



THIS PROGRAM - OVERVIEW

There are many stories in the bible of men and women putting their faith into action and achieving great things for God. In this program, we are learning about some of these 'heroes of the faith' listed in Hebrews 11. Our heart is that kids will see the many ways they can activate their faith in their lives, learning from these great men and women who have gone before us. Faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. We don't trust our feelings, or what the circumstance looks like - instead we have faith in God!

Our Repeated phrase is: In this program we are looking at heroes in the bible who stepped out in faith, so we can be encouraged to do the same.

Memory Verse: "Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see"- Hebrews 11:1

WEEK 8: DAVID

David may have been small but he had God's might with him and he stood firm knowing that. There will be times in our lives that we will face things that feel like the size and might of Goliath - but nothing is too big for God. David had spent time with God, he knew God was with him when he faced a lion and a bear and he knew God would be with him as he faced Goliath. Why? Because David knew God personally and had confidence in Him. People who do mighty things, know God. **Faith is knowing God personally.**

RESOURCES

- 12x tea spoons, 6x glasses, stop watch, table, tape
- 2x eggs (1x is a spare)
- A bible, Colouring tools and the Week 8 worksheet for connect groups

PREACH OUTLINE

Story: Share David's story - God was searching for a man to be King who was after God's own heart (1 Sam. 13:14) and sent Samuel to find David. The Lord was with David just as David was with the Lord (1 Sam. 16:18). David declared that the God who rescued him from a lion and a bear, would rescue him from Goliath (1 Sam. 17:37). David's faith came from knowing God personally.

Points to hit:

1. **You have to spend time with God to know God personally** - When you meet someone for the first time you don't know everything about them straight away. It takes time! This is the same when it comes to our relationship with God. Once we accept God into our heart, we need to continue to build our relationship with Him by spending time with Him (James 4:8).
2. **God is mighty to save** - David knew that God would rescue Him, because He already knew God as a rescuer! Everyone else looked at only what they could see and were fearful. But David saw God in the picture - much mightier than a giant. God is mightier than your 'giants' too. You could have a giant problem, or worries and fears but God is with you and is in control. As you know God, you will see him in the picture too and be able to face your giants, just like David (1 Sam. 17, Isaiah 43:1-2).
3. **God will give the tools** - David was untrained, he didn't use anything impressive and he couldn't carry his armour. He faced the giant with a few stones and God alone. You can face your challenges by coming as you are, with the little you have - trusting that God will make up the difference and give you the victory. (1 Samuel 17)

ILLUSTRATION IDEA

Show the kids some furniture (like a table) - how do you make the furniture, what do you need? You don't just need materials though do you? You need the tools too! In the same way that you can't just all of a sudden be a mighty man/woman of faith, God is able to give you the tools you need to be strong and courageous. The more you spend time with him, the more tools will come into your toolkit. The most important thing of all, is to have the Holy Spirit who is your helper (John 14:26. Acts 1:8)

CONNECT GROUP QUESTIONS

Connect groups are a time to build friendships and engage kids in discussion about the preach. Remember to keep it fun and to pray!

1. Why do you think God chose David to be king?
2. What did David say when he heard Goliath tell him he would kill him (1 samuel 17:45-46)?
3. What made David so confident when he faced Goliath?
4. We don't face giant people, but we can face giant problems. What can we learn from David's story?
5. What are some ways we can spend time with God so we can grow confident that He is with us, like David?

GAME: SPOON FROG

Can you get the spoon in the cup?

1. Set the table at the front of the room, put a line of tape down the middle of the table to create two sections.
2. In both sections place three glasses in a row (with a gap in between), then line up two teaspoons in front of the glasses.
3. Once it is all set up ask 4 kids to join you at the front of the room. They are going to challenge each other to see who can put the most amount of spoons (or all 3 spoons) in the glasses in 60 seconds.
4. The person that has the most will play the winner of the other round. [Check out the link here for a visual example.](#)