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1. What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
2. What does this story teach me about myself?
3. Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
4. Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
5. How does this story help me to live on mission better?

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Unit 11 • Session 1

DAVID DEFEATED GOLIATH

1 Samuel 17

**IS ANYTHING OR ANYONE GREATER THAN GOD?
NO, GOD IS GREATER THAN EVERYTHING AND EVERYONE.**

The Philistines gathered for war against Israel. A champion named Goliath came out from the Philistine camp. He was nine feet, nine inches tall. He shouted to the Israelites: "Choose one of your men and have him come down and fight me." Goliath threatened the Israelites for forty days. Saul and all the Israelites were terrified.

One day, Jesse sent his son David to bring supplies to his brothers who were in the Israelite army. He heard the words Goliath used to threaten the Israelites. David said, "Who does Goliath think he is, that he should mock the living God and his army? Don't let anyone be afraid of this Philistine. I will go and fight him!" Saul replied, "You can't go and fight Goliath. You're just a young man."

David answered, "I have been tending my father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a lamb, I rescued the lamb. The LORD who rescued me from the lion and the bear will rescue me from this Philistine."

Saul said, "Go, and may the LORD be with you." David took his staff and sling, and chose five smooth stones. Then David approached Goliath. David said, "You come against me with a sword and spear, but I come against you in the name of the LORD of Armies. Today, the LORD will hand you over to me. Then all the world will know that the battle is the LORD's." David pulled out a stone, slung it, and hit Goliath on the forehead. Goliath fell and died.

Christ Connection: The Israelites were helpless to defeat the giant enemy Goliath, but God sent David to save them. We are helpless to defeat our enemies of sin and death, but God sent Jesus to save us by dying for our sin and rising again.

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