



Five Smooth Stones

David and Goliath | A guided lesson for ages about 6-11 | 35-45 minutes

Start with the Bible

Read 1 Samuel 17:32-49 (KJV) aloud. For the full account, read 1 Samuel 17. The closing verses describe violence; choose what to read aloud based on your group.

Big idea: David trusted the LORD

Key verse: 1 Samuel 17:47

The five stops

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| 1 NOTICE | Who was challenging Israel? What did the people feel? (verses 8-11) |
| 2 REMEMBER | What did David recall about tending his father's sheep? (verses 34-37) |
| 3 PREPARE | What did David leave behind? What did he take? (verses 38-40) |
| 4 TRUST | Who did David say would win the battle? (verses 45-47) |
| 5 RETELL | What happened when David used his sling? (verses 48-49) |

Run the class

- 5 min - Ask what courage means; do not ask children to name a frightening personal experience.
- 12 min - Read the passage and pause at the five stops.
- 10 min - Cut and order the story cards on page 2.
- 10 min - Fill in the five stones on page 3, by drawing or writing.
- 5 min - Check the Bible together; close with a short prayer if appropriate.

Crow Wall crows are activity guides; they are not characters in the biblical account.



Put the Story in Order

Cut out the six cards. Arrange them from first to last. Check 1 Samuel 17 together.

A

David told Saul how the LORD had helped him protect sheep from a lion and a bear.

1 Samuel 17:34-37

B

Goliath challenged the army of Israel. The people were afraid.

1 Samuel 17:8-11

C

David chose five smooth stones from a brook and took his sling.

1 Samuel 17:40

D

David used his sling. A stone struck Goliath, and Goliath fell.

1 Samuel 17:48-49

E

David came to the camp with food for his brothers and heard the challenge.

1 Samuel 17:17-24

F

David set aside Saul's armor because he had not proved it.

1 Samuel 17:38-39

My order:



Five Stones to Remember

Read, talk, then write or draw one answer by each stone.

1

What made the army afraid?

1 Samuel 17:8-11

2

What past help did David remember?

1 Samuel 17:34-37

3

What did David choose from the brook?

1 Samuel 17:40

4

What did David say about the battle?

1 Samuel 17:47

5

What happened when David used the sling?

1 Samuel 17:48-49

Crow Wall question: David used a sling and a stone. Whom did he credit for the victory?



Check the Story

Use the Bible to check answers. Let children describe their answers in their own words.

Story-card order

B → E → A → F → C → D

Five-stone answer guide

1. Goliath challenged Israel; Saul and the people were afraid (verses 8-11).
2. David remembered the LORD's help when he guarded sheep from a lion and bear (verses 34-37).
3. He chose five smooth stones from the brook (verse 40).
4. He said the battle was the LORD's (verse 47).
5. David's stone struck Goliath in the forehead, and Goliath fell (verses 48-49).

Crow Wall follow-up

Ask: What is the difference between the tool David used and the One David trusted? The stones are part of the event, not magical objects or a promise that every hard thing ends the same way.

For home or next class

Read 1 Samuel 17:45-47 together. Draw a brook with five stones. Label one stone with the phrase "the battle is the LORD's" (KJV, verse 47), then describe what David said that phrase meant in the story.

Teacher note: The biblical story names David, Goliath, Saul, David's brothers, and others. Crow Wall crows are guides on these worksheets only. Read the passage first, then use the activities.