

Game: Bulls eye

Place the bucket at one end of the room/in your garden. Throw five balls/bean bags and throw them into the bucket or bin. As you play point out how hard it is to hit a target. In today's story David hits the target and wins.

Watch: The story of David and Goliath <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7zLAcUZkxHA>

Story: 1 Samuel 17:32-40

Today's Bible story is about how a boy named David fought and killed a giant named Goliath. Now, Goliath was a mighty warrior who was more than nine feet tall! He was protected from head to toe by a suit of armor made of bronze. His armor alone weighed more than one hundred pounds and he was armed with a sword and spear. David, on the other hand, was a young shepherd boy. He had no armor for protection. It would have been much too heavy for him to carry. And how about a sword and spear? No, David's weapon was a sling and his ammunition was five smooth stones which he picked up from a nearby stream. As David approached Goliath, Goliath looked at David and thought it was a joke. Goliath thought that he could easily beat David and it was funny that Saul would send a small boy to fight him. But David said to him without fear, "You fight with a sword and I come with God on my side and today everyone will know that there is one true God in this land." Goliath didn't care what David said and he moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly to meet him. Reaching into his pouch he pulled out a stone, put it into his slingshot and shot it at Goliath. The stone had hit him right between his eyes and suddenly Goliath started to lose his balance. He fell with a loud thud right on his face. David had done it, he beat the giant Philistine!

When the rest of the Philistines saw this they ran away and David became a hero to all the people in Israel. And yet, David was able to defeat a giant that all of the soldiers of the Israelite army were afraid to face. You and I may never face a giant such as Goliath, but we face giants of another kind in our daily life. We face giants such as fear, insecurity, loneliness, and failure. How can we overcome those giants that want to defeat us? These five stones can help us to remember the story of how David defeated the giant he faced. They also help us to know how we can defeat the giants which we face.

Memory verse: The memory verse is 1 Samuel 17:47

1 Samuel 17:47: All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves; for the battle is the Lord's, and he will give all of you into our hands.

Write the verse above in 5 sections onto different pieces of paper-you may want to make the paper into pebble shapes.

This verse is a reminder of how God is with us when we courageously step out for him.

Craft: Courage

Choose one of these crafts to do at home...

- Decorate a biscuit with 5 pebbles piled up on the top.
- Make a card to give to someone who has been brave/needs to be brave (you could maybe make one for your local emergency service to say thank you?)
- Collect pebbles/stones and make towers with them
- Paint a pebble
- Write the names of brave or courageous people onto paper pebbles and blue-tacking them to a large sheet of paper to hang up in your home to remind you to pray for them.

Pray:

Dear God, just as you gave David the victory in his battle with Goliath, we know that when we put our trust in you, you will give us the victory over the giants we face in our daily life. Amen.