

WEEK 2

GOD IS MIGHTY

GOD IS MIGHTIER THAN OUR FEARS

PRIMARY LESSON GUIDE

THE FOUR KEYS

KEY VERSE

Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You. Psalm 56:3

KEY IDEAS

1. God is greater than all our fears.
2. God is always in control.
3. God always wins His battles.

KEY PASSAGE

1 Samuel 17 (David & Goliath)

KEY PRINCIPLES



EVERY CHILD SHOULD KNOW . . .

God is mightier than our fears.



EVERY CHILD SHOULD FEEL . . .

confident that God is always in control and nothing scares Him.



EVERY CHILD SHOULD BE ABLE TO . . .

think about their fears and talk about how God has overcome them.



EVERY CHILD SHOULD WANT . . .

to trust the God who is mightier than all our fears.

INTRODUCTION

God is the creator of all things and all things are under His power and rule. He has total and complete authority over everything and everyone on earth and in heaven. He is all knowing, all seeing, and all present. There is nothing and no one that is greater or mightier than our God! No other gods that man has made, not anything that has been created, not the wind or waves, not anything we might be afraid of, and not even death. God has power and authority over it all. He is the giver and sustainer of all life, and everything He does is good.

OPENING ILLUSTRATION

Begin class by asking the kids to define a giant. How tall do you think a giant is? Demonstrate to them something that is 9 feet high and explain that the Bible story today has to do with a giant named Goliath who was between 9 and 10 feet tall! Tell them to listen to the story of Goliath and how God used a man named David to defeat him and show His people how mighty He was.

STORY

Read 1 Samuel 17. Use the Jesus Storybook bible version.

In the story of David and Goliath, we learn that God's people, the Israelites, were in a fierce battle against the Philistines. One day a young shepherd boy named David was told by his father Jesse to go and take cheese and bread to King Saul's army, including his three older brothers who were soldiers. When David got to the camp and found his brothers, he heard someone shouting! When he went to see what was happening, he saw Goliath, a giant of the Philistines who was 9 feet and 9 inches tall, wielding a large sword! Goliath was saying terrible things about God and challenged the men of Israel to send their greatest champion to come fight him. When King Saul and the men of Israel heard this, they were greatly afraid and no one wanted to fight him, but David was angered by the things that Goliath had said about God. He wasn't afraid of the giant because he knew that God was mightier, so he volunteered to fight. King Saul looked at David and said "You are only a boy and this man has been fighting a long time." But David explained to him how he had fought off lions and bears who tried to attack his father's sheep. David knew he could fight Goliath just as he had fought the wild animals because God would be with him. So, King Saul gave David his blessing and his armor. But the armor was too big for David and he could not walk in it. He took it off and picked five smooth stones, packed them in his bag, and grabbed his sling. As David approached Goliath, Goliath laughed at him! He made fun of David's size, but David was not afraid. He took one stone from his bag, placed it in his sling, and slung it toward Goliath! The stone David hurled hit Goliath right in the forehead and knocked him over. The giant fell to the ground with a big bang, and the Philistine army ran away in fear. God had proven that he could not be defeated!

ACTIVITY

Use construction paper, popsicle sticks, yarn, and pebbles for the following craft. Tie a string of yarn from one end of one popsicle stick to the end of the other. Glue down those two popsicle sticks to a sheet of construction paper in the shape of a "V". Take one more stick and glue it below them to form a slingshot. Glue down pebbles next to the slingshot. At the top of the page, write out 1 Samuel 17:47. At the bottom write out 1 Corinthians 15:57.

PRAYER

Thank God that He is mightier than our fears and there is nothing He does not have control of. Ask God to help you trust Him with your fears and to believe that He wins all His battles.

SONG

My God is So Big, So Strong, and So Mighty by We Sing Bible Songs

FAMILY DEVOTIONAL

2 Corinthians 12:9, Jeremiah 32:17, Joshua 1:9, 2 Timothy 1:7

ACTIVITY

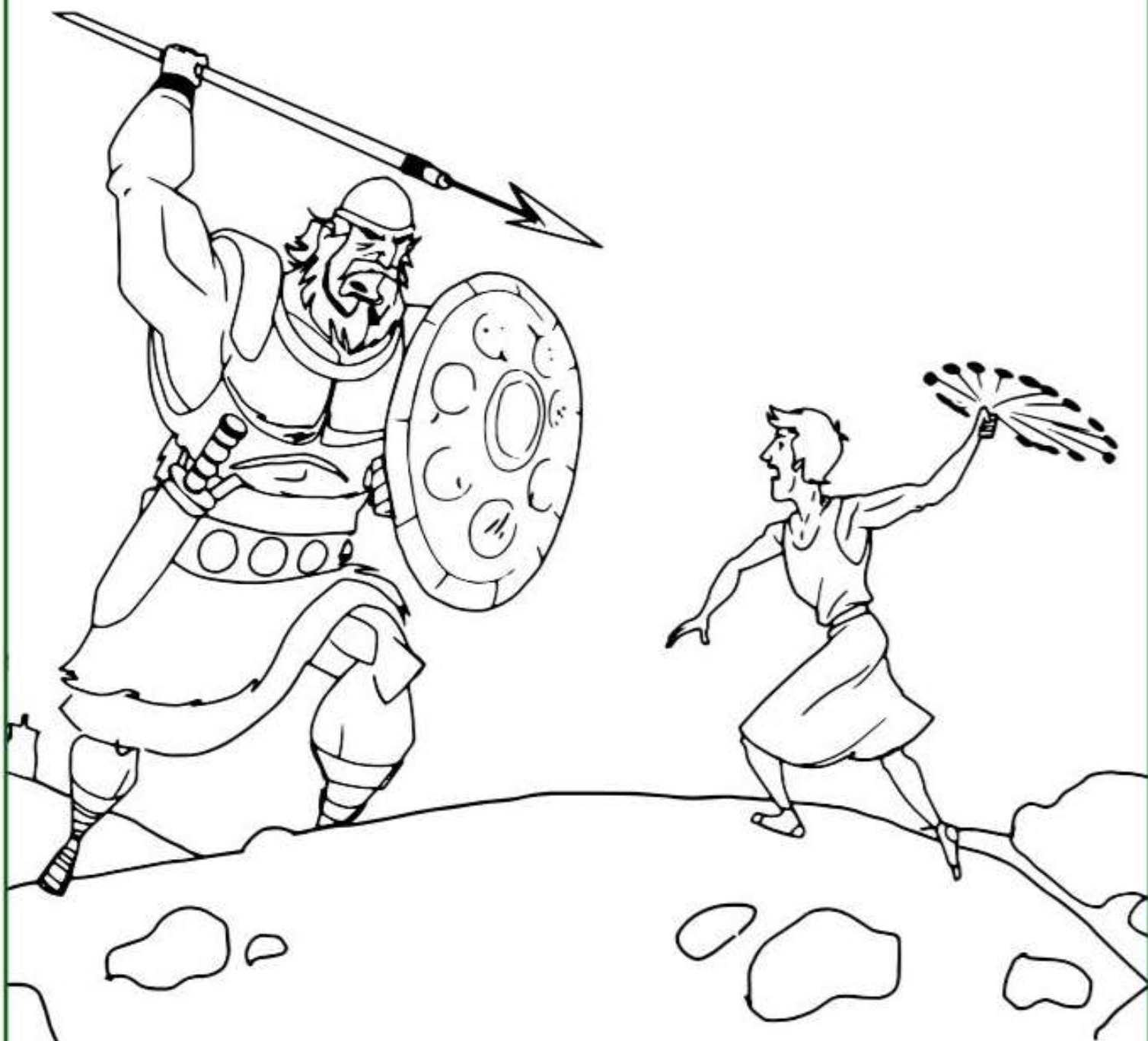
Using blankets and pillows, build a fort in your house. Talk to your child about how God is our refuge and our strength and He always helps in times of trouble. Read “The Good Shepherd” from the Jesus Storybook Bible if you have it. If not, you can read Psalm 23 and/or John 10 together.

DISCUSSION

- Write, draw, or illustrate with pictures a list of things that are scary on a piece of paper. Remind your child that God is mightier and more powerful than anything we are afraid of.
- How can we trust God when we are afraid?
Help your child memorize Psalm 56:3 and recite any time they are afraid. Pray to God to help you overcome fear with faith and trust in Him. Talk about how God always wins His battles and we do not have to fear.

PRAYER

Thank God that He is mightier than our fears. Tell God some of the things you are afraid of, and ask Him to help you trust that He is mightier than each of those things.



David and Goliath