

Family Theme | **God Gives Courage** Date | **April 6, 2025**

Study Text | **1 Samuel 17:1–58**

Read the Word: 1 Samuel 17:1–58

Disciple Your Family: Discuss how we can have courage to do what God calls us to do knowing He has the power to accomplish His will.

Discuss the following Key Truths and how to apply them to life. Use the questions to spark discussion.



Key Truth: God's People Face Obstacles (1 Samuel 17:1–24)

APPLY: Trust and follow God when you face obstacles.

- *What are some obstacles that challenge our faith?*
- *Why do you think God allows us to face obstacles?*

APPLY: Be ready to interact with people who defy or ignore God.

- *How should we interact with those who defy or ignore God?*

APPLY: Some people will not understand our choices to believe and follow God.

- *David was far from being the ideal warrior. Why does God delight in using the “underdog” for His glory?*
- *How have you seen God use what is weak for His glory and purpose?*
- *How should we respond to challenges that are daunting and feel overwhelming?*



Key Truth: God Gives Courage to Those Who Trust in Him (1 Samuel 17:25–58)

APPLY: God often uses our life experiences to prepare us for future events.

- *God used David's past experiences to prepare him for this battle. What past experiences has God used to prepare you for where you are today?*

APPLY: Stand for God's truth and glory, knowing God will accomplish His will.

- *In what ways is it getting harder to stand for God's truth and glory?*
- *How should we respond when we believe we are following God's plan but face opposition from fellow Christians?*

APPLY: God honors those who trust Him and step out in faith.

- *What are some examples—in Scripture or in your experience—of God honoring those who trust Him and step out in faith? (Noah; Gideon; Abraham; Moses; etc.)*
- *Why do some believers back away from difficult challenges?*
- *How have peer pressure and the desire for cultural acceptance damaged the faith and courage of many in the church?*

Build a Foundation: Discussion questions for elementary students.

- Why was David not afraid of the Philistine giant, Goliath, when all the other Israelite soldiers and their king were?
- How can you use God's faithfulness in the things of the past to help you when you face "giants" in your future?
- What are three reasons we can have faith and courage like David? (*Remembering God is with us, He is for us, and He helps us*)

Work together to memorize the Verses of the Month: ***Ephesians 2:8–9***



Discuss This Week's Building Block:

David was the primary author of the psalms. He was born in Bethlehem (the City of David) where Christ was later born.

Everyday Extras:

Talk with family members about what makes them afraid and what gives them comfort. One way for children to gain courage is to read about other people who showed courage in times of fear. Find some age-appropriate true stories and biographies of people who trusted in God and be sure to model your trust in God as you face different "giants," so your children see you living out your faith. Say the three truths on the *Field Notes* to help your child remember to have faith and courage to face our giants.

Preschool Highlights:

Today your child learned a young shepherd boy named David heard Goliath shouting at the soldiers to come fight him, but they were afraid. David didn't understand why the giant thought he was bigger than God and he told King Saul he wanted to fight Goliath. David knew God would help him be brave and defeat Goliath. **God Helps Me Be Brave** too.