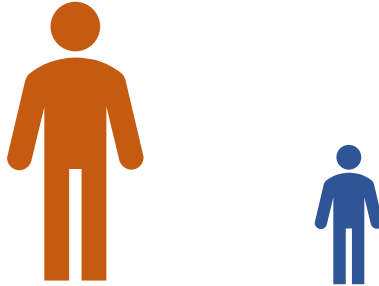


# Sunday School Lesson

## Sunday, October 25, 2020

### Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost



“I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty.”

While labeled Sunday School, please feel free to use these ideas in a way that blesses your family. You do not have to do all the activities nor do you need to do them on Sunday morning. You can use whatever translation of the Bible or Children’s Bible you have in your home.

**Read:** 1 Samuel 17

#### **Activities and Background:**

This is a fairly familiar story but one children find fascinating for 2 reasons: It engages them at an emotional level as young children may feel like Davids amongst “adult Goliaths”. Often children may desire to have the courage of David. It engages them at a physical level as any young child loves stones and throwing things. The art of using a slingshot is enticing.

David was supposed to be watching his father’s sheep. He should not have been near the battlefield. But his father has sent him with food for the older brothers who are on the battlefield. God sets up the situation.

1. Read the scripture story.
  - I wonder if David was scared when he saw the giant.
  - I wonder how David knew God was with him.
  - I wonder if you have ever felt like a David.
2. This passage is filled with many unusual words/names giving opportunity to engage youngest ones in vocal play. Say some of the words, have the child echo it. Or make some of the sounds in the words and have toddlers imitate it. While a game practicing vocalizations, it is tuning the young child’s ear into these words of the Old Testament and will support later reading of those words.
3. Discuss when you have been faced with a “big” challenge. It does not have to be a person. It could be a test or homework project or having a medical procedure. How might you prepare for it? Remember God prepared David for this challenge as he shepherded. David was ready and trusted God.
4. Find 5 stones. Count them. David counted 5 stones but only used one. Pick out the one stone you think is best from your collection. Paint on it “Lord” or “God” to remind you that everything you do, you do in the name of the Lord God Almighty. Keep the stone close to you.
5. Read the story again draw a picture to help you remember it.
6. End with a prayer asking for strength and wisdom in tough situations.