



ACTIVITY TIPS

More kids?

Make your Goliath measuring space wider.

More time?

Compare Goliath to other tall people. The tallest person ever was Robert Wadlow, 8'11" (2.72m). The tallest woman ever was Zeng Jinlian, 8'1" (2.49m). Who is the tallest man/woman/kid in your church?

Fewer kids?

Use scrap paper to reach full length.

Less time?

Measure 2 kids at a time.

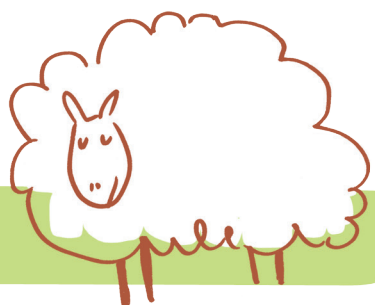
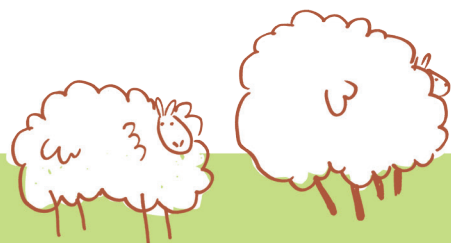
CLOSING PRAYER

Thank you, God,

. . . for giving us the things we need to solve problems. It doesn't matter how tall we are. You made us the sizes we are to do the things we are good at. Help us be ready to use our bodies, brains, and hearts every day.

Amen!

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DAVID & GOLIATH



David already had everything he needed.

KEY VERSE

But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep sheep for his father; and whenever a lion or a bear came, and took a lamb from the flock, I went after it . . . The LORD, who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me from the hand of this Philistine."

1 Samuel 17:34-37

STORY AT A GLANCE

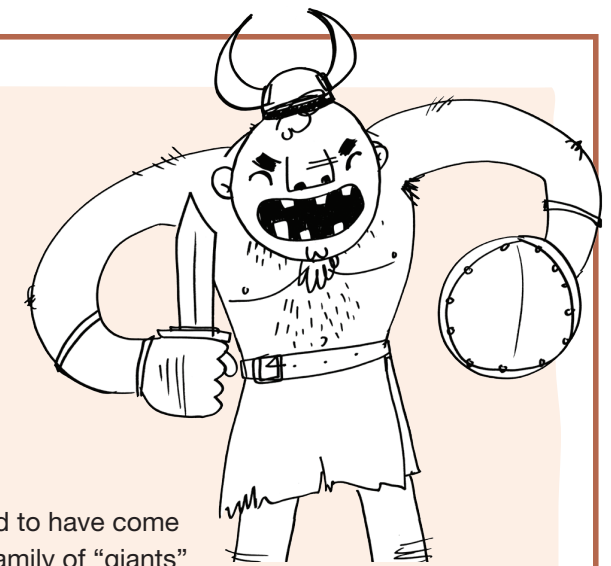
David

- Anointed by Samuel to be the next king of Israel while King Saul was still in power. (1 Samuel 16:11-13)
- Became Saul's part-time armor-bearer (1 Samuel 16:21).
- His young age meant that he still had family chores—shepherding and supplying his older brothers in battle.
- While wearing Saul's armor seemed like a good plan, David trusted "the living God" and the abilities God gave him instead (1 Samuel 17:31-40).



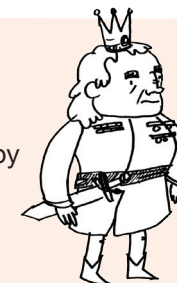
Goliath

- Was said to have come from a family of "giants" (1 Chronicles 20:4-8).
- Philistine warrior almost 10 feet (3m) tall
- It only took one stone to silence Goliath's boasting, many have wondered why David chose five.



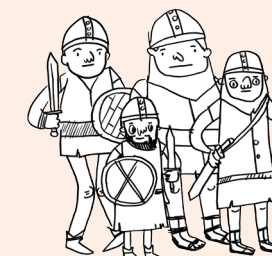
King Saul

- Relied on David to provide musical therapy during his times of spiritual distress. (1 Samuel 16:14-23).
- Offered riches, freedom and his daughter's hand in marriage as a prize to anyone who could kill Goliath.



Israelite Army

- Deployed to push back a Philistine invasion into Judah.



Philistine Army

- "Sea People" who became Israel's greatest rivals.
- They are still remembered in the word "Palestine."



Supplies:



Holy Moly DVD



Holy Moly Leaflet



Holy Moly Storybook Bible



Scissors



Wide Tip Markers



Transparent Tape



Ruler



Scrap Paper

(10–15 min.)

DISCOVER

Get Ready

Identify each item with the kids, then ask:

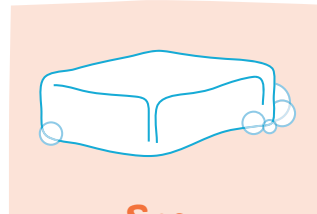
- Who uses it?
- When do you need it?
- Where do you find it?
- How do you know how to use it?

Introduce the Characters

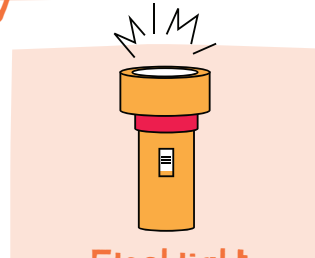
- There's a boy named David. He's a shepherd; he takes care of sheep.
- There's a big, giant bully named Goliath. His army wants to fight David's people.
- There's a king named Saul. His army is afraid. King Saul thinks David needs a sword and some armor to fight Goliath.



