



WEEK 2

PRESCHOOL LESSON OUTLINE

BRAVE

BIG IDEA

God can use my gifts.

THE BIBLE

David and Goliath: 1 Samuel 17

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

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- **ACTIVITY** | Target Practice

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HACKS FOR TODDLERS

BRAVE

BY KAREN ERNE

HOW TO HACK THIS SERIES FOR TODDLERS

In children's ministry, you've got a wide range of ages you need to engage every week, but toddlers tend to get overlooked. But you know your toddlers need more than just babysitting, so here are a few adjustments you can make to this week in order to keep your toddlers more engaged.

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

Hold up your hand and count your fingers with the kids. Use a sing song voice to say, "One stone, two stones, how many more, three stones, four stones, what does David take?, five stones to fight Goliath." Repeat the finger play by touching the kids' fingers as you repeat the words.

ACTIVITY | Aim High



Put a bowl on the floor for the kids to toss bean bags into. Tell the kids they can pretend the beanbags are like the stones David had.

ACTIVITY | Tall Tower, Small Tower

Here's another way to demonstrate this concept. Gather a few large stuffed animals and small plastic figures of the same animals. Show the kids a big teddy bear and a small plastic bear and teach them which is big and which is little. Tell the kids that David was little, but Goliath was big. God made little David brave to stand against big Goliath.

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Karen's passion is connecting little ones to the truths of the Bible. Kids learn when they are playing, so Karen writes fun lessons that will help teachers show kids how much Jesus loves them.

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When Karen is not doing a Bible study with her church friends or helping out at her kids' school, she is often sewing. Karen makes stuffed animals, blankets, toys, and even clothes with her sewing machine.

If you'd like to chat about how your church can more strategically connect parents with ways to teach babies, ones, and twos about the Bible, reach out. She would love to connect with you!

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PRESCHOOL LESSON GUIDE

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David and Goliath: 1 Samuel 17

WELCOME TIME

ACTIVITY | Surprise Gift

- Hello, friends! We are in Week 2 of our Brave series. Today, we are going to learn more about a man named David, who was really brave!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Wrap up a bunch of candies/small toys in plastic wrap until they are all covered. Tell the kids to sit in a circle and pass the ball around. When you say, "Stop," let the kid who is holding the ball have ten seconds to unwrap the ball to get a surprise gift! Then, instruct them to give their gift to a friend. Do this until every kid has been given something.*
- Getting gifts from our friends is so much fun, but giving gifts is even better! In our story today, David was given a really awesome gift from God.

ACTIVITY | Target Practice

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Tape a large piece of butcher paper onto the wall with a target drawn on it. Lay tarp down on the floor under it. Give each kid a cotton ball and help them dip it into washable, watered down paint. Let each kid throw the cotton ball onto the paper, trying to get it into the target area.*
- In today's story, we are going to learn how our friend David had to hit a target perfectly!

TEACHING TIME

MUSIC | Only a Boy Named David

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Play or show this song, [Only a Boy Named David](#) by Bible Songs for Kids.*

THE BIG IDEA | God can use my gifts.

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Pass around a gift bag or gift wrapped box. Tell each kid to repeat the Big Idea when it is their turn to hold the gift.

VIDEO | Brave, Episode 2

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

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

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Open a Bible in your lap as you tell the Bible story. Show the kids five smooth stones in your hand.
 - ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** Hold up your hand and count your fingers with the kids. Use a sing song voice to say, “One stone, two stones, how many more, three stones, four stones, what does David take?, five stones to fight Goliath.” Repeat the finger play by touching the kids’ fingers as you repeat the words.
- David went to visit his brothers who were in the army.
- The people they were fighting was an army made up of people called the Philistines. The Philistines had a man in their army named Goliath who was really, really tall. Goliath was yelling mean things to the army David was a part of.
- When David heard what Goliath was saying, he was surprised.
- David said Goliath should not say mean things about God’s army.
- David decided he would fight Goliath with God’s help.
 - **Did David wear soldier’s armor to fight Goliath?** No, he didn’t.
 - **Did David take a sword or a spear to fight Goliath?** No, he didn’t.
- David took five smooth stones to fight Goliath with. David told Goliath that Goliath had a sword and a spear, but David came in the name of God. David was brave because he knew God would take care of him.
- **Did David win the battle against Goliath?** Yes, he did! David used just one stone and threw it at Goliath. Then, Goliath fell down.
- David showed King Saul Goliath was dead. David was very brave because he knew God would take care of him.

ACTIVITY | Marble Painting

- David used five smooth stones to beat Goliath. Let’s use five smooth stones of our own for a different activity!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Give each kid a piece of paper and place it inside a pie tin, tray, or a box lid. Put marbles in different colored paints, and have kids pick five marbles of different colors to put on their tray. Have kids gently roll the marbles around and create cool art! (Watch [this tutorial](#) to see how to set it all up.)

PRAYER

- God, You made David brave. You helped David use the gift of bravery that You gave him. Help us to be brave like David. Thank you, God.

DISCUSSION TIME

SNACK | Little and Big

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Give the kids a big graham cracker and a little piece of cereal. Talk about how Goliath was really big, but David was really small.

ACTIVITY | Aim High

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Post a happy face up at the top of a classroom wall. Give the kids wadded up paper to toss toward the happy face.
 - ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** Put a bowl on the floor for the kids to toss bean bags into. Tell the kids they can pretend the beanbags are like the stones David had.
- That happy face is up really high. When David had a battle against Goliath, he had to throw up really high, too.
- **Did David fight Goliath with a sword? No!**
- **Did David wear special soldier's armor to fight Goliath? No!**
- **Was David brave?** Yes, David was brave. God made David brave. His bravery was a gift God gave David. God can use my gifts.

ACTIVITY | Water Play

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Put five larger smooth stones into a basin of water. Supervise all water play.
- **What is in our water?** Stones.
- **How many stones did David pick up?** David picked up five stones.
- We can count the stones. One, two, three, four, five.
- **Did David need all five stones to fight Goliath?** No, David just needed one.

MEMORY VERSE | Paper Stone Hop

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Make five paper stones and write part of the memory verse on each paper stone. Encourage the kids to hop on the stones as they repeat the memory verse.

PLAY TIME

While you're waiting for parents to pick up their kids . . .

ACTIVITY | Coloring Page

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Give each kid a coloring page along with crayons, markers, or colored pencils. Remind them of today's story, memory verse, and Big Idea as they color!

ACTIVITY | Tall Tower, Small Tower

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Help the kids build the highest tower they can with blocks. Then, ask the kids to

build a tiny tower next to it. Show the kids how one tower is big and one is little.

✂ **TODDLER HACK:** Alternatively, gather a few large stuffed animals and small plastic figures of the same animals. Show the kids a big teddy bear and a small plastic bear and teach them which is big and which is little. Tell the kids that David was little, but Goliath was big. God made little David brave to stand against big Goliath.

- Just like your towers are really big and really little, Goliath was really big when little David came to fight him.

ACTIVITY | Knock It Down

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Use a two-liter bottle or a plastic bowling pin for the kids to try to knock down by rolling a tennis ball toward it. Tell the kids how Goliath fell down when David's rock hit him.

Encourage your preschoolers to help clean up the room while they wait for their parents.