FAITHFUL Followers

Memory Verse: ***"God chose you to tell about the wonderful things He has done. He called you out of darkness into His wonderful light." 1 Peter 2:9b***

Big Idea: ***God calls His people because He loves.***

Bible Story: David and Goliath | 1 Samuel 17

Gear Up - Arrival

Greet children as they enter the classroom. Mark them present using your iPad and/or paper roster.

Opening Activities: Engage with the kids in your room as they play and interact with designated games and activities as time allows. Use this opportunity to ask kids about their week, discuss their interests, and encourage them to connect with one another!

Memory Verse Game – Verse Tower

What you'll need: plastic cups, marker, soft ball (object)

How to Play: One word from the memory verse should be written on each cup. Build a tower from bottom to top in the correct order of the verse. Work together and say the verse out loud when finished. Lastly, toss the soft ball (object) and make the tower fall – like David made the giant fall.

Get-To-Know-You Game – What Would You Do?

What you'll need: No supplies needed

How to Play:
Set up real-life "giant" situations:

- Someone is being bullied
- You're nervous about a test
- Friends pressure you to do something wrong

Lesson tie-in: Goliath = problems that feel too big; David = courage + smart choices

- Split into small groups
- Give each group a scenario
- They can act out or explain their solution and where their help comes from

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Gear Up - Welcome – 5 minutes

Begin 10 minutes after the service time starts (Ex. 9:40 at the 9:30 experience).

Gather kids together in a space where they can see the TV.
Take a moment to **welcome** the kids to KXP and let them know how glad you are that they are here!

PRAY FIRST! We want to model this for our kids. Take a moment to pray for the time together and for the kids in your room.

Lesson Introduction – 5 minutes

Share the Lesson Intro with the class before starting the **KXP lesson video**. Challenge them to listen and pay attention during the Bible Story.

Say: *"Welcome back to KXP! Today we are jumping into a really awesome story! Last week we learned that a boy named David was chosen by God to become King of Israel. Today's true story from the Bible happened before David became king. When David was a young boy, he faced something very big AND very scary. Have you ever faced something that felt really big or scary? Let's see how David tackled his BIG, scary problem."*

Play the KXP lesson video in your classroom.

Bible Story – 10 minutes

Leaders, please read the Bible story below before Sunday to prepare for discussion.

David and Goliath | 1 Samuel 17

In Israel, a long time ago, there was a great battle between two groups of people - the Israelites and the Philistines. These armies stood on opposite hills prepared to fight. There was a deep valley between the armies. The Philistines had a champion named Goliath. He was incredibly tall and strong. He was over 9 feet tall! He wore armor that weighed 125 pounds and his sword weighed 15 pounds!

Every day, he shouted a challenge. ***In 1 Samuel 17:10 Goliath says "'Today I stand and dare the army of Israel! Send one of your men to fight me!' When Saul and the Israelites heard the Philistine's words, they were very afraid."*** The idea was that instead of both armies fighting, only one Philistine and one Israelite would fight each other. Whoever won the fight would win the victory for their army.

But there was a problem—no Israelite wanted to fight the giant, Goliath**.** I certainly wouldn't want to fight a 9-foot-tall man! Would you?! David was a young shepherd boy, not a soldier. He spent his days taking care of sheep and protecting them from wild animals. One day, David visited the army to bring food to his older brothers. When he heard Goliath's challenge, he was surprised that no one would stand up to him.

David said, "I'll fight him." People didn't believe him at first. He was small, young, and had no battle experience. King Saul offered David armor and weapons, but they were too heavy and didn't fit. David decided to trust God and use what he already had – a sling and five smooth stones from a stream.

David believed he could win—not because he was the strongest, but because he had courage and faith that God would fight for him. When Goliath saw David, he laughed. He expected a trained warrior, not a boy. But David didn't back down. In chapter 17, verse 45 David said to Goliath ***"You come to me using a sword, a large spear…But I come to you in the name of the Lord of heaven's armies. He's the God of the armies of Israel! You have spoken out against him. Today the Lord will give you to me…"***

He ran toward Goliath, put a stone in his sling, and swung it quickly…**Whoosh!** The stone flew straight and hit Goliath on the forehead. The giant fell to the ground. When the Philistine army saw their champion defeated, they ran away. The Israelites won the battle, and David became a hero. David faithfully trusted God and followed where God led him.

Lesson Recap –15 minutes

After the video has ended, **share the Lesson Conclusion** with the class.

Say: *"David had courage, but the Lord won the victory for the Israelites. What if we think of Goliath as a really big problem in our lives?! Maybe something that seems impossible to defeat at first. And what if we face that problem, that Goliath, with courage?! We can trust God to be with us. We can have faith that the victory belongs to God. We can pray knowing that God is in control. Thanks for joining me today for this true story from the Bible. Can't wait to see where David's journey goes next. See ya soon!"*

Direct the kids to the **Memory Verse** and **Big Idea** posters in your room. Have your class read them together out loud. Celebrate the kids for paying attention and listening well!

Close in Prayer – 3 to 5 minutes

Ask the kids in your room to share any **prayer requests** they have. Give them a moment to **fill out prayer cards** or **choose a prayer prompt** to take home. Then **pray over them**!

