

NOTE TO PARENTS from Ps Luke Aiasecca

Thank you for the privilege of ministering to your family through Kidmania Online. Today's Kidmania Online episode was *David & Goliath!*

This parent info sheet can be used by you at home to support your Kidmania experience WITH your children and help them to get the most out of it.

The 'main ideas' section of this parent info sheet has been designed especially for you to enter into meaningful discussion with your children.

To help your children really share what is in their hearts and minds with you, and so YOU can actively build faith and wisdom into them, when it comes to the 'Ask' points, take care to not rush them... give them time to think and respond and really show them you are listening and that you understand.

We are here to support you! If you have any questions you would like to discuss please contact your location Kidmania co-ordinator or email me at luke.aiasecca@enjoy.church

God bless you!

Family Ice Breaker – Sling Shot Challenge

This is a fun way to introduce what you will be talking about as a family.

Today we watched as Theresa and Isaac used their slings to knock down Goliath.

You might like to try doing this at home.

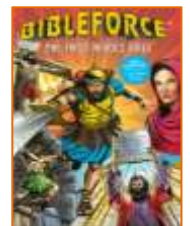
You could do as we did and make a sling with a tennis ball in a stocking or a sock, and choose a target.

Whatever you do, have fun!

Today's Bible Story Passage

1 Samuel 17:1-53 – David & Goliath

In today's episode we used images from the Comic Bible **BIBLEFORCE** to help tell the story of David and Goliath. We highly recommend it – you can find it in Koorong.



Scripture memory verses - to read and memorise at meal times

Ephesians 6:12 (NLT)

For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.

Psalms 28:7 (NLT)

The LORD is my strength and shield.
I trust him with all my heart.
He helps me, and my heart is filled with joy.
I burst out in songs of thanksgiving.

1 John 4:4 (NLT)

But you belong to God, my dear children. You have already won a victory over those people, because the Spirit who lives in you is greater than the spirit who lives in the world.

The Main Ideas for Family Discussion

Topic Introduction:

Ask: What was the true story we learned today? [*David and Goliath*]

Read: *Scripture: 1 Samuel 17:1-53 (NLT)* [*read from your own Bible*]

Ask: What's your favorite part of this true story?

Say: We can all face giants in our world. I am not talking about actual Goliaths, but obstacles, difficult situations, thoughts, feelings, and habits that seem gigantic.

Ask: What are some giants in your world? [*eg. trouble with friends, difficulty in a situation, temper, behavior, attitude, forgiveness, letting go of what is not good, respecting others, etc.*]

Say: David was not always a warrior in Israel. He was a shepherd boy. God used the time he was a shepherd boy to prepare him for his battle with Goliath.

Ask: What were the battles David fought as a shepherd boy? [*David fought off wolves, bears, and lions (to protect the sheep) before he faced the gigantic man Goliath, and his army. He would have had to face his fears then, learn how to use his weapon, and trust God. He would have been lonely at times too.*]

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Say: Remember who the real enemy is!

Ask: Are people our real enemies? [*No*] Who is the real enemy? [*evil rulers and authorities that are unseen, mighty powers in the dark, and evil spirits – but God is more powerful than them all. And, Jesus has given us power to resist them.*]

Say: We need God's help!

Read: *Scripture: Psalms 28:7 (NLT)*

The LORD is my strength and shield. I trust him with all my heart. He helps me, and my heart is filled with joy. I burst out in songs of thanksgiving.

Ask: Did David go into the battle against Goliath alone? [*No!*]

Ask: Who went with him? [*God did!*]

Say: In whose name did David come against Goliath [*The name of the LORD!*]

Say: God was David's strength and shield.

Read: *Scripture: 1 John 4:4 (NLT)*

But you belong to God, my dear children. You have already won a victory over those people, because the Spirit who lives in you is greater than the spirit who lives in the world.

Say: Don't avoid the giants in your life!

Say: Run quickly to the battle, not away from it! We need to face up to our big battles...not run away from them, because God is with us always, and He is bigger than the enemies we face. He will be helping us to know what to do, and do it, so that we have victory.

Say: Practice with the small things!

Say: David ran straight into the battle, because he was prepared. He had the skills. He had the power of God. He trusted God. His attitude was right. We change our attitude so we can change our behavior. We need to face, head on with God, our attitudes...not run away from them.

Ask: What are some of the attitudes we need to face? [*fear, doubt, temper, unforgiveness, impatience, disrespect, holding on to what we shouldn't, unbelief, messy heart etc.*]

Say: Make sure the giant is defeated and stays defeated – no second chances for the enemy!

Say: David made sure Goliath did not get up again. He made sure his victory was complete. We need to make sure that we keep doing what God has for us, and we don't return to our old ways and attitudes, so He can use us in more battles. We need to keep reading our Bibles, and talking with God (praying).

Let's Pray! Dear Heavenly Father...we thank You that you are always with us, and helping us. We thank You that as we turn to You, You give us courage and strength. You help us to know what to do, and when. You are always working in us to make us ready for our battles. Help us to have the patience to be prepared, in our skills and in our heart and attitude, and help us to be ready when You call us. Help us to always look to You and trust You when we face our giants. We love You LORD ... in Jesus' name, Amen!

