1 Samuel Lesson 12 (2020)

**DAVID AND GOLIATH**

1 Samuel 17:1-58

Key Verse: 17:45

**Open it:**

1. What is your image of an intimidating person?

**Explore it:**

1. Read verses 1-11. How did the Philistines and Israelites deploy their forces? (1-3) How is Goliath described? (4-7) How did the Philistines use him for psychological warfare? (8-11, 16) How is this similar to Satan’s strategy? (Heb. 2:14-15)
2. Read verses 12-27. In the meantime, what were David and his brothers doing? (12-15) What mission did his father give David? (17-19) How did David come to know Israel’s situation? (20-25, 27) How was his view of Goliath different from others’? (26)
3. Read verses 28-37. How did David’s eldest brother disparage him? (28) How did David draw Saul’s attention? (29-32) Why was Saul reluctant at first, and how did David persuade him to let him fight? (33-37)
4. How could this young boy David have such confidence? Think about his shepherd’s heart, his fighting spirit, and his faith in God. What can we learn here about the importance of the small and personal battles in our lives?
5. Read verses 38-40. How did Saul try to prepare David for battle? (38-39) What did David choose instead? (40) Why were his sling and stones the best weapon for him? What is your “sling and stone”?
6. Read verses 41-47. How and why did Goliath underestimate David? (41-44) Compare and contrast David and Goliath in terms of their dependence, purpose, and attitude toward God? (45-47)
7. Read verses 48-58. How are the battle and David’s victory described? (48-51a) What was the effect on the Philistines, the Israelites, and Saul? (51b-58)

**Apply it:**

1. What are some contemporary Goliaths, and what can we learn from David about fighting the Lord’s battle?