



CHILDREN BROCHURE

MORAVIAN CHURCH – BARBADOS CONFERENCE
Provincial Theme: Advance the Kingdom: S.H.I.F.T.

S. – Seek & Submit
H. – Hear & Heed
I. – Imagine & Insight
F. – Focus & Function
T. – Totally Transformed

Age: 13 yrs. & Over

FOCUS

October 25 – Be Courageous

Scripture:

Sing with me:

<https://youtu.be/RYxJcOPTXiY>

Memory Verse: “The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.” Hebrews 13:6

Reading from the Bible: 1Samuel 17 (David and Goliath)

1 The Philistines gathered their army together for war. They came to Sokoh in Judah. They set up camp at Ephes Dammim. It was between Sokoh and Azekah. 2 Saul and the army of Israel gathered together. They camped in the Valley of Elah. They lined up their men to fight against the Philistines. 3 The Philistine army was camped on one hill. Israel’s army was on another. The valley was between them.

4 A mighty hero named Goliath came out of the Philistine camp. He was from Gath. He was more than nine feet tall. 5 He had a bronze helmet on his head. He wore bronze armor that weighed 125 pounds. 6 On his legs he wore bronze guards. He carried a bronze javelin on his back. 7 His spear was as big as a weaver’s rod. Its iron point weighed 15 pounds. The man who carried his shield walked along in front of him.

8 Goliath stood there and shouted to the soldiers of Israel. He said, “Why do you come out and line up for battle? I’m a Philistine. You are servants of Saul. Choose one of your men. Have him come down and face me. 9 If he’s able to fight and kill me, we’ll become your slaves. But if I win and kill him, you will become our slaves and serve us.” 10 Goliath continued, “This day I dare the soldiers of Israel to send a man down to fight against me.” 11 Saul and the whole army of Israel heard what the Philistine said. They were terrified.

12 David was the son of Jesse, who belonged to the tribe of Ephraim. Jesse was from Bethlehem in Judah. He had eight sons. When Saul was king, Jesse was already very old. 13 Jesse’s three oldest sons had followed Saul into battle. The oldest son was Eliab. The second was Abinadab. The third was Shammah. 14 David was the youngest. The three oldest sons followed Saul. 15 But David went back and forth from Saul’s camp to Bethlehem. He went to Bethlehem to take care of his father’s sheep.

16 Every morning and evening Goliath came forward and stood there. He did it for 40 days.

17 Jesse said to his son David, “Get at least half a bushel of grain that has been cooked. Also get ten loaves of bread. Take all of it to your brothers. Hurry to their camp. 18 Take along these ten chunks of cheese to the commander of their military group. Find out how your brothers are doing. Bring me back some word about them. 19 They are with Saul and all the men of Israel. They are in the Valley of Elah. They are fighting against the Philistines.”

20 Early in the morning David left his father’s flock in the care of a shepherd. David loaded up the food and started out, just as Jesse had directed. David reached the camp as the army was going out to its battle positions. The soldiers were shouting the war cry. 21 The Israelites and the Philistines were lining up their armies for battle. The armies were facing each other. 22 David left what he had brought with the man who took care of the supplies. He ran to the battle lines and asked his brothers how they were. 23 As David was talking with them, Goliath stepped forward from his line. Goliath was a mighty Philistine hero from Gath. He again dared someone to fight him, and David heard it. 24 Whenever Israel’s army saw Goliath, all of them ran away from him. That’s because they were so afraid.

25 The Israelites had been saying, “Just look at how this man keeps daring Israel to fight him! The king will make the man who kills Goliath very wealthy. The king will also give his own daughter to be that man’s wife. The king won’t require anyone in the man’s family to pay any taxes in Israel.”

26 David spoke to the men standing near him. He asked them, “What will be done for the man who kills this Philistine? Goliath is bringing shame on Israel. What will be done for the one who removes it? This Philistine isn’t even circumcised. He dares the armies of the living God to fight him. Who does he think he is?”

