

LESSON PLAN

DAVID KILLS GOLIATH

1 Samuel 17

Lesson Memory Verse: Ephesians 6:10 - "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might."

Lesson Aim: God will give us strength to fight against our enemies, Satan, the world system and sin.

Lesson Plan: Use the KEY – HE – SEE – WE – BE plan (explained in the Introductory Notes.)

KEY (for Attention): A cobra is a deadly snake that most animals would be afraid to fight, but the mongoose is not one of them. Although the mongoose is a very small animal, it is very quick. With its lightning speed, it is able to dodge the cobra's poisonous fangs and kill its enemy more often than not. It also kills mice and rats. Because it is so skillful in fighting these enemies of man, people in India and in other countries keep a mongoose for a pet.

In today's story we will learn what a boy did for his country, when the job looked too big for him to handle.

HE (for Authority): Our memory verse tells us how we can conquer Satan and sin. Let's read the verse and then you can tell me how we can be so strong. Yes, we can be strong "In the Lord...in the power of His might." How do we get the power of the Lord? Ephesians 6:14-18 gives the answer. (1. **Be truthful** – belt of truth; 2. **Do right** – breastplate of righteousness; 3. **Be confident**– shoes of peace with God; 4. **Trust God** – shield of faith; 5. **Be sure of salvation** – helmet of salvation; 6. **Use God's Word** – sword of the Spirit; 7. **Praying always** – always keep in contact with God.) If you will do these seven things, you will be strong in the Lord.

SEE (for Apperception) and WE (for Application): PLEASE do not read these comments until you have read the Scriptures for this lesson. First let the Holy Spirit teach you directly from His Word.

Today's story will show how David was strong in the Lord and won a great victory for the Lord and his country. (The following alliterative outline is given to help the teacher remember the main parts of the lesson. The lesson should be told as a story.)

I. Challenge of Goliath (17:1-11)

Satan wanted to make God's people sin by making them afraid of a man. God says the fear of man is sin. The only one we are to fear is God. When Satan used a giant to make God's people afraid, it caused them to sin. Satan sent Goliath, a man that was 9½ feet tall and very strong, to challenge any Israelite to fight him. When the Israelite soldiers heard this, they were afraid. Instead of trusting the Lord to help them, they trusted their own strength to fight Goliath, and not one man dared to do it. Satan was making God's people sin and he was winning the battle.

WE: We are at a war with Satan. He will try to make us afraid and sin against God by not trusting in Him. We must be strong in the Lord and not be afraid of anyone. We must be confident that God can give us the victory in every spiritual battle (1 Cor 10:13).

II. Cooperation of Jesse (17:12-19)

Jesse was David's father, who loved his sons. He had three of them in King Saul's army, which was fighting against their enemy, the Philistines. He wanted to encourage them and their captain by sending them some special food. He told David, his youngest son, to bring this food to them. Jesse wanted to help in every way that he could in winning this war against the Philistines.

WE: We should encourage fellow Christians in their battle against Satan in any way that we can. We want them to win their fight against Satan, the world and sin.

III. Concern of David (17:20-30)

David was concerned about the Lord's work. He loved the Lord and wanted to serve Him in whatever way that he could. When his father asked him to bring some food to his brothers and to their captain he was happy to do it. When he arrived at the battle field, he heard Goliath speak against God's people and he dared anyone to fight against him. David became greatly concerned when no one was willing to step

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forward and fight Goliath. Goliath's challenge was a slap at God's power and honor. David's concern caused his oldest brother to be angry with him when he asked too many questions about Goliath. He told him that he was proud and only wanted to come to see the battle. David paid no attention to him. He was too concerned for God and His honor that he did not care that his brother rebuked him.

WE: We need to be concerned when someone talks against God and uses His name in cursing. We need to protect God's honor. This may cause a fight, but it is fight for God. It is a fight against Satan.

IV. Confidence of David (17:31-40)

David had great faith in the Lord to give him the victory over Goliath. Since no one else dared to fight Goliath, David said he would do it. When King Saul did not believe that David could do it, David told him how he had killed a lion and a bear while taking care of his father's sheep. David had proof that the Lord had given him power to be victorious in the past. Now he was confident that the Lord would give him power in his fight against Goliath in the present. He was confident that he would win the battle against Goliath. He refused Saul's armor and decided to fight Goliath with the weapons of a shepherd. He would fight with his staff and sling and five smooth stones, which he believed was enough with his trust in God. He was fighting Goliath for the honor of God and he believed He would help him win the fight.

WE: We need to be strong in our fight for the Lord. We are not to fight for our honor because that would make us proud. But we are to fight against those that tear down the honor of the Lord. We can count on Him to help us when we fight for the right reasons. "Be strong in the Lord."

V. Courage of David (17:41-47)

When David faced Goliath, it did not look like anyone was with David, but Someone was with him. Who was with him? (The Lord) Even though Goliath could not see the Lord, He was there and David knew it. David was not alone.

WE: We must not try to fight against the Lord's enemies, if we have any doubts about the Lord being with us. That would do more harm than good. We will lose the battle. But if we believe the Lord is with us, He will give us the courage to fight for Him so we can win.

Goliath tried to put fear in David's heart by saying terrible things to him, but David kept his courage because he trusted the Lord. Instead of being afraid, David warned Goliath that it was he that was soon to die because he had dishonored the Lord. The Lord would not let Goliath win with his sword and spear, but would give the victory to David with his sling and a stone.

WE: If we have godly courage, as David had, we will bring honor to the Lord. Courage comes from faith in Him. When we have great faith in the Lord, we will have great courage to fight against Satan.

VI. Conquest by David (17:48-58)

When Goliath came toward David, David **ran toward** Goliath, put a stone in his sling and hurled it at the great giant. With God's help, the stone hit the giant in the head and he was killed. David won the battle over Goliath with the Lord's help, and that is the only way every spiritual battle is won.

WE: If we want to win over Satan, the world and sin, we must trust in the Lord's power to help us. He will give us the victory.

BE (for Action): What kinds of battles against Satan, the world and sin might you face this week? (Let the class suggest some battles first and then you can add others.) Do you believe you can be as strong as David and win those battles by the Lord's power? Do you believe the Lord wants to help you? If so, let us pray and tell the Lord we trust Him to give us His power to win battles over Satan, the world and sin this very week.