Stones, Slings, and Giant Things

David and Goliath
1 Samuel 16-17

Review and Discussion:

Challenge your child to retell the story. Help him or her remember key details by asking the following questions:

- **What did God say He cares about?** *("I care about what's in a person's heart.")*
- **What did David take with him to fight the giant, Goliath?** *(Five stones and a sling)*
- **What happened when David threw a stone from his sling?** *(The stone struck Goliath's forehead and knocked him down.)*

Read the following thought aloud to help increase your child's understanding:

David was not afraid to face the giant, Goliath, because he knew that God was with him and would help him. With God's help, David knocked Goliath down, and the Israelites defeated the Philistines.

Explore God's Big Story:

Together, discover how this specific lesson ties into God's Big Story.
Read the following aloud to your child:

David defeated the giant, Goliath, and saved the Israelites. Later, God would send His Son, Jesus, to defeat sin by taking the punishment that we deserve.
Jesus offers salvation to all who choose to believe in and follow Him.

Memory Verse:

"People *(with palms up, lace fingers together and wiggle them)*
judge by outward appearance *(smooth hands over shirt)*,
but the LORD *(point both hands up)*
looks at the heart *(bring hands together in heart shape)*."
1 Samuel 16:7b (NLT Anglicised)

Talk to God:

Dear God,
You are more powerful than any trouble or struggle that I face.
Help me to remember that You are always with me, just like
You were with David.
Amen.