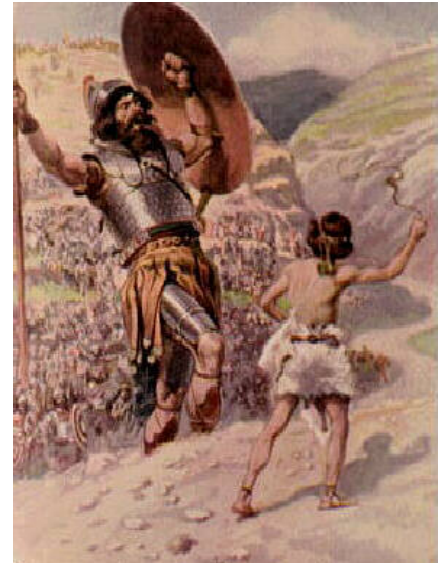


THE BIBLE EXPERIENCE:
The Journey From Slavery to Freedom : David and Goliath
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Introduction: Like the children of Israel fleeing Egypt, when a human soul experiences God's redemption, he or she is released from captivity and blessed with true and lasting freedom. Jesus put it like *this* "You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." John 8:32



1. "As you watch that video, what did you find most interesting or inspiring?" _____

2. "If you had been there that day, say as one of Israel's soldiers, what do you think you would have been thinking or feeling as Goliath came out to taunt Saul and his troops?" _____

3. Read 1 Samuel 17:1-11, 32-51

4. "What did Goliath say (in the video and in verse 9) would happen if he defeated an Israelite champion? And what would happen if an Israelite champion defeated him?" _____

5. "Verses 12-31, make it clear that David was no soldier. Since he had no training or experience in warfare, what reason did he give King Saul (in vv. 36-37) to let him fight Goliath?" _____

6. "Reread David's speech to Goliath in verses 45-47. What do you think of David's words?" _____

7. "According to verses 49-51, what killed Goliath—David's stone or Goliath's own sword?" _____

8. "Think back to the terms of battle, as defined by Goliath in verse 9: David's victory made him a hero, of course—but what did his triumph mean for the nation of Israel?" _____

9. "Can you think of any ways in which David's confrontation with Goliath parallels Jesus taking on sin, Satan and death on the cross?" _____

10. "David saved Israel that day from slavery to the Philistines. Jesus' victory on the cross saved us from slavery to sin. What do you think that means for us in practical terms?" (HINT: What did the Israelites do after Goliath was killed? [See 1 Samuel 17:52ff]). _____

11. "What sorts of 'giants' are you facing right now?" _____

12. "What are some ways you can apply this story and its lessons to your life this week?" _____

Point to remember: *The "great salvation" God provides includes deliverance from bondage and slavery, into a life of freedom and blessing.*

Memory Verse: *"You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." John 8:32*

Reflection Time:

- ✓ Am I holding on to old habits of the flesh or old ways of thinking since experiencing new life in Christ?
- ✓ In what areas do I need to more fully experience the true and total freedom in Christ?
- ✓ Is there some submission or surrender I have yet to make?

Next week: The Journey from Victim to Victor: Daniel in the Lion's Den

