



You will need...

The visuals need to represent the contrast between:

- God's people; Israel
- Small David
- Using a small sling
- Relying on God
- Victorious
- The enemy; Philistines
- Giant Goliath
- Using heavy weapons
- Relying on strength
- Dead

To show this contrast, you want your pictures to be visually separated; God on one side, the enemy on the other. This could be done in a variety of ways:

- Using PowerPoint: split the screen in half. Place the visuals on opposite sides of the screen.
- 2 Boards. Have a gap between them. Place cardboard/paper visuals on the boards.
- OHPs. Have two OHPs that project onto the wall.

The story

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| Narrator - | Good morning, it is great to be here for this Assembly. My name is X, I'm here from X Church |
| | Start by talking with the children about times when small things beat large things. You could show the following objects and ask how they can win against something huge... Drawing pin (makes a hole in a car tyre) Wasp (stings a person) Axe (cuts down a tree) Fire extinguisher (Puts out a big fire) Water pistol (Can beat your Dad!) |
| | Today's true story from the Bible is all about big and little people, but there is one big difference. See if you can see how the small person won in this story. |



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| | <p>This story is in 1 Samuel chapter 17 and happened 3,000 years ago. You may have heard this story before, so listen out for something new that you haven't heard before.</p> |
| <p>Put up a crown on the left. Put up an angry face on the right</p> | <p>This is a story of a battle, a war. On the one side you have the Israelites. They were God's people. I've used a crown because God is the King of the Whole Universe. On the other side were the Philistines. They were the enemy of God's people.</p> |
| <p>Pointing to the right Pointing to the left Put up a green hill shape on the right Put up a green hill shape on the left</p> | <p>The Philistines lined up their troops for battle. Saul and the Israelites came and spread out their troops in battle readiness for the Philistines. The Philistines were on one hill, The Israelites on the opposing hill, with the valley between them.</p> |
| <p>Put up a giant silhouette on the right hill.</p> | <p>Out stepped a giant, nearly ten feet tall, from the Philistine line into the open, called Goliath. He had a bronze helmet on his head and was dressed in armour. He wore bronze shin guards and carried a bronze sword. His spear was like a fence rail.</p> |
| | <p>Goliath stood there and called out to the Israelite troops, "Why bother using your whole army? Pick your best fighter and pit him against me. If he wins and kills me, the Philistines will all become your slaves. But if I get the upper hand and kill him, you'll all become our slaves and serve us. Give me a man. Let us fight it out together!"</p> <p>When Saul and his troops heard Goliath's challenge, they were terrified. Each morning and evening for forty days, Goliath took his stand and made his speech.</p> |



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| <p>Put a small silhouette on the left hill.</p> | <p>Now in steps David. David's three oldest brothers had followed King Saul to war. David was the youngest son. While his three oldest brothers went to war with Saul, David stayed at home looking after his father's sheep in Bethlehem.</p> |
| <p>Whisper, slowly</p> | <p>One day, David went to visit his brothers to bring them food. While David was talking to them, Goliath stepped out, and gave his usual challenge. David heard him. The Israelites, fell back the moment they saw the giant—totally frightened. The talk among the troops was, "Have you ever seen anything like this, this challenges God's people? The man who kills Goliath will be given a huge reward by the King and be given the King's daughter to marry."</p> |
| <p>Confidently</p> | <p>David, was talking to the men standing around him, "Who does he think he is, this Philistine, making fun of the armies of the living God?"</p> |
| <p>Angrily</p> | <p>Eliab, his older brother, heard David and lost his temper: "What are you doing here? Why aren't you minding your own business, tending that scrawny flock of sheep? I know what you're up to. You've come down here to see the sights, hoping for a ringside seat at a bloody battle!" "What is it with you?" replied David. "All I did was ask a question."</p> |
| | <p>The things David was saying were picked up and reported to King Saul. Saul sent for him. "King Saul," said David, "don't give up hope. I'm ready to go and fight Goliath."</p> |
| | <p>Saul answered David, "You can't go and fight this Philistine. You're too young—and he's been at this fighting business since before you were born."</p> |



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| | <p>David said, "I've been a shepherd, tending sheep for my father. Whenever a lion or bear came and took a lamb, I'd go after it and rescue the lamb. And I'll do the same to this Philistine pig who is taunting the troops of the living God. God, who delivered me from the teeth of the lion and the claws of the bear, will deliver me from Goliath."</p> |
| | <p>Saul said, "Go. And God help you!"</p> |
| | <p>Then David took his shepherd's staff, selected five smooth stones from the brook, Put up 5 stones and put them in the pocket of his shepherd's pack, and with his sling in his hand approached Goliath.</p> |
| | <p>As the Philistine paced back and forth, he noticed David. He took one look down on him and sneered—a mere child.</p> |
| | <p>The Philistine ridiculed David. "Am I a dog that you come after me with a stick?" "Bring it on. I'll turn you into a tasty morsel for the field mice."</p> |
| | <p>David answered, "You come at me with sword and spear and battle-ax. I come at you in the name of the living God, the God of Israel's troops, whom you make fun of. This day God is handing you over to me. I'm about to kill you. The whole world will know that there's an amazing God in Israel.</p> |
| <p>Slow pick one stone out of your pocket hold up a piece of plain cloth that could be a sling swing your hand around your head without the sling- miming let your eyes follow an imaginary stone across the room clap loudly</p> | <p>Goliath started walking towards David. David reached into his pocket for a stone, put it in his sling and swung it around it his head, until.... He slung it, and hit the Philistine hard in the forehead</p> |



Pick the Giant silhouette off the hill and lie it flat.

Goliath crashed, facedown in the dirt.

Then David ran up to the Philistine and stood over him. When the Philistines saw that their great champion was dead, they scattered, running for their lives.

When David came back, Saul asked him, "Young man, whose son are you?"

"I'm David, the son of your servant Jesse," said David, "the one who lives in Bethlehem."

This is a story of Big vs small

Strong vs weak

How did David win?

Skill? Clever? Luck? Accident?

David knew how to win. Did you hear?

David said, "God, who delivered me from the teeth of the lion and the claws of the bear, will deliver me from Goliath"

How great is God?

Christians believe that the living God of the Bible is real, he is powerful, no one can stand against Him. God always wins!

And did you hear where did David came from? Bethlehem. David went onto become the greatest King Israel ever had.

An even greater King came from Bethlehem, the Perfect King, the best King. He is King Jesus, the one who looked ordinary, he wasn't big, he didn't have a palace, he never wore a crown or sat on a throne. In fact when he died on a cross, the people laughed at him because he didn't look like a King at all. But when he rose again; everyone who heard knew that he must be the King. He was another King that didn't look like much.



That's the way God works. It's the better way to be. Don't just look at how big people are, or how much money they've got or how clever they are. Check what they're really like. Check how they treat others. Check that you can trust them. Even if they're small. Even if they don't look like much.

I'm going to say a prayer. You don't have to pray. If you want to sit quietly and think about something I've said, that's fine. But when I pray, I'm just talking to God, I put my hands together and close my eyes.

Father God in Heaven, Thank you that you won when David beat Goliath. Thank you that David trusted you, even though he was just a boy. Thank you that Jesus Christ won, when he rose from the dead, even though people laughed. Thank you that you care more about what we're really like than what we look like, help us to be like that. Amen.