





Great Big Things

GOD HELPS US
DO GREAT THINGS

1 SAMUEL 17:1-50

BIBLE STORY

God helps us do great things.

You'll need a small foam ball for each child and a Bible.

Form a circle. Open your Bible to 1 Samuel 17:1-50, and show children the words. Explain that today's Bible story comes from the first book of Samuel. Then show kids the image of Goliath on the teaching trifold.

Point to Goliath and say: **This is Goliath. He was a mean person who was really big. He was giant, and he wanted to hurt God's people. Everyone was afraid of Goliath—except for David. David wasn't big, but he trusted God. David went to a stream and gathered some stones.** Place small foam balls in the center of the circle. Have each child take a ball.

Say: **Let's pretend these are stones. David threw a stone at Goliath with something called a sling. Your arms can be your slings.** Hold the trifold at your side, and let children take turns throwing the foam "stones" at Goliath. After everyone has had a turn, say: **Goliath fell to the ground and never bothered God's people again. God helped David do great things. God helps us do great things, too!**



Action Prayer

Have children stand. Lead them in this action prayer several times.

God can use my hands. (Clap hands.)

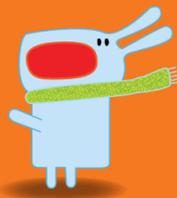
God can use my feet. (Stomp feet.)

God can use my eyes. (Point to eyes.)

It comes as no surprise. (Shake head "no.")

It makes me want to sing. (Touch mouth.)

God helps us do great things! (Raise arms and cheer.)



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Play-n-worship

Crayons

You'll need blue paper and large crayons or washable markers.

Hold up the blue paper and say: **Let's pretend this is a stream. David found stones in a stream. Let's add stones to our streams.** Have kids each draw five circles or make five marks on their papers. Help each child count his or her "stones." Say: **God helped David use the stones to get rid of a giant mean guy named Goliath. God helped David do great things, and God helps us do great things, too.**

Doll Play

You'll need a large doll and a small doll.

Gather children together. Point to the small doll. Say: **David was small.** Point to the big doll. **Goliath was big. David was smaller than Goliath, but God helped David win the battle against Goliath. God helped David do a great thing. God helps us do great things, too.** Have kids take turns holding the smaller doll and saying, "Even though I'm small, God can help me do great things."

Block Play

1. Set out blocks of all sizes on the floor. Say: **Goliath was a mean guy who was really big. He was giant! Let's build a giant guy with our blocks.** Help kids stack blocks to build Goliath. **David was a small boy. Let's build David next to Goliath.** Help kids build a smaller

David. **Goliath was mean to God's people. But David was brave. He got rid of Goliath. Let's see if we can get rid of Goliath.** Have kids knock down the Goliath blocks, leaving the David blocks standing. **Everyone was happy because God helped David do a great thing. God helps us do great things, too.**

2. Use blocks to make an outline of a stream on the floor. Place extra blocks in the stream. Have kids sit on either side of the stream. Say: **A boy named David found stones in a stream. David used the stones to help God's people. Let's gather stones from our stream.** Have each child pick up a block from the stream and hand it to you. As each child does so, say: [Child's name], **God helped David do great things. God can help you do great things, too.**

Ball Play

You'll need a ball, the *Play-n-Worship* CD, and a CD player.

Have kids sit in a circle. Remind kids that David used stones to knock down Goliath. Say that you'll be giant Goliath and they'll take turns being brave David. Hold up the ball. Say: **Let's pretend that this is our stone.** Explain that you'll roll the "stone" to each person. Each "David" will roll it back to you to "knock you down." When you catch the ball, fall over like Goliath and say: **God helped David do a great thing. God helps us do great things, too.** Play "Great Big Things" on the CD as you lead the game.

Music

You'll need your Bible, the *Play-n-Worship* CD, and a CD player. Gather kids in a circle. Open your Bible to 1 Samuel 17:1-50, and show kids the passage. Sing "Great Big Things" with kids as you teach them these simple motions.

- When you sing, "We're God's masterpiece," point to yourself and then to others.
- When you sing, "Do good things," alternate pounding one fist on top of the other, as if building.
- When you sing, "Great big things," raise your arms in the air.