

Mosaic Teaching Guide

Teaching Series: *Sunday School Stories*

Teaching: *David and Goliath*

Text: 1Samuel 17

1 Samuel 17.41-47

The Philistine came on and drew near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. When the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was only a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. The Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. The Philistine said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the field." But David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with sword and spear and javelin; but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This very day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head; and I will give the dead bodies of the Philistine army this very day to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth, so that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, and that all this assembly may know that the LORD does not save by sword and spear; for the battle is the LORD's and he will give you into our hand."

Introduction: King Saul (1Samuel 8-16)

This story wants it to be exceedingly clear that David is the quintessential underdog.

Scene One: Saul and the Giant (17.1-11).

But the story isn't as impressed with Goliath's size as it is with Goliath's armor.

Goliath represents the oppressive and overwhelming power that Israel faces. Goliath symbolizes the impossibilities of their predicament. Goliath is the incarnation of everything that Israel fears.

Israel is immobilized by fear.

"I Don't Know what I'm Going to Do"

That's the giant I've been facing this week.

I'm telling you this so that the staff, our church board and my family and I don't have to face the giant alone.

David Enters the Scene (17.12-29)

David is willing to name God *and* David is willing to face the giant in the name of God.

A Miracle

Scene Three: David and Saul (17.31-40)

Ever since I've positioned our story and our financial struggle in the story of David and Goliath, I've been asking myself what our five smooth stones might be.

Scene Four: David Fights the Giant (17.41-58)

The stone hits its mark and giant comes down.

We need five smooth stones and the faith to act as if God is really a factor in our story.