27 The men told David what Israel's soldiers had been saying. The men told him what would be done for the man who killed Goliath.

28 David's oldest brother Eliab heard him speaking with the men. So Eliab became very angry with him. Eliab asked David, "Why have you come down here? Who is taking care of those few sheep in the desert for you? I know how proud you are. I know how evil your heart is. The only reason you came down here was to watch the battle."

29 "What have I done now?" said David. "Can't I even speak?" 30 Then he turned away to speak to some other men. He asked them the same question he had asked before. And they gave him the same answer. 31 Someone heard what David said and reported it to Saul. So Saul sent for David.

32 David said to Saul, "Don't let anyone lose hope because of that Philistine. I'll go out and fight him."

33 Saul replied, "You aren't able to go out there and fight that Philistine. You are too young. He's been a warrior ever since he was a boy."

34 But David said to Saul, "I've been taking care of my father's sheep. Sometimes a lion or a bear would come and carry off a sheep from the flock. 35 Then I would go after it and hit it. I would save the sheep it was carrying in its mouth. If it turned around to attack me, I would grab its hair. I would strike it down and kill it. 36 In fact, I've killed both a lion and a bear. I'll do the same thing to this Philistine. He isn't even circumcised. He has dared the armies of the living God to fight him. 37 The Lord saved me from the paw of the lion. He saved me from the paw of the bear. And he'll save me from the powerful hand of this Philistine too."

Saul said to David, "Go. And may the Lord be with you."

38 Then Saul dressed David in his own military clothes. He put a coat of armor on him. He put a bronze helmet on his head. 39 David put on Saul's sword over his clothes. He walked around for a while in all that armor because he wasn't used to it.

"I can't go out there in all this armor," he said to Saul. "I'm not used to it." So he took it off. 40 Then David picked up his wooden staff. He went down to a stream and chose five smooth stones. He put them in the pocket of his shepherd's bag. Then he took his sling in his hand and approached Goliath.

41 At that same time, the Philistine kept coming closer to David. The man carrying Goliath's shield walked along in front of him. 42 Goliath looked David over. He saw how young he was. He also saw how healthy and handsome he was. And he hated him. 43 He said to David, "Why are you coming at me with sticks? Do you think I'm only a dog?" The Philistine cursed David in the name of his gods. 44 "Come over here," he said. "I'll feed your body to the birds and wild animals!"

45 David said to Goliath, “You are coming to fight against me with a sword, a spear and a javelin. But I’m coming against you in the name of the Lord who rules over all. He is the God of the armies of Israel. He’s the one you have dared to fight against. 46 This day the Lord will give me the victory over you. I’ll strike you down. I’ll cut your head off. This day I’ll feed the bodies of the Philistine army to the birds and wild animals. Then the whole world will know there is a God in Israel. 47 The Lord doesn’t rescue people by using a sword or a spear. And everyone here will know it. The battle belongs to the Lord. He will hand all of you over to us.”

48 As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly to the battle line to meet him. 49 He reached into his bag. He took out a stone. He put it in his sling. He slung it at Goliath. The stone hit him on the forehead and sank into it. He fell to the ground on his face.

50 So David won the fight against Goliath with a sling and a stone. He struck down the Philistine and killed him. He did it without even using a sword.

51 David ran and stood over him. He picked up Goliath’s sword and cut off his head with it.

The Philistines saw that their hero was dead. So they turned around and ran away. 52 Then the men of Israel and Judah shouted and rushed forward. They chased the Philistines to the entrance of Gath. They chased them to the gates of Ekron. Bodies of dead Philistines were scattered all along the road to Gath and Ekron. That’s the road that leads to Shaaraim. 53 Israel’s army returned from chasing the Philistines. They had taken everything from the Philistine camp.

54 David picked up Goliath’s head. He brought it to Jerusalem. He put Goliath’s weapons in his own tent.

55 Saul had been watching David as he went out to meet the Philistine. He spoke to Abner, the commander of the army. Saul said to him, “Abner, whose son is that young man?”

