

Journal Page



- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- People look at the outside of a person, but God looks at the heart. Take turns naming three things about yourself that God can see and others can't.
- Share about a time you were afraid. How can God help when you are afraid?
- How is Jesus a greater King than David?

David Was Anointed

1 Samuel 16-17

STORY POINT: GOD CHOSE DAVID TO BE KING INSTEAD OF SAUL.

Saul was the king of Israel, but he disobeyed God. So God chose a new king for Israel. God sent Samuel to Bethlehem to visit a man named Jesse. One of Jesse's sons would be Israel's next king. Jesse had eight sons. One by one, Jesse's sons approached Samuel, but God had not chosen them.

Jesse sent for his youngest son, David. God told Samuel, "He's the one!" Samuel anointed David. God's Spirit was with David, and Samuel went back home.

When the Philistines gathered an army to fight Israel, King Saul got his army ready too. The Philistines had a great warrior named Goliath. None of the Israelites wanted to fight Goliath.

David saw how the Israelites were so afraid. David told King Saul, "I'll fight him!" David trusted God to keep him safe.

David chose five smooth stones from a nearby stream and met Goliath armed only with the stones and a slingshot. David ran toward Goliath. He slung a rock and hit Goliath in the forehead.

Goliath fell facedown, and David killed him. The Israelites won the battle, and the Philistines ran away.



Christ Connection: David did not look like a king or a mighty warrior, but God chose him to be king over Israel and gave him victory over Goliath. The Israelites were too weak and afraid to face Goliath; they needed David to fight on their behalf. In a similar way, though Jesus did not look like a warrior or king, we need Him to fight for us. Jesus gives us victory over sin and death.