



Estimated Time:

20 minutes

30 minutes max

15-20 minutes

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David and Goliath Evening

This programme on a plate is designed to last a whole evening. You do not, however, have to use all of the activities suggested and they can be tailored to suit.

Arrival Activity

Wordsearch – copy template onto card

Games

Target Games – Skittles, Beanbag Throw and Hit the Can

Craft

Stone Writing

Devotions

Read the story of David and Goliath 1 Samuel chapter 17

Talk to the boys about how David was given no hope to succeed, as he was too small and weak, but with God's help he was able to overcome Goliath. Explain that this is God's way of telling us that he will help us to overcome the hard things in life. What is important is that we can ask him for help.

Target Throwing Games

Equipment:

- Bean bags
- Hoops
- Cans
- Tennis balls
- Skittles
- Footballs

Instructions:

Split the boys into three groups; each team will play each game twice. The games last for a maximum of ten minutes each. The time at each activity is flexible though if you have smaller groups then they will not need so long as the game may start to drag.

Beanbag Throw

- Boys should line up one behind the other; each boy will receive a beanbag.
- Using either chalk on the floor or hoops of different sizes mark out targets for the boys to throw into.
- The biggest hoop will be nearest, around 3 metres away, and then past that a slightly smaller one and then another one further on and smaller still.
- The first hoop will be worth one point, the second two points and the third three.
- A member of staff should note down every time points are scored.
- At the start signal the boys will take it in turn to throw their beanbag into a hoop. Once a boy has thrown, the bean bag must be recovered by the boy and he will rejoin the back of the queue and wait for his next turn.

Bowling

- Stand 10 skittles up at one end of the hall, have the boys bowl footballs or smaller if you think that is appropriate.
- Boys will stand around 10 metres away or however far depending on the ability of the boys.
- Each boy will take it in turn to bowl at the skittles. If he knocks any down then he scores that number.
- The boy must then run down to the other end of the hall and put back up the skittles he has knocked down, retrieve the ball and return to the end of his team's queue.

Hit the Can

- On a table, three metres or so away from where the boys will stand, place five drinks cans.
- Each of these cans will be worth two points.
- The boys can use tennis balls or beanbags to throw at the cans and try to knock them down; boys will take turns going one at a time.
- If they do knock a can down then they must replace it and return to the back of the queue.

As well as these three games there are many other games involving a target, which you can include. Remember, the target theme relates to David and his sling shot.



No maximum number depending on adequate supervision



30 minutes for all three games



Stone Writing



6-8 boys at a time



15-20 minutes

Aim: To make a decorated stone that can remind the boys of the David and Goliath story

Equipment:

- Stones
- Fabric-writing pen “fun liner magic pens”
- Oven

Preparation:

- Ask each boy to bring in one largish stone with at least one smooth side. It is always a good idea to have some in reserve.
- Purchase from your local craft store some ‘Fun liner magic pens’ or any brand of stone or fabric writing pen.
- Create a working area with newspaper on the table to stop tables getting messy.

Instructions:

- Each boy should be given a stone and choose a colour decorating pen.
- With the pen the boys decorate the stone in whatever way they wish, possibly with their name or favourite football team.
- Once a few of these are completed place them in the oven on 150C for no more the 60 seconds. You will be able to see the lettering puff up and expand. Once this has happened, leave the stones to cool.



Always be careful when using the oven that boys are not left alone to work it

David & Goliath

(1 Samuel 17:1-52) Good News Version



Memory Verse:

"The LORD does not save with sword and spear; for the battle is the LORD'S, and He will give you into our hands." – 1 SAMUEL 17:47

Circle the Correct Words:

1. "The Philistines stood on a mountain on one side, and Israel stood on a mountain on the other side, with a _____ between them." – 1 SAMUEL 17:3
VALLEY LAKE
2. "And a champion went out from the camp of the Philistines, named _____, from Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span." – 1 SAMUEL 17:4
PHILIP GOLIATH

True or False:

3. "And the Philistine said, 'I defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together.'" – 1 SAMUEL 17:10
TRUE OR FALSE
4. When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were happy and greatly excited. – 1 SAMUEL 17:11
TRUE OR FALSE
5. "Then David said to Saul, 'Let no man's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine.'" – 1 SAMUEL 17:32
TRUE OR FALSE
6. "Saul clothed David with his armour, and he put a bronze helmet on his head; he also clothed him with a coat of mail." – 1 SAMUEL 17:38
TRUE OR FALSE
7. The armour fitted perfectly and David wore them into battle. – 1 SAMUEL 17:39
TRUE OR FALSE

Circle the Correct Words:

8. "Then he took his (**STAFF, RAFT**) in his hand; and he chose for himself five smooth (**HATS, STONES**) from the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag, in a pouch which he had, and his sling was in his hand." – 1 SAMUEL 17:40
9. "The Philistine said to David, 'Am I a (**FROG, DOG**), that you come to me with sticks?'" – 1 SAMUEL 17:43
10. "Then David said to the Philistine, 'You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the (**LORD, LAW**) of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.'" – 1 SAMUEL 17:45
11. "David put his hand in his bag and took out a stone; and he slung it and (**STRUCK, MISSED**) the Philistine in his forehead." – 1 SAMUEL 17:49
12. "So David (**FAILED, PREVAILED**) over the Philistine with a sling and a stone, and struck the Philistine and killed him." – 1 SAMUEL 17:50



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