- **P**RAISE - *Open with adoration.*
- **R**EPENT - *Recall and connect the Big Idea from the Bible Story to yourself and the kids.*
- **A**SK - *Petition the Lord on the kids' behalf.*
- **Y**IELD - *Close by giving thanks to God for His perfect plan.*

Live It Out – 5 to 8 minutes | **David Knew**

What you'll need: blue and brown construction paper, popsicle sticks, pipe cleaners, scissors, glue

What to do:

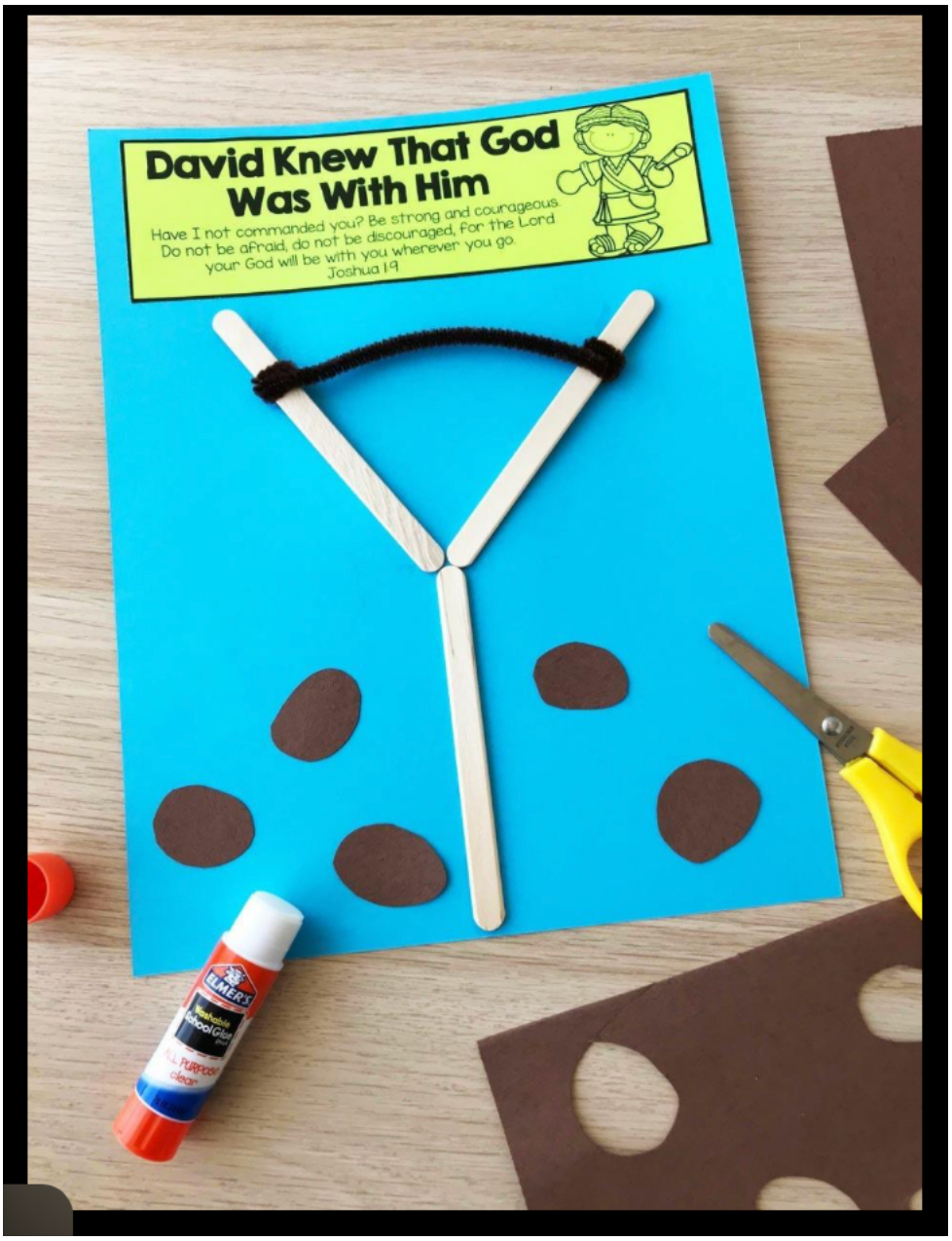
- *(See photo of an example on the last page of this lesson.)*
- Have kids make a slingshot out of popsicle sticks (shape of a Y).
- Wrap a pipe cleaner around to make the sling.
- Glue them to a piece of blue construction paper.
- Cut stones out of brown construction and glue them onto the paper around the slingshot.
- Add the verse at the top by glueing it onto the paper as well.

Ask while they finish the craft:

- "Was David the biggest?"
- "What made him strong?"
- "What is something YOU can be brave about?"

Leave No Trace – End of the Hour

- As parents arrive to pick up children, have the **kids work together to clean up** the classroom.
- **Thank them** for coming and **encourage them to invite a friend** and come back next week!
- Children can **finish opening activities** while waiting on their parents.


David Knew That God Was With Him
Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous.
Do not be afraid, do not be discouraged, for the Lord
your God will be with you wherever you go.
Joshua 1:9
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