

## Summer Bible Story Activities

# David

### Where to find the story of David

- 1 Samuel 16: 1-13; 17:4-11, 32-50
- *The Spark Story Bible: Family Edition* pages 126-135
- *The Story of King David*



### This week's activities

- Craft activities
  - "God is always with me" Thumb Stones
    - Kids decorate clay stones to celebrate and remember that God is always with them
  - Yarn Squiggles Paintings
    - Kids create a painting with some surprising results—almost as surprising as the battle between David and Goliath!
- Cooking activity
  - Pick Me Pudding
    - Kids learn how God looked on the inside to pick David to be a leader for God's people and that God picks them to be a leader, too!
- Activity pages
  - BIG Battles
  - Scrambled Story
- Coloring pages
  - Let kids color their way through the story of David

### Making faith connections

Here are a few suggestions for ways you can enrich your child's engagement and learning with the story of David.

- Family conversations
  - How big do you think Goliath really was?
  - Bullies can seem as "unbeatable" as Goliath. How can bullying behavior be defeated?
  - Who are some Goliaths you have known?
- Turn on the TV or radio and listen to some commercials together. What messages do they give you about success? How does this differ from what God teaches us?
- Draw a picture of someone you can ask for help when you are afraid.
- Just for fun: Get out a rubber band and some cotton balls. Take turns trying to hit a target with the cotton balls, using the rubber bands to sling them across the room.

### A Prayer to Say Together

God, remind us that with you, even the impossible is possible. Thank you for your love and care for us in every situation. Amen.

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# David and Goliath Craft Activity

## "God Is Always with Me" Thumb Stones

Kids decorate clay stones to celebrate and remember: "God is always by my side."

### Supplies:

- Plastic placemats
- Air-drying clay or dough
- Rolling pins or dowels
- Acrylic paints
- Paintbrushes
- Spray varnish or shellac

### Set-Up:

Set the placemats on a table. Find a well-ventilated area to spray the varnish or shellac (preferably outside).

### Instructions:

**How do you think David felt when he first saw the giant Goliath?** Allow kids to respond. **David was probably feeling lots of things. Wouldn't you think that he would have felt afraid? David wasn't even a little bit scared because he knew that God was with him, just like God is always with us. God is always by my side. God is always by your side! Today, you're going to make something to help you remember that God is always by your side.**

1. Give a small ball of clay or dough to each kid. Show them how to roll it out to be a quarter-sized circle or oval that is about 2" (5 cm) thick.
2. **This is going to be a "thumb stone" that you can keep in your pocket. Whenever you are a little bit afraid, you can reach into your pocket and press your thumb onto this stone. It can help you remember that God was with David and God is with you, too.**
3. Have kids press a thumbprint into the center of the dough.
4. Invite kids to paint their thumb stones or spray them with clear varnish for a nice finish.

**These thumb stones look great! Remember that God is always by your side!**

If you have more time . . .

Invite kids to use larger chunks of the clay or dough to create a paperweight they can keep as a reminder that God is always by their side.

# David and Goliath Craft Activity

## Yarn Squiggles Paintings

Kids make "Yarn Squiggles" paintings as they remember the phrase: "You've got to be kidding, kid!"

### Supplies:

- Newspaper
- Scissors
- Assorted widths of yarn
- Tempera or acrylic paint
- Shallow bowls or containers
- White paper
- Colorful construction paper
- Paintbrushes (optional)
- Rope (optional)
- Large sheets of paper (optional)

### Set-up:

Cover your table with newspaper. Cut 12" (30 cm) lengths of yarn. Mix and pour paint into shallow containers.

### Instructions:

**This week, we read all about what happened when David faced off against the giant Goliath. Imagine what people must have thought when they saw young David going up against Goliath: "You've got to be kidding, kid!" Let's work together to create an art project that will help us remember this story. Our art projects are sure to have some surprising results—almost as surprising as the battle between David and Goliath!**

1. Give each kid a piece of paper. Give the direction to fold it in half then unfold it again.
2. Show kids how to dip yarn pieces into different paints, then lay the yarn in a wavy design on one of the paper halves they created with a fold.
3. Direct kids to fold the other paper half over on the crease, press the halves together, then pull the yarn pieces out, one at a time.
4. Invite kids to carefully open their folded paper. **What does your design look like? Are you surprised it turned out like it did?**
5. Provide construction paper for kids to mount their completed art.

**I love your fabulous artwork! What a great reminder of today's Bible story about David and Goliath.**

# David Cooking Activity

Scripture Reference: 1 Samuel 16:1–13; 17:4–11, 32–50

## Supplies

- Grocery sack
- Apples
- Other fruits, some with bruises and marks
- Knife
- Towel

**Set Up:** Put the fruit in the sack and place the sack in an accessible area of your kitchen. Wrap the knife in a towel for safety until you are ready to use it.

Pull out the fruit, one piece at a time, and pass it around for kids to handle.

