

BRAVE

WEEK 2

BIG IDEA

God can use my gifts.

BIBLE

David and Goliath: 1 Samuel 17; (1 Corinthians 12:4-7)

LARGE GROUP TIME

WHAT?

MUSIC | Brave ▲

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Spend some time in worship with your kids! You can choose any song but you might want to check out "[Brave](#)" by Saddleback Kids.

ACTIVITY | Put Your Gifts to Work ▲

- Welcome to the second week of our Brave series! For the next few weeks, we'll learn about what it means to be brave

ACTIVITY | Target Practice

- In our Bible story today, we'll see that our hero had to have a very precise throw to take down his target. Let's practice our beanbag tossing skills and try to hit the target, which is at the center of the circle.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Set up a beanbag toss game or create your own using hula hoops of various sizes. Assign each circle a point value. Give each kid five beanbags and allow them to toss them, aiming for the bullseye. Keep track of points, if you'd like, allowing each kid to have a turn.*

QUESTION | Your Favorite Gift

- **What is the best gift you've ever received?**
- **Who gave it to you?**
- **Why was that your favorite gift?**
- Most of us have received a gift that seems like the best gift ever, but today we'll learn how God gives us gifts and helps us use those gifts.

THE BIG IDEA | God can use my gifts.

- God can help us use our gifts...and we're not talking about gifts like a Lego roller coaster set or ultimate slime kit. We mean the ways God made us gifted- or good at stuff. God gave us each some special skills and things we are really good at.
- To hear out big idea of the day, I first need a drum roll!!!! This week's Big Idea: **God can use my gifts.**

SO WHAT?

VIDEO | Brave, Episode 2 ▲

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Play this week's [teaching video](#).*

(I also have the David and Goliath Veggie Tales saved on one of the tabs in the upper left corner, if there are not many kids, you could play that instead.)

SCRIPTURE | 1 Samuel 17:3-11, 16-25, 32-50 ▲

- Last week, we learned God chose David to be king of Israel. God instructed a man named Samuel to go to David's father's house and wait until God told Samuel who was the right son to do the job. God told Samuel that David was the one and Samuel anointed him. We were reminded that God knows who we are. Today, we'll discover that God can use our gifts.

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Look up the story in your Bible and encourage the kids to do the same. Read it!*

- Wow! What a story! So much is going here. . . let's break it down.

- **What two groups were at war with each other?**

- **What was the challenge Goliath issued to the Israelites?**

- **Imagine being in the Israelite army. What might they have been thinking when they first saw Goliath?**

- All of us face situations where there seems to be a giant obstacle in our way. Those kind of situations can be very scary, but God never leaves us. God helps us to fight those obstacles just like God helped David fight the giant, Goliath. So, let's continue. . .

- **Who volunteered to fight Goliath?**

- **What did he use?**

- **Who won the battle?**

- **Who helped him win the battle?**

- When we fight battles in front of us, we are never alone and God gives us just what we need.

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OBJECT LESSON | Digging for Stones ▲

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Choose a kid to come up to the front of the group. Ask the kid if they remember what David used to defeat Goliath (five stones and a slingshot). Tell the kid they will be given five stones, too, but they have to dig them out of a bowl filled with an unknown substance. Blindfold the kid and place their hand in a bowl of prepared whipped cream, which is covering the five stones. Tell them to pull out the stones one at a time. Give the kid wipes to clean their hands.
- David was gifted with his sling and stones from his experience as a shepherd. We all have gifts that are useful, too, and sometimes we have to dig deep down to discover what they are!

VIDEO | You Make Me Brave ▲

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Show the kids [this video](#), "You Make Me Brave" by Bethel Kids.
- **What stood out to you in this video?**
- **What does it mean to you that God is for you and not against you?**

SCRIPTURE | 1 Peter 4:10 ▲

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Look up the verse and read it!
- This verse tells us to use the gifts we have to share with others.
- **Why do you think our gifts should be used in that way?**
- **What might happen if we don't use our gifts to serve others?**
- Each of us is unique and has special gifts given to us by God to not only use to benefit ourselves, but to bless and serve others. David used his special gifts to help an entire army and a group of people be safe.

NOW WHAT?

RESPONSE | Slaying My Giants - Part 1 ▲

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Instruct the kids to take a stone and a permanent marker. Tell them to write an area they need courage in on the stone. Tell them to hold their stone and pray silently, asking God to give them courage in this way.*

ACTIVITY | Slaying My Giants - Part 2 ▲

- We discovered in our Bible story how David was brave to fight the giant, Goliath. We, too, can be brave when we face big obstacles in front of us. God is always with us. As our creator, God knows us and helps us use the gifts given to each of us. Nothing is too big for God - or for us.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Print the "Slaying My Giants" printable, piece it together, and tape it to the floor. Or you can make your own large Goliath out of butcher paper. Then, call the kids up and allow them to gently toss their stones from the previous activity at the paper Goliath.*

MEMORY VERSE | Isaiah 41:10 ▲

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Review the memory verse of the month! Use motions if you can think of any! Tell them there is a prize if they have it memorized by the last Sunday this month!*

SMALL GROUP TIME

DISCUSSION

- **Why do you think Goliath thought the Philistine army was better than the Israelite army?**
- **What types of tools did David choose not to use to fight Goliath?**
- **Why was David confident he could defeat Goliath?**
- **Reread 1 Samuel 17:45-47. Who did David absolutely make clear was on his side?**
- **Why does God give us gifts?**
- **How can you use your gifts to serve God?**
- **How can you use your gifts to serve others?**

ACTIVITY | Strengths Blessings

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Prepare the strengths printable, and spread the cards on the floor. On your signal, instruct the kids to stand by the card that represents something they're good at. Encourage them to share how being good at that particular thing can bless someone else. Then, tell them to switch again and repeat the activity as time allows.*