



David Defeats Goliath

1 Samuel 17:1-50



Bible Point: God can help us all do great things.



Key Verse: "I can do everything through him who gives me strength" (Philippians 4:13).

Use the following activities to further the application of this week's lesson in the lives of your family members.

Discussion Starters

Preschoolers

- What makes God happy?
- What can we do for God?

Elementary Students

- How can we do things for God?
- What does it mean to have courage?

Youth

- What does it take to do great things for God?
- What happens when we do great things for God?

Talk Topics

- Discuss one of your favorite Bible heroes. What great things did he or she do for God?
- Discuss the pitfalls of trying to do great things for God. What might others say about you when you attempt to take on a "giant"?
- Talk about a time you did something significant for God. How did that affect your faith? What did others say about you? What were the results?
- What qualities does it take to do great things for God? Does everyone who tries to do great things for God have to be a "spiritual giant"?

Through the Week

Use the following passages to explore additional biblical insights concerning courage.

Monday—Exodus 15:2

Tuesday—2 Samuel 22:31-33

Wednesday—1 Chronicles 16:10-11

Thursday—Psalm 33:16

Friday—Isaiah 41:10

Saturday—2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

Daily Challenge[®]

- What's one great thing you want to do for God right now? Write it down, and pray about it each day. Ask God what he wants that great thing to look like.
- Is someone else already doing a great thing for God that you want to be part of? Ask that person and God whether you can join in, and stay with whatever commitment you make.
- Is there something you can do as a family for God this week? Talk about it, come up with a plan, and do it!
- Gather together as a family. Give family members each a piece of modeling clay, and have them create a "future sculpture" of the person on their right. Think of things that person might do for God in the next five years, and then make a sculpture that represents the person's accomplishments. When they're ready, have family members show their sculptures. When everyone has talked about the sculptures and their significance, ask each person to tell about one incredible thing he or she would like to do for God in the next five years. When everyone has shared, spend time praying about the dreams you've shared.