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Facing GIANTS

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GOD'S WORD SAYS:

"For with God nothing
will be impossible."

Luke 1:37.

Man-eating giants may not be real, but there are some scary things in this world. A big test, a bully at school, a dying relative, losing your home, all of these things can seem big to us, but we have a God that promises to help us through them. Let's see how David dealt with a giant.

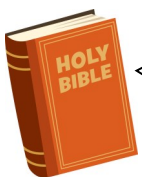


GOD'S WORD SAYS: "David said, The LORD that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear..." 1 Samuel 17:37.

Have you ever heard of the story of David and Goliath? David was a boy who worked with his brothers. David's job was to watch over the sheep. He was a shepherd.

David was a good shepherd. He cared for his sheep. He cared for the sheep so much that he protected them from a lion and a bear. David was brave, because he knew the Lord was with him.

One day, David's father sent David to visit his brothers in the army. They were in a war with the Philistines. The Philistines chose their best warrior to fight. It was a giant of a man named Goliath, who was about 9 feet tall. David visited his brother's army camp to find that everyone was afraid of Goliath.



GOD'S WORD SAYS: "And all the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled from him, and were sore afraid." 1 Samuel 17:24.



David was surprised that no one wanted to fight this giant. Sure, Goliath was big and scary, but the Israelites had God on their side. Even the king thought David was too small to fight Goliath.

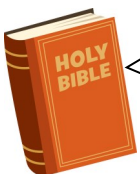
David knew he could defeat Goliath, because God was on his side. David used his sling and a stone to kill Goliath, because God was with him. God is always with you. David trusted God just like you should.



GOD'S WORD SAYS: "David to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied. This day will the LORD deliver thee into mine hand...that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. And all this assembly shall know that the LORD saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is the LORD'S, and he will give you into our hands."

1 Samuel 17:45-47.

There will be times in your life when you are afraid. These times may seem too big for you, but God is always there to help you face the "giants" in your life. He may not take the scary times away, but He has told us that we can trust in Him to help us through them. We need to trust in God's Word and have joy in the salvation we have in Jesus Christ.



GOD'S WORD SAYS: "What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee. In God I will praise his word, in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me."

Psalms 56:3-4.



Read Philippians 4:6-7. These verses tell us what to do when we are afraid. Draw a picture in the frame of what the verse is telling you to do.