Abner replied, “Your Majesty, I don’t know. And that’s just as sure as you are alive.”

56 The king said, “Find out whose son that young man is.”

57 After David killed Goliath, he returned to the camp. Then Abner brought him to Saul. David was still carrying Goliath’s head.

58 “Young man, whose son are you?” Saul asked him.

David said, “I’m the son of Jesse from Bethlehem.”

Message:

Let's talk about it:

In this story, there are a few contrasting points that we want to consider.

- (1) Goliath was huge; David was small. Goliath was about 9 ft tall. That is about the height of most rooms in a house. The standard height for a room in a house is about 8 to 9 feet. Of course, because he was so tall, he will also have a big chest and big muscles, and big hands and feet. That is why he was called a giant.
- (2) Goliath was an experienced warrior; David was a shepherd. David had never been on the battle field, but he did fight the lion and the bear that had attacked his flock.
- (3) The giant wore armor; David refused to wear armor. Of course, David could not wear armor. There was nothing small enough to fit him. Plus, the armor was so heavy that David could not manage.
- (4) Goliath carried a sword, a spear, and a shield, well that is how people fought in the army. David, the shepherd boy, carried his staff, a sling, and five smooth stones. Can you imagine that? David must have thought he was going to shoot down blackbirds and sparrows and doves.
- (5) Goliath scoffed at the God of Israel; David trusted the God of his fathers.
- (6) Goliath really laughed at the idea that a little boy like David took the challenge to fight him. The other Israelites were really scared to fight him.
- (7) Goliath believed that his superhuman strength and his size was all that it will take to fight this battle. But his size and strength were not enough to match the almighty power of the God of Israel.

We must admire David's heroic courage. Would you have gone out there to fight the big bully, Goliath? Of course not. Even when you were little, and your 'friends' wanted to fight you, they would back off if they saw your big brother, and maybe, even your father approaching. Yes, David was very courageous to even entertain the thought of fighting a giant. David was in effect saying to everyone that he was not afraid of Goliath. He was not afraid because of his trust in God. We need to remember that it was the God of Israel who enabled him to overcome Goliath. This is the same God who is with us today. Do you have a 'giant' in your life? Is there anything that you feel is too big to handle? Remember that the Lord is your helper, and you do not need to be afraid. When we trust in Him, God can enable us to overcome our giants too. Just like David, we too can trust in God.

Let us pray:

Dear God, today I ask for courage. I need the courage that You gave to David to fight the giant Goliath. Courage like you gave to Nehemiah, that made him brave enough to speak to the king even in the face of all opposition. Courage to take on tasks that may seem too big for me to handle. I ask you, dear Lord, for courage to fight the 'giants' in my life. I pray that when challenges come you will make me brave. Dear God, I pray for strength when I feel weak, power when I am powerless, and faith when I am fearful. Amen

Activity A:



Bible Quiz

David vs Goliath

Match the question with the answer on the right.

