

## Lesson 88: David Defeats Goliath

### [1 Samuel 17:1-50](#)

**Youtube Link:** <https://youtu.be/E-CQ4wEpz8s>

**Children's Bible Story Video:** <https://youtu.be/w4NkSMp1mb0>

**Worship Theme:** God can use anyone.

**Memory Verse:** "He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak." (Isaiah 40:29)

Songs (Youtube links):

1. We Will Win <https://youtu.be/Ba2UR8O5Rgw>
2. In the Name of Jesus <https://youtu.be/0b41QksexPE>
3. Be Strong and Courageous <https://youtu.be/Mr7oyUvG7U8>

### Pray

**Song:** Select songs from the list above.

### Icebreaker: Tug-of-War

Materials Needed: Rope (can use khroma)



1. Divide the children into two groups and draw a line in the middle.
2. Let them play tug of war. The group who crosses the line will lose the game.
3. After the game, explain to the children that just because they're bigger

does not mean that they will win the game. Just the same, just because they're small does not mean that they'll lose the game. We should not judge a person just by their size.

### Introduction:

When you play soccer, would you like to team with weak people or strong people? Or when you have to climb the mountain, would you like to go with young children who are weak or older adults who are strong? The world likes to have big and strong people. But God likes to have people who trust in him even if they're weak and small. Today, let's learn about how God used a teenage boy to fight against a giant.

### Bible Story:

Who is the king of Israel? Saul is still the king of Israel. Although Prophet Samuel anointed David to be the next king, this will not happen until David becomes 30 years old. Now, David is just a teenage boy.

At this time, Israel was being attacked by the Philistines. The Israel army faced the Philistines every day and waited for the Philistines to attack first. But instead of attacking, the Philistines sent out Goliath, who was a giant (9 feet tall!), to insult and taunt Israel and God. Goliath repeated his taunts every day for more than a month. There was not a man in the Israelite army who would go out to fight Goliath. So he just kept on terrorizing the Israelites, and they kept running away.

One day a young shepherd boy named David heard Goliath insult God. He was furious! He volunteered to fight the giant, though he was only a young boy. Everyone laughed and told David to go home. But David was confident. He knew that God had used him to protect little lambs against lions and bears. Surely, God would help him protect his people against a God-insulting giant!

King Saul tried to give David his armor as Goliath taunted again. But the armors were too big for David. Instead of depending on the armor, David decided to trust God to use him to fight against Goliath. David went to a stream and collected a handful of stones.

David put one stone in his sling. That's all it took. David killed the Goliath with his stone slings!

David didn't have confidence in his own strength. He was just a shepherd boy. He was not a soldier and he was not strong. But he had confidence in God. Goliath had confidence in his own strength, and it let him and his whole army down. David was weaker than many of the grown men in the Israelite army, and God could have used any of them. But God used David because David trusted in God's strength.

Even though you're small now, God can still use you. Are you willing to trust in God's power instead of your own strength? God used a small shepherd boy. God can surely use you to do some awesome things for the world!

### Questions to discuss:

1. Who is the king of Israel? (King Saul)
2. Who is the Philistine giant who insulted Israel and God? (Goliath)
3. Why were Israel soldiers afraid to fight against Goliath? (He was a giant)
4. Why did David volunteer to fight against Goliath? (Because he heard the giant insult God, and it made him angry)
5. How did David kill Goliath? (With stones and a sling)
6. How do you think God can use you even when you're weak and small? (to show God's love to others, to help family, to be a model Christian to others, etc.)

### Game: "Grab the Branch"

Material Needed: Branches



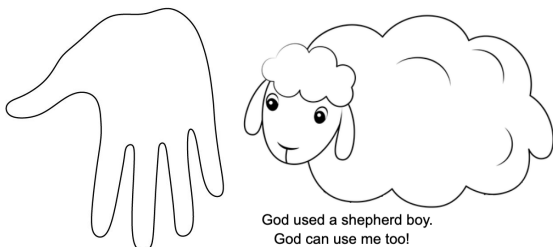
1. Divide the children into two groups.
2. Place a branch in the middle of the room and have the two groups stand opposite from each other.
3. Each child should be given a number.
4. When the teacher calls a number, the child with that number must run to the center of the room and grab the branch. Once they have the branch, they must return to their group before the other team tags them.
5. For example, if the teacher says, "Number 3!" then the child who was #3 will run out and get the branch and run back as fast as they can.
6. If they're tagged by the other team, then they lose the game.
7. Continue to play the game until everyone gets a turn.
8. The group with the most points will win the game.
9. After the game, explain to the children that each team won some games regardless of the different size or strength of the children. Remember that God can use anyone and everyone even if you're small, big, weak, strong, boy, girl, and more. God can use everyone including you!

### Memory Verse:

"He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak." (Isaiah 40:29)

### Craft: "God Can Use Me" - Sheep

Materials Needed: Print the sheep template, scissors, glue



1. Have the children trace their hand on the sheep template and cut it out.
2. Have the children cut out the sheep and glue it to the hand, making sure the fingers are visible as the legs of the sheep.
3. Have the children cut out and glue the words "God used a shepherd boy. God can use me too!" on the sheep.
4. Have all the children say "God used a shepherd boy. God can use me too!"



**Song:** Select songs from the list above

**Pray**

**Teacher's Devotion (Please read before you get ready to teach the students.)**

No matter who we are, when Jesus is our friend and our lives are devoted to following him, he can do exciting things through us. It wasn't the great warrior David who killed Goliath; it was the humble shepherd boy. When have you done something for God that you didn't feel qualified to do? How did God respond? What great things might God be waiting to do through you? Thank God for the chances he gives you to do great things for—and through—him.

# “God Can Use Me”



God used a shepherd boy.  
God can use me too!

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Trace your hand below and cut it out: