

City LG - November 2-3, 2019

Bible Story: Take a Chance on Me (David and Goliath) • 1 Samuel 17

Bottom Line: Honor others by giving them a chance.

Memory Verse: *Love one another deeply. Honor others more than yourselves.* Romans 12:10 (NIRV)

CG: Countdown Video

WORSHIP: “Zeal” and “Not the Same”

Worship Leader prays...

Supplies Needed: Step Stool and 5 Crumpled Pieces of Paper

“Hi, everyone! (*Hold up Bible.*) Before we get started, let’s catch up from where we left off in God’s One Big Story.

“Moses was the one who led God’s people out of Egypt. When Moses died, a man named Joshua led the Israelites into the land God had promised them. There were people who were chosen as judges to help guide God’s people when they didn’t know what to do.

“But the Israelites saw that other nations had kings, and they decided THEY wanted a king, too. So God gave them a king named Saul.

“Now, Saul didn’t listen to God, so God chose another king: David. We’re picking up the story when Saul still ruled Israel, and David was still a shepherd. David was really strong. He had protected his sheep from lions and bears!

“But David’s older brothers were picked to follow King Saul into battle against the Philistines. Every morning and evening for 40 days, there was a giant warrior named Goliath who marched out to make fun of them. No Israelite dared to face him.

“Goliath . . . okay, just a minute.

Pick a Small Group Leader to be Goliath. Have him/her stand on the stage on a step stool.

“All right. Now let’s get our battle scene set up. (*To one side of the audience*) All of you on this side of the room, you’re playing the Philistines. (*To Goliath*) Go on, Goliath—go get ready with your army!

Host takes his step stool into the middle of the “Philistine Army” and stands on it.

“Great! Now, when I point to you Philistines, you’ll yell, “We will, we will beat you! (*to the tune of “We will, we will rock you!”*). Let’s try that one time. Ready?”

Point to the Philistine side of the room.

GOLIATH and PHILISTINES: “We will, we will beat you!”

“Perfect! Okay, now everyone on this side of the room (*point to the other side of the audience*), you’re God’s people, the Israelites. You’re standing over here just looking at those scary Philistines, and you’re terrified! When I point to you, can you show me your very best scared face and say, ‘UH-OH!’?”

Point to the Israelites.

ISRAELITES: “UH-OH!”

“Excellent! Now let’s practice. *(To the Philistines)* Philistines!”

Point to the Philistines.

GOLIATH and PHILISTINES: “We will, we will beat you!”

(To the Israelites) “Israelites!”

Point to the Israelites.

ISRAELITES: “UH-OH!”

“That was great! The Philistines were a big, scary army with a big, scary warrior leading the way. God’s people were afraid! What would they do?”

“Well, while all of this was happening, David’s dad Jesse sent David to his brothers. He wanted David to take them some food and find out how they were doing.

Choose one child to be David.

“David saw Goliath. He saw how the Israelite warriors ran away in fear. He saw how Goliath was saying mean things against God. *(To David)* David, can you give us a look that says, ‘What in the world is happening here?’ *(Pause for David to do it.)* That’s great! David thought someone should fight these Philistines, but no one would do it! He couldn’t believe God’s people were just standing around in fear!

Hand the five crumpled-up pieces of paper to David.

“He marched out to meet Goliath. *(To David)* Go ahead, David. You can march out and stand with your army.

Guide David to stand on the Israelite side of the room, facing the Host.

“Remember, the Philistines were big and tough!”

Point to the Philistines.

GOLIATH and PHILISTINES: “We will, we will beat you!”

“The Israelites were afraid.”

Point to the Israelites.

ISRAELITES: “UH-OH!”

“But listen to what David said to Goliath.

Open the Bible to 1 Samuel 17:45-46 (NirV) and read.

“You are coming to fight against me with a sword, a spear and a javelin. But I’m coming against you in the name of the Lord who rules over all. He is the God of the armies of Israel. He’s the one you have dared to fight against. This day the Lord will give me the victory over you.

“David slung a stone, and it hit Goliath right in the forehead!

Cue David to throw the crumpled-up pieces of paper at Goliath. Let him keep trying repeatedly. He probably won't hit him, which is fine (it'll be funny). Eventually, you can pick up one of the paper "stones" and guide it toward the Host's head with your hand.

"Goliath staggered and then fell to the ground.

Have the Small Group Leader dramatically, but carefully, fall to the ground.

"The Philistines saw that Goliath was dead, and they ran away. God's people had won the battle!

"Give a big hand to yourselves. Thanks for your help!"

Collect the props and dismiss kids back to their seats.

"The Israelites had beaten Goliath and the Philistines, all because King Saul was willing to give David a chance. From that day on, King Saul called on David to serve him, and David became a great warrior and leader through God's power. That's what our video is all about today. Let's take a look!"

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 7:30)

CG: Bottom Line Slide

"Just like Saul did with David, we need to **[Bottom Line] honor others by giving them a chance.** Can you say that with me?"

KIDS: [Bottom Line] "Honor others by giving them a chance."

"Let's pray."

Pray: "God, thank You for this amazing story about Saul and David and Goliath. Thank You for helping us to see how Saul gave David a chance. Help us to do the same thing for the people around us. Help us to **[Bottom Line] honor others by giving them a chance.** We love You, and we ask these things in Jesus' name, amen."

"It feels good when someone gives you a chance, doesn't it? *(Pause for response.)* You bet it does! It feels good when someone treats you like you matter. It's important for us to **[Basic Truth] treat others the way we want to be treated.** We can help others feel like VIPs by giving them a chance.

"So, the next time you have the opportunity, pick someone new to be on your team. Invite someone who's shy to your birthday party. Let your little brother or sister pick the movie for your family movie night. **[Bottom Line] Honor others by giving them a chance.**

"Our memory verse for the month is Romans 12:10. Let's look at it together."

CG: Memory Verse Slide

"We can honor others with God's help! Right? Right! Before we head to Small Group let's watch this!"

CG: Offering Video (Runtime: 3:00)

Dismiss kids to their small groups.