House Key



Soap



Flashlight

Play the David & Goliath Video



Watch for what David decided to use to defeat Goliath. **HINT: It's something he already has!**

If time permits, watch it again!



(5–10 min.)

RELATE

Talk about the David & Goliath Video

- What did David need to beat Goliath?
- What surprised you about what King Saul did? The army? Goliath? David?
- Which character would you want to be? Why?
- I wonder why the adults thought David needed armor and a sword?
- What would you do or say to stop a bully like Goliath?



(5–10 min.)

CONNECT

Open the Holy Moly Storybook Bible

Read the David and Goliath story on pages XX-XX.

Look at the picture of David with the armor and sword.

- David was a kid, but King Saul tried to give him adult size armor and a sword. Why didn't it work for David? Why did the sling and stones work better for David?

Find the words that describe sounds: *snap*, *whoosh*, *thwap*, and *thud*!

- Say these words aloud using different voices. What made those sounds in the story?



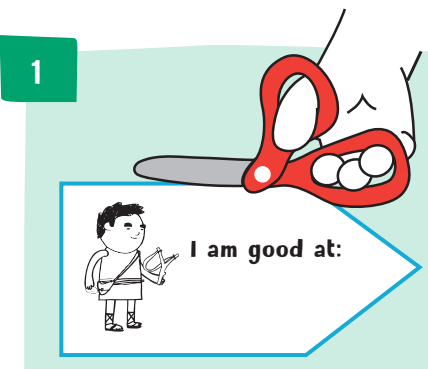
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CREATE

SKILLS OVER HEIGHT!: Kids draw what they are good at doing and combine puzzles to compare their height to Goliath.



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Cut out David marker.

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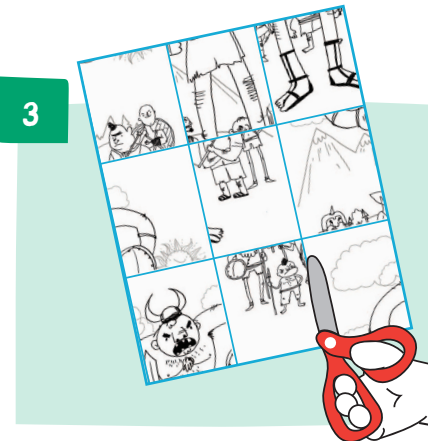
Color David, write name and draw your answer.

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Give kids time to imagine and help them reflect.

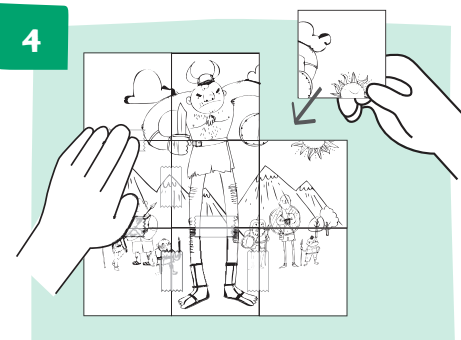
- What was David good at doing? What about you?
- How did David become a good shepherd?
- How did you become good at doing what you drew?

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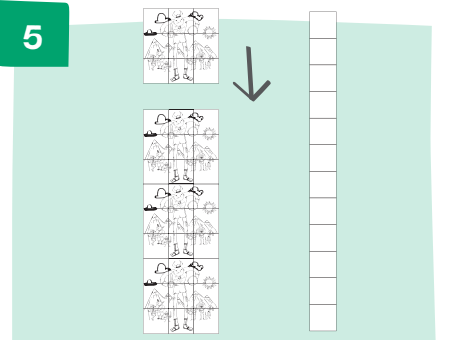
Cut out Goliath Puzzle.

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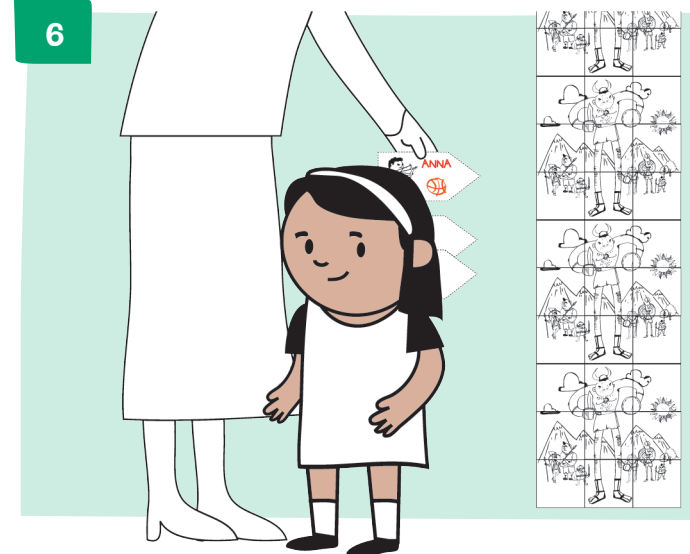
Put Goliath Puzzle together.

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Tape puzzles together to make height of Goliath. Goliath was nearly 9 feet tall (2.75m) or 12 puzzles!

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Measure kids and use their markers to show their height compared to Goliath.

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Remind kids that David's height didn't matter!

- Who is the tallest person you know? the shortest?
- How tall did David need to be to beat Goliath?
- How tall do you need to be to use a key? Flashlight? Soap? Slingshot?