**Where does your family go shopping for produce?**

**Produce is a fancy name for fruit and vegetables.** (*grocery, farmers' market, roadside stand, garden*) **How do you choose the apples, grapes, and bananas you want to buy to eat?** (*look at it, feel it, smell it*) **It would be a lot easier to pick fruit if we could see inside it. It might look delicious and smell yummy on the outside, but be rotten and spoiled on the inside.** Cut a slice from an apple, and let the kids examine it for bruises. **Is this a good apple?** (*yes/no*) **How can you tell?** (*can see it*)

**Today's Bible story is about God choosing a new king.**

Read the story of David together.

After reading, ask kids: **How did God choose David?** (*God looked on the inside to see David's heart full of love and joy.*) **Why doesn't David look like a king from the outside?** (*He is small, gentle, and quiet, and smells like sheep.*) **God looked on the inside to pick David to be a leader for God's people. God picks you to be a leader in God's kingdom, too!**

## Pick Me Pudding

### Supplies

- Tray
- Soap
- Water
- Towels

- Butter knives, 1 per kid
- White napkins, 3 or 4
- Spoons, 1 per person
- Napkins

**Ingredients** (serves 8):

- Bunch of ripened bananas (4 slices per person)
- Vanilla pudding cups, 1 per person
- Wafer cookies, 1 per person
- Whipped cream, 14 ounces (396 grams)

**Set Up:** Set up the supplies and ingredients on a tray for easy access.

**Activity Instructions**

**In the David story, God prepared Samuel to do important work—choosing a new king. You must prepare for your important work in the kitchen by washing and drying your hands.**

Gather around a table or counter. Pull several bananas apart from a bunch, and lay them in a line. **Jesse lined up his sons, just as Samuel asked, and as God had instructed.**

Choose the largest banana and hold it up. **Aah! This is the biggest of the bunch! Samuel thought that Eliab, Jesse's oldest son, looked like a king. What qualities did Samuel see in Eliab? (*big, good looking, strong*) But God was looking past the outside, to see the inside of Eliab—his heart was not the right fit.** Put down the big banana with a shake of your head. **Nope, not this one.**

Hold up other bananas from the line, one at a time, then put them back down. **One by one, Samuel looked at each of Jesse's sons. This one? Nope, sorry. This one? Uh, no. How about this one? Don't think so.**

Crumple up a few white napkins into sheep and arrange them on the counter. Place one of the bananas in the center of them. Just when Samuel thought Jesse was out of sons, Jesse called for the last son, his youngest, David. Do you remember from the story where David was? (*outside watching the sheep*) Baa, baa, baa!

Pick up the banana and turn it around and around in your hand, examining all sides of it. Smell it. **On the outside, David was not a likely king. He was small and smelled like sheep.**

Peel back the peel just a bit and peer inside. **Samuel looked into his eyes to see joy and love.**

Peel back more of the peel. **Samuel looked past his outside to see David's heart, gentle and kind. David had just the kind of heart God was looking for in a new king!** Hold up the peeled banana in reverence. **God picked David!**

**When choosing a king, you can't just pick based on outside appearances. When choosing bananas for cooking, you also can't just pick based on the outside. The best bananas for cooking are very ripe and browning on the outside. That means they have soft and sweet insides for eating.**

Give the kids butter knives and the appropriate number of bananas so that there are about four slices for each person. Set the remaining bananas aside so they won't be wasted. **Peel the bananas and cut them into slices.**

Give each kid a pudding cup. Give one to yourself to use as the example for the kids to follow. **Peel the lid off your pudding cup. God sees past the lids we try to hide behind to see our soft and sweet hearts inside.**

Give each kid a wafer cookie. **Push a wafer cookie into the center of your pudding cup. The cookie is like a heart that hides inside of us.**

**What qualities was God looking for in a new king that he found in David?** (*joy, love, gentle, quiet*) As the kids name each quality, lead them to push a banana slice into the pudding cup so that each cup has four slices. Point out the bulging pudding cups. **David was overflowing with the perfect qualities to make a good king for God.**

Pull out the can of whipped cream. **When Samuel was sure he had the right guy, God led him to anoint David with oil from a horn. Draw a cross of cream on the top of your pudding cup.** Pass the can of whipped cream.

Give each kid a spoon. Hold them up and touch the spoons together in the air. **God picked David and God picks you! You are overflowing with the love and joy of God!**

Give each kid a napkin. Enjoy your Pick Me Pudding cups! As you eat, discuss the qualities of a good leader. **What makes a king a good king?** (*love, joy, kindness, gentleness, peacefulness, fairness*) **How do you see past the outsides of people?** (*talk to them, share with them, don't judge them*)

