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# GOD FOUGHT GOLIATH

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## FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- **Mornings:** Thank Jesus for defeating sin through the cross and conquering death through His resurrection! Think about this battle He has already won and how you can face today with courage because He is victorious!
- **Evenings:** Ask God for courage to step out in faith and do what He calls you to do. Why can you trust God to be with you when you serve Him?

## >>> MAIN IDEAS:

### CHRIST CONNECTION

**THIS IS THE BIG IDEA OF HOW THIS WEEK'S BIBLE STORY POINTS TO JESUS:**

THE ISRAELITES WERE NOT STRONG ENOUGH TO FIGHT GOLIATH, THE MIGHTY PHILISTINE WARRIOR, ON THEIR OWN. GOD GAVE DAVID POWER TO DEFEAT GOLIATH. DAVID REMINDS US OF JESUS, WHO CAME TO SAVE US FROM OUR GREATEST ENEMIES: SIN AND DEATH. *JESUS, THE ULTIMATE HERO, SAVES US FROM OUR SIN AND GIVES US ETERNAL LIFE.*

## BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

### What is grace?

Grace is when God gives us something good even when we do not deserve it.

Dear Families,

For centuries, people have used levers and pulleys to make life easier. The lever and pulley are simple machines that use the laws of physics to lift and move massive weight. By using these machines, a single person can lift weight that no human could without the help of these inventions! You may not even know it, but these machines help you every day to accomplish things that you cannot do for yourself!

When the Israelites stood against the Philistine army, they were terrified. They knew they had no power to defeat Goliath or the Philistines with their own strength. David came to the battlefield just in time to hear the Philistine giant mocking the Israelite army. He knew that something must be done, so he stepped up to fight Goliath.

When David approached, Goliath mocked his size and his choice of weapons. David replied, “You come to fight with a spear and sword, but I come to fight in the name of the Lord! God always wins His battles!” God used David and the stone from his sling to defeat Goliath and save the Israelite army!

The Israelites were not strong enough to fight Goliath, the mighty Philistine warrior, on their own. God gave David power to defeat Goliath. **David reminds us of Jesus, who came to save us from our greatest enemies: sin and death. Jesus, the ultimate hero, saves us from our sin and gives us eternal life.**

*Pray: God, thank You for being our defender! When we had no hope to save ourselves, You sent Jesus to defeat sin and give eternal life to all who believe in Him!*

## FAMILY ACTIVITIES<<<

**For Fun:** Work together to build a pillow tower or box tower that is 9 feet 9 inches tall. Use a small pillow or beanbag to try to knock the tower over. Discuss how intimidating a warrior that tall would have been.

**To Serve:** Visit a city park to pass out bottled water. Talk with people to form new friendships. Invite them to your church, if the opportunities arise. Remind kids that water is a basic need of all people—especially on a hot day—but our greatest need is Jesus! Like God used David to defeat the giant enemy, God sent Jesus to conquer sin and death for us!



### UNIT MEMORY VERSE:

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight.

—Ephesians 1:7-8