cussing. For others of you, your BIG trouble is a difficult problem that has seemed to hold you down for a long time: loneliness, sadness, stress, or feeling like you are a failure.

Everyone will face BIG trouble in their life at some time or another. It’s different for every person and it happens at different points in your life. That BIG trouble seems way too big for us to defeat because it is so much BIGGER than we are. BUT here is the good news...



No Problem Is Bigger Than God *(slide)*

As long as you are living for God, you have someone on your side that is BIGGER than any GIANT problem you face. Like we learned in our Whatchagaddaknow statement, “My Trouble May Be Big, But My God Is Bigger!” If you have God on your side, you have NOTHING to fear!

Now, sometimes we can forget that, huh? Sometimes your trouble can seem HUGE. It seems like there is no way you could ever win. It’s kind of like this. *(hold up the small object in front of the magnifying glass)* Notice how big this looks when I am staring at it through the magnifying glass. Does the object really get bigger? Or does it just *look* bigger? *(allow response)* That’s right! It just looks bigger! It’s the same way with us, sometimes. Trouble *seems* bigger when we focus on *it* instead of God. David knew God was bigger than Goliath. So, he wasn’t afraid. When we focus on God, our trouble shrinks!

When we focus on God and remind ourselves that He is bigger than any trouble we face...

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Call To Action (Continued)

God Brings The Victory - Every Time (slide)



Remember when he faced Goliath on the battlefield? He shouted out toward Goliath, “You come to me with a sword and a shield. I come to you in the name of the Lord God Almighty! This is His battle! He will give me the victory!” David didn’t say, “I will win!” or “I am the man!” He knew that it was **God** who had the power to defeat Goliath, not him.

When you find yourself up against BIG trouble, you have to remember that it is God’s power you are fighting with. *(hold up the balloon that says “TROUBLE” on it)* You need to do what David did. Lift your voice and declare, *(grab the needle and get ready to pop the balloon when you hit the phrase “God’s power”)* “Hey, trouble! I know you think you are BIG and all, but I don’t come to you in my own power! I am not going to try to defeat you on my own! I trust in God! And I am going to defeat you with God’s power!” *(pop the balloon with the needle and celebrate the victory)*

Isn’t that awesome! Just like God brought the victory to young David over Goliath, God will bring the victory to you when you are willing to fight in His power. He will bring the victory! Don’t be afraid! Be like David, and realize that your trouble may be big, but your God is BIGGER!

Then, once you have won the victory, guess what happens?

My Victory Will Inspire Others (slide)



The Israelite army wasn’t willing to fight at all when David first showed up. They were hiding and unwilling to do anything to confront their enemy. David stood up and showed courage to take on the BIG trouble, and suddenly the Israelites were so full of courage that they chased their enemies all the way back to their homeland.

The same can happen with you, boys and girls. When you stand up and have courage in the Lord to defeat your GIANTS, others will also be filled with courage to do the same. They will think, “If God can help them when they are facing BIG trouble, then God can help me as well!” Those who never would have been willing to take on their GIANT will be willing to because they have seen God bring you the victory. Isn’t that awesome?

ALTAR RESPONSE: *(play soft music)*

Pray for those who BIG trouble in their lives. Have an extended time of prayer. Pray that God will use their victory to inspire others to depend on God’s power in their lives as well.

**REWIND!****Materials Needed:**

“REWIND!” Lesson 2 Graphics; “REWIND!” Bumper Video

Preparation:

Play the “REWIND!” Bumper Video; Begin with the slide titled “REWIND!”; there is a slide for each question

1. Whatchagaddaknow today?

Answer: “My Trouble May Be Big, But My God Is Bigger!”

2. What was the name of the boy who took on the giant in our Bible Story?

Answer: David

3. Who were the people who were threatening to enslave the Israelites?

Answer: The Philistines

4. Who was the champion of the Philistines?

Answer: Goliath

5. How tall was Goliath?

Answer: Over Nine Feet Tall

6. How did David defeat Goliath?

Answer: With A Slingshot

7. According to our lesson today, “No Problem Is _____ Than God.”

Answer: Bigger

8. According to our lesson today, “God Brings The _____ - Every Time.”

Answer: Victory

9. According to our lesson today, “My Victory Will _____ Others.”

Answer: Inspire

10. Where was our Power Verse found?

Answer: Romans 8:31