## **Prayer Time**

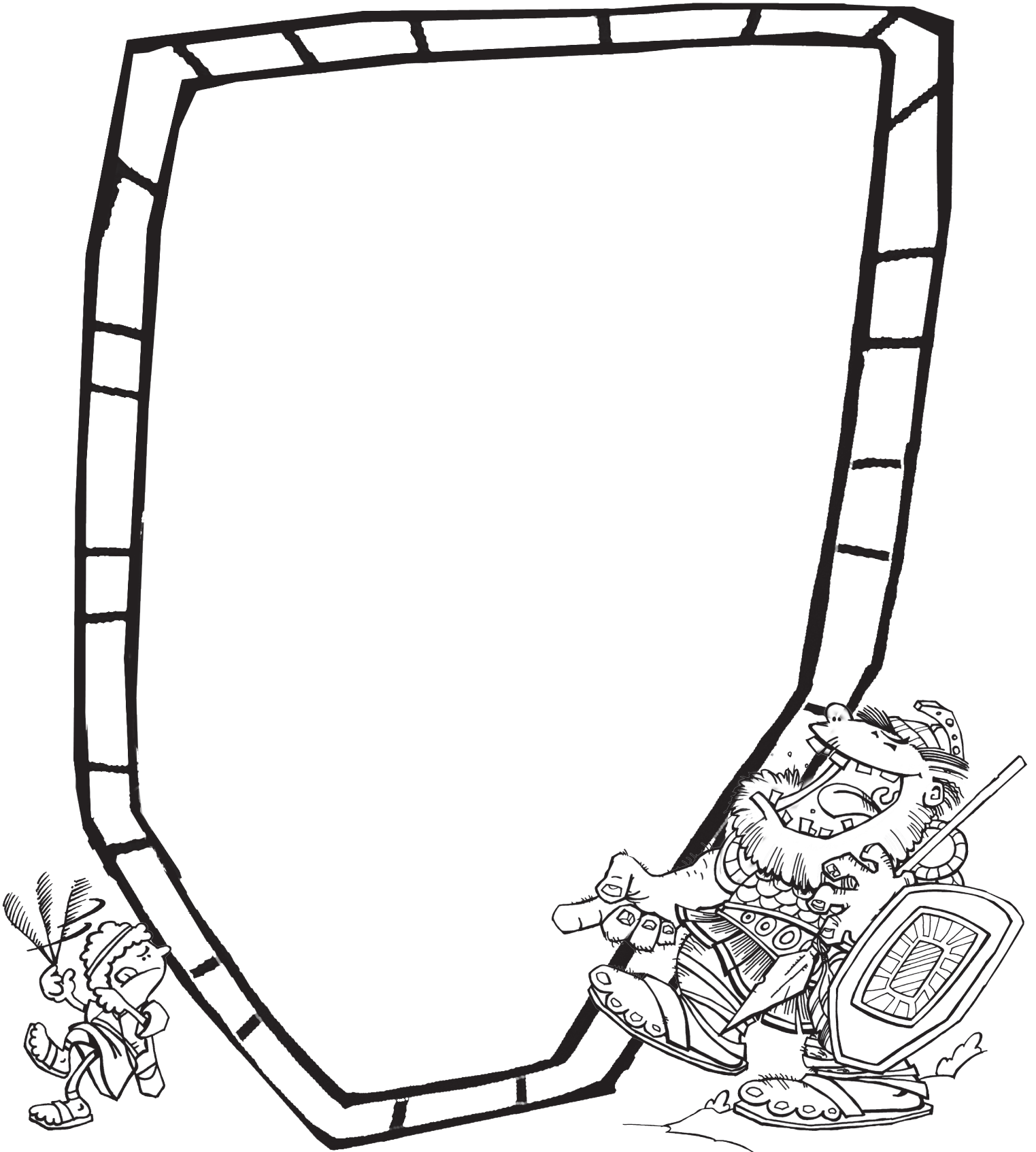
**Dear God,**

**Thank you for seeing past our broken outsides to our hearts.  
Thanks for picking David.  
Thanks for picking us.  
We are overflowing with love for you and your people!**

**Amen.**

# BIG Battles

David fought the giant Philistine Goliath and won! What's the biggest thing you've ever seen? Draw it below.





# Scrambled Story

Unscramble these words from today's story. If you need help, look up the Bible verses underneath.

**VDIAD**

1 Samuel 17:32

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**TLIGOHA**

1 Samuel 17:4

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**TISSHIPINEL**

1 Samuel 17:4

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**RSIEAL**

1 Samuel 17:11

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**LUSA**

1 Samuel 17:11

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**TALBTE**

1 Samuel 17:47

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**HEORFEAD**

1 Samuel 17:49

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# Scrambled Story Solution

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**VDIAD**

1 Samuel 17:32

**DAVID**

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**TLIGOHA**

1 Samuel 17:4

**GOLIATH**

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**TISSHIPINEL**

1 Samuel 17:4

**PHILISTINE**

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**RSIEAL**

1 Samuel 17:11

**ISRAEL**

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**LUSA**

1 Samuel 17:11

**SAUL**

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**TALBTE**

1 Samuel 17:47

**BATTLE**

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**HEORFEAD**

1 Samuel 17:49

**FOREHEAD**

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# David and Goliath



David said, "I will fight Goliath."

# David and Goliath



Goliath laughed when he saw David.

# David and Goliath



David rushed toward Goliath, swinging his sling.

# David and Goliath



David, a small shepherd boy, had beaten the mighty Goliath.