_____ What was the name of David's father?

_____ Which prophet anointed David as king?

_____ What musical instrument did David play for King Saul?

_____ Where did Israel and the Philistine army set up camp?

_____ How tall was Goliath?

_____ Who gave David permission to fight Goliath?

_____ How many stones did David pick out of the stream?

_____ How did David defeat Goliath?

_____ How did the people of Israel celebrate David's great victory?

_____ In which book of the Bible do we read about David and Goliath?

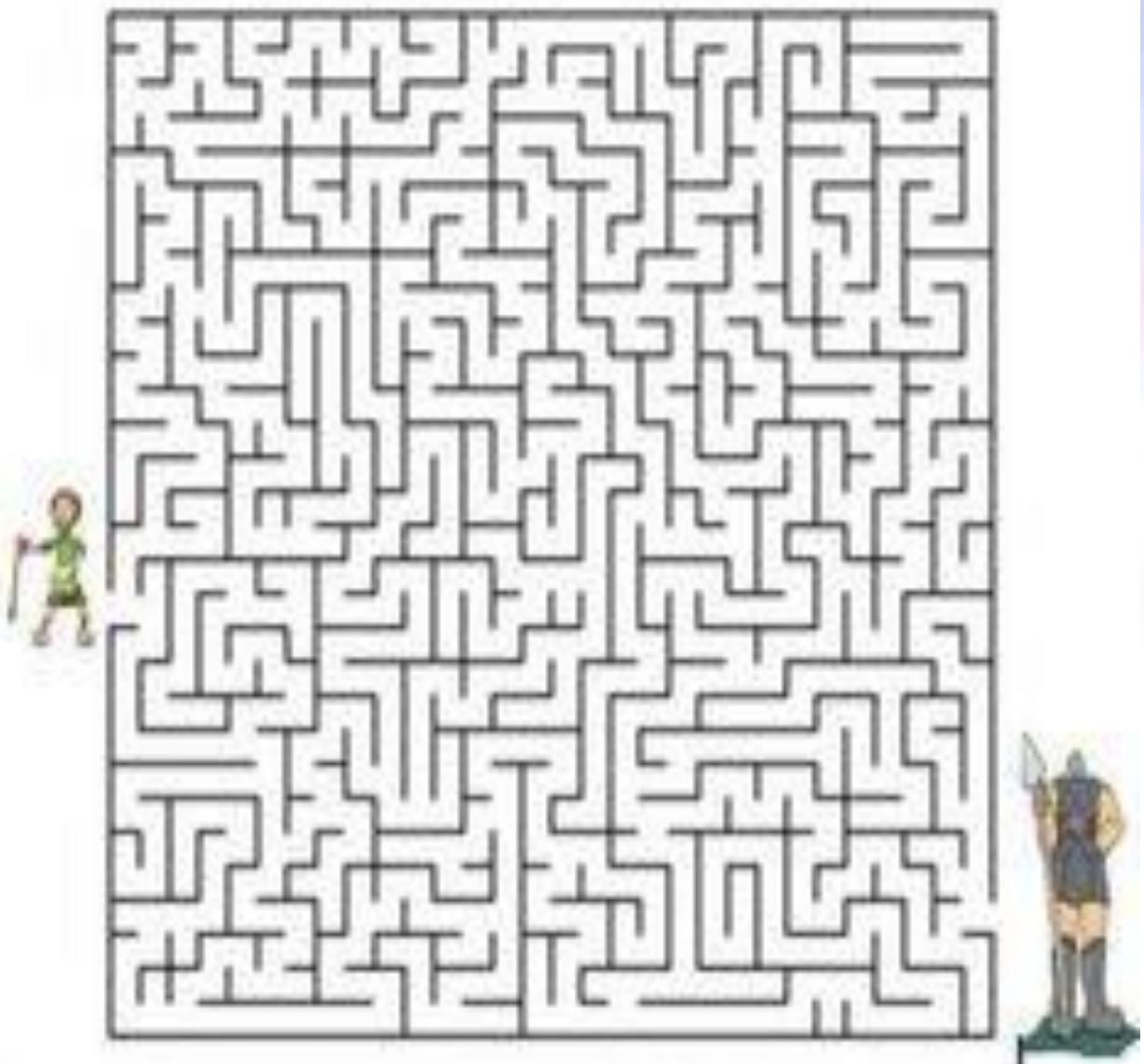
1. Five
2. King Saul
3. Singing and dancing, and playing instruments
4. 1 Samuel
5. 9 feet 9 inches
6. Elah Valley
7. Harp / Lyre
8. Jesse
9. Samuel
10. He hit him with a stone from his sling



Activity B:

David and Goliath

Help David get past the Goliath



(Answers from Activity A last week)

1. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.
2. Let your light so shine before men.
3. It gives light to all those who are in the house.
4. Glorify your Father who is in heaven.
5. You are the salt of the earth.

