

2ND-5TH GRADE BIBLE STORY PAGE

1 Samuel 17

ALLOW kids to sit in a circle and place their right hands out to their sides, palms up (as if carrying a tray). Then, they will place the index finger of their left hand in the palm of the person to their left.

SAY:

We're going to read a Bible Story about a leader named David who set a great example of showing respect! Whenever you hear me say the word "RESPECT" while I'm reading the story, you will try to grab the person's finger that is in your hand. At the same time, you'll try to keep your finger that is in your neighbor's hand from being grabbed! See if you can make it through the whole story without someone grabbing your finger!

READ the story, pausing after you say "RESPECT" to allow kids to reset.

Long ago, there was a boy named David who took care of his father's sheep. His older brothers were soldiers in King Saul's army. David's father, Jesse, told him to take food to his brothers at the army camp where they were setting up to fight the Philistines.

David showed RESPECT by doing what his father asked. When he got to the army camp with the food for his brothers, he overheard a Philistine giant named Goliath making fun of God's people and daring someone to come out and fight against him.

It made David really angry that Goliath was disRESPECTing God and God's people! David said he would go and fight Goliath himself!

As a shepherd, he had learned to kill lions and bears whenever they would come after his father's sheep. Because David had RESPECTed his father by taking care of the sheep, he was prepared to fight this giant who was disRESPECTing God and God's people!

David went out to meet Goliath with just a slingshot and some stones. As David approached, Goliath said disRESPECTful things to David, like "When I'm finished with you, I'll feed you to the birds and wild animals!"

David replied, "You are coming to fight against me with a sword, but I'm coming to fight you in the name of the Lord who rules over everyone and everything! I will show you that my God is worthy of RESPECT!"

As Goliath came towards him, David took out a stone, put it in his sling, and slung it at Goliath! The stone hit him in the forehead, and Goliath fell to the ground.

Because David had RESPECTed His father by taking care of the sheep and by bringing food to his brothers, he was able to fight and defeat Goliath. God rewarded David for showing RESPECT by making him a hero!