**STORY AT A GLANCE**

**David**
- Anointed by Samuel to be the next king of Israel while King Saul was still in power. (1 Samuel 16:11-13)
- Became Saul's part-time armor-bearer (1 Samuel 16:21).
- His young age meant that he still had family chores—shepherding and supplying his older brothers in battle.
- While wearing Saul's armor seemed like a good plan, David trusted “the living God” and the abilities God gave him instead (1 Samuel 17:31-40).

**Goliath**
- Was said to have come from a family of “giants” (1 Chronicles 20:4-8).
- Philistine warrior almost 10 feet (3m) tall.
- It only took one stone to silence Goliath’s boasting, many have wondered why David chose five.

**Israelite Army**
- Deployed to push back a Philistine invasion into Judah.

**Philistine Army**
- “Sea People” who became Israel’s greatest rivals.
- They are still remembered in the word “Palestine.”

**KEY VERSE**
But David said to Saul, “Your servant used to keep sheep for his father; and whenever a lion or a bear came, and took a lamb from the flock, I went after it . . . The Lord, who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me from the hand of this Philistine.”
1 Samuel 17:34-37

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**CLOSING PRAYER**

Thank you, God,

. . . for giving us the things we need to solve problems. It doesn’t matter how tall we are. You made us the sizes we are to do the things we are good at. Help us be ready to use our bodies, brains, and hearts every day.

Amen!
DISCOVER
Get Ready
Identify each item with the kids, then ask:
• Who uses it?
• When do you need it?
• Where do you find it?
• How do you know how to use it?
Introduce the Characters
• There’s a boy named David. He’s a shepherd; he takes care of sheep.
• There’s a big, giant bully named Goliath. His army wants to fight David’s people.
• There’s a king named Saul. His army is afraid. King Saul thinks David needs a sword and some armor to fight Goliath.

RELATE
Talk about the David & Goliath Video
• What did David need to beat Goliath?
• What surprised you about what King Saul did? The army? Goliath? David?
• Which character would you want to be? Why?
• I wonder why the adults thought David needed armor and a sword. Why didn’t it work for David? Why did the sling and stones work better for David?

CONNECT
Open the Holy Moly Storybook Bible
Read the David and Goliath story on pages XX-XX.
Look at the picture of David with the armor and sword.
• David was a kid, but King Saul tried to give him adult size armor and a sword. Why didn’t it work for David? Why did the sling and stones work better for David?
Find the words that describe sounds: snap, whoosh, thwap, and thud!
• Say these words aloud using different voices. What made those sounds in the story?

CREATE
SKILLS OVER HEIGHT! Kids draw what they are good at doing and combine puzzles to compare their height to Goliath.

Holy Moly!
Give kids time to imagine and help them reflect.
• What was David good at doing? What about you?
• How did David become a good shepherd?
• How did you become good at doing what you drew?

Holy Moly!
Remind kids that David’s height didn’t matter!
• Who is the tallest person you know? the shortest?
• How tall did David need to be to beat Goliath?
• How tall do you need to be to use a key? Flashlight? Soap? Slingshot?

House Key
Soap
Flashlight

I am good at:

Cut out David marker.

Color David, write name and draw your answer.

Put Goliath Puzzle together.

Tape puzzles together to make height of Goliath. Goliath was nearly 9 feet tall (2.75m) or 12 puzzles!

Measure kids and use their markers to show their height compared to Goliath.