



## Session 2

David & Goliath

week starting February 9

Many familiar “classic” Bible stories are sanitized and simplified for younger audiences—a choice that’s understandable but can strip these stories of their depth. As a result, these “PG” versions can seem like clean, fairytale-like narratives. What if these stories were meant to convey more? We’ll examine five well-known Bible stories, uncover their richer meanings, and live out a deeper faith.

*Leaders, feel free to choose the questions that best fit your group. No pressure to answer every question!*

### OPENER

- What’s your favorite underdog story? How do you relate to it?
- When you were a kid, what were you afraid of?

### MESSAGE

- What stood out to you in the review of David and Goliath this week?
- Sam highlighted the correlation between Goliath and the Serpent in Genesis 3. What is the significance?
- How does what Jesus has done bring deeper understanding to this story?

### SCRIPTURE

- Read 1 Samuel 17 (focus on verses 4-7; 33-50). Try to picture the two opponents based on their descriptions in these passages.
- What compels David to fight the strong and trained enemy?
- What makes David qualified to fight the Giant?

### APPLICATION

- What “Goliaths” do people face today? What do you fear? Share about a “Goliath” in your life.
- What is your role in fighting the challenges you face?
- What does it look like to lean on God’s strength? What helps you?

### CLOSE

- Reflection: Louie Giglio writes in his book *Goliath Must Fall*, that “the opposite of fear isn’t courage. It’s faith.” What does it look like to live in the victory Jesus has already won for us in our greatest challenges?
- Pray for God’s presence in the pain, brokenness, and challenges people are facing - those in your group, congregation, families, community, and world.

### THIS WEEK

Goliath described as being snake-like in this story is meant to link him to a larger group of images in the Bible used to describe chaos and destruction. Some of these images include serpents, waters, powers, and dragons. Read some other passages with these images and note how God interacts through them with forces of chaos and evil: Genesis 3:14-15, Psalm 77:16-19, Ephesians 6:10-12, Matthew 4:1-11, Romans 16:20, Revelation 12:1-6. For an extra deep dive, check out this episode of the Bible Project:

[youtube.com/watch?v=gmqbgg19BtQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gmqbgg19BtQ)