

# GOD GIVES DAVID VICTORY

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## SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

1 Samuel 17

### I WONDER:

- I wonder how Goliath made the Israelites feel?
- I wonder what made King Saul agree to let David fight?
- I wonder how David knew that God would help him defeat Goliath?
- I wonder what it was like for David's brothers to see him defeat Goliath?

### DIGGING DEEPER:

- What were David's reasons for wanting to fight Goliath? What did Goliath do that upset David?
- How did David's experience as a shepherd prepare him for this fight?
- If David knew that God was going to defeat Goliath, why didn't he just sit back and let God do it? Why did he gather stones?
- Why do you think God chose to use David instead of a mighty Israelite warrior?
- What do David and Jesus have in common? In what ways does David point us to Jesus?

## ACTIVITY

In your small group, point out some of the similarities between David and Jesus:

- David was a shepherd, Jesus called himself the good shepherd.
- David was the king of Israel, Jesus is the King of Kings.
- Both were called the “Anointed One” (that’s what “Christ” means – someone who is anointed as a prophet, priest or king).
- David and Jesus were both from the tribe of Judah and the town of Bethlehem (Jesus was descended from David).
- David and Jesus both saved their people from their enemies (David defeated the Philistines, Jesus defeated sin and death).

Have the children fold a blank sheet of paper in half. On the left side, have them draw a Star of David (you will probably need to show them how – the easiest way is to draw two interlocking triangles) and on the other, a cross. Invite them to draw a picture of David on the left and a picture of Jesus on the right. If they would like, they can drop hints in the picture of ways that David points to Jesus (a shepherd’s crook, a crown, etc).

