

City LG—November 13th, 2022

Today's Bible Story: Whatever It Takes (David Anointed/Goliath) • 1 Samuel 16:1-13; 17:1-51

Today's Bottom Line: You can do what you should even when things seem impossible.

Monthly Memory Verse: *Be strong and brave. Do not be afraid. Do not lose hope. I am the LORD your God. I will be with you everywhere you go.* Joshua 1:9b (NIRV)

REMINDER: Kids will need to be grouped into Small Groups to begin Service

WORSHIP: "Shine a Light" and "Give My All"

"Hi, everyone! It's great to be here with you as we continue God's Big Story together. (*Hold up Bible.*)

"We've seen how God promised to bless the whole world through Abraham's family, the Israelites. God rescued the Israelites from slavery in Egypt . . . then God led them through the desert to freedom in the land of Canaan. Which makes me think of a Question..."

SLIDE: Question ("How big is your Family?")

"3 minutes on the clock! Talk it out with your Groups! Do you have a big family? A small family? GO!"

CG: Question Video (Runtime: 3:00)

"Great job everyone! Let's continue with our story today. Something you should know is that during this time in history, one of the ways God spoke to the people was through prophets. There was a prophet named Samuel who had loved and listened to God since he was a young boy. God spoke to Samuel and gave him a plan to choose a NEW king. That's what our Story Lab is all about today. Let's take a look!"

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 11:00)

"When the Philistines saw that Goliath had been defeated, they were terrified and ran away! The Israelites chased them until their whole army scattered.

"After this all happened, King Saul was so impressed with David that he invited him to come live at the palace. David still wasn't king at that point, but eventually he would go on to become the king of the Israelites.

"It was a really big deal for David to face Goliath. To everyone else, it seemed impossible that any Israelite warrior could defeat Goliath—least of all a young shepherd like David. But David knew that God had been with him in the past. David knew that God would be with him when he went up against Goliath, too.

"Sometimes we face things in life that can seem impossible. Sometimes there's something that we know we SHOULD do, but it seems impossible that we could actually step up and do it. In those times, we can have courage if we talk to God and ask God to help us. Let's learn today's Bottom Line together!"

CG: Bottom Line Video (Runtime: 1:00)

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] "You can do what you should even when things seem impossible.

"Let's pray and talk to God about that now."

PRAY: “Dear God, thank You so much for the story of David. He was in a situation that seemed impossible, but You helped him have courage! Please help us have that kind of courage when WE face things that seem impossible. We know that You’re always there to help us, and we are so grateful! We love You, God, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

“I think it’s really cool how David had learned to trust God from a young age—because God helped him protect his sheep from wild animals. David also knew that God was with him, because God had chosen him to be Israel’s king in the future.

“That’s why David was able to have courage—even when he went up against Goliath and the situation seemed impossible. David trusted God!

“Remember . . .

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] “You can do what you should even when things seem impossible.

“When things happen in our lives that feel impossible, we can ALWAYS talk to God about it. God can give us the courage we need to do what’s right.

“Maybe your mom or dad or grandparent told you to clean your room . . . but the job is just SO big. You feel like you can’t even get started! Remember, God can help you do what you should, even though it seems impossible!

“Maybe you’ve been dishonest and you get caught, and it’s time to tell the truth. That might seem almost impossible to you. But God can help you have the courage to do what you should do.

“If you’re up against something that seems impossible, don’t forget that God is always there to help you. Stop and think about how good and powerful God really is. God is big enough and strong enough to raise Jesus from the dead! When we put our trust in Jesus, we can have courage. We don’t have to be afraid, because God’s power is bigger than everything—even death! **We can trust God no matter what.**

OFFERING TIME:

We are giving our offering to our friends in Mexico through an organization called Vida Nueva Ministries. Unfortunately, many families in Mexico don’t have enough money for food or education.

Vida Nueva Ministries is dedicated to overcoming poverty through education. Here is a picture of one of their amazing teachers.

SLIDE: Teacher in Classroom

Vida Nueva has built an entire set of schools in the city of Piedras Negras, where kids of all backgrounds can come and learn. They also receive meals and hear about Jesus. Isn’t that great? So, if you brought an offering today, you can bring it up now!