

# PARENT CORNER

## weekly

TODAY: NOVEMBER 13

**Bible Story:** Whatever It Takes (David Anointed/Goliath)  
*1 Samuel 16:1-13; 17:1-51*

**Big Idea:** You can have courage even when things seem impossible.

**Memory Verse:** "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."  
*Joshua 1:9b (NIV)*

**Life App:** Courage—Being brave enough to do what God wants you to do, even when you're afraid

**Bible Story Summary:** *Read and meditate on 1 Samuel 16 & 17*

This month we are focusing on courageous heroes in the Bible who faced their fears head on with the help of God. David is one of those heroes. We first meet him in 1 Samuel 16, when God sent Samuel to Jesse's house to find a new king for Israel. Samuel was looking for someone who looked like a king, but God chose David because of his heart. David was a man who would lead the way God wanted. Soon after David was anointed as the next king, he went to visit the front line of a major battle. When the Philistine giant Goliath was shaming God's people with his threats and no one would stand up to him, David showed up and knew something had to be done. David trusted God for the courage to do something about it . . . and God used David to do the impossible and defeat Goliath.

**You can have courage even when things seem impossible.** Because kids have limited life experience, a lot of what they face seems impossible. They may not know how to talk to a friend who hurt their feelings. They might not understand how they can overcome a fear of the dark, or even asking for help. We pray that through this lesson about David, kids will see how they can trust God for the courage to face challenges in life.



While eating breakfast or getting ready for the day, read this month's memory verse. Let it be a reminder for everyone to choose courage today because God is with them. Challenge each member of the family to be courageous and share at dinnertime or bedtime when you were courageous throughout the day.



## DAY 1

**READ** *1 Samuel 17:4-7*

Who is the biggest person you've ever seen in real life? (Movies don't count.) This true Bible story is about a giant named Goliath. Most of us have never seen anyone like him in person.

**Read verses 4-7 again and draw a picture of what Goliath looks like in your mind.**

I'm sure you don't have a real giant you're facing in your life, but there may be something that scares you.

**Think for a minute and write down your biggest fear.** \_\_\_\_\_

Just like David had courage when he faced Goliath, you can have courage when something scares you too.

**KNOW** that with God anything is possible

## DAY 2

**READ** "*David said to Saul, 'Don't let anyone lose hope because of that Philistine. I'll go out and fight him!'*" *1 Samuel 17:32*

This verse is what David said when he heard Goliath challenge the Israelites. King Saul did not want David to fight Goliath because he was so young and had no experience.

**Read 1 Samuel 17:32 and circle what David said next.**

"Look at my muscles, I'm not afraid of a giant."

"I float like a butterfly and sting like a bee, he should be afraid of me."

"The Lord will rescue me."

David trusted that God would be with him when he faced Goliath. This gave him the courage he needed to do what he knew was right. When we place our trust in God, we can have courage and do what seems impossible.

**THANK** God for giving you courage

# DAY 3

**READ** "My dear brothers and sisters, remain strong in the faith. Don't let anything move you. Always give yourselves completely to the work of the Lord. Because you belong to the Lord, you know that your work is not worthless." Psalm 27:1

How long can you stand perfectly still? Write down your guess, then ask a family member to time you. Compare the two times.

Estimated Time: \_\_\_\_\_  
Real Time: \_\_\_\_\_

It was probably difficult to stand perfectly still! Paul, who wrote this letter to the church in Corinth, isn't talking about standing still like a statue. Paul wanted them to keep telling people about Jesus, to keep serving and helping and loving others. Why? Because they were doing it for God, and God would make sure their work made a difference.

This week, when you're afraid to do the right thing, don't stand still like a statue! Stand up for God. Stand strong in what you know is true. Ask God to help you stand up for what is right even when things seem impossible!

**LOOK** for ways to stand up for what is right

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Have a parent sign your completed GodTime.

Parent signature

Date

**Return for 5 Bible Bucks!**

## parent CUE:

Want to know what your child is learning at church? Download a free app called **Parent Cue**. This app is put out by The reThink Group who writes the curriculum we use in Uptown as a guide to what our kids learn.

Parent Cue has parenting articles, blogs, and ways you can live out your faith at home. Week by week you will be given cues so you can make the most of your time with your kids for God.



# DAY 4

**READ** "Wait for the Lord. Be strong and don't lose hope." Psalm 27:14

Doing the right thing when you're afraid is always better than doing the unwise thing because you're scared. It can be hard to stand up and do what you should when you don't know how things will turn out. Courageous kids are the ones who choose wisely even when they don't know what will happen. You can show courage knowing God is always with you.

Pray and ask God to give you courage this week.

"Dear God,

I pray that You can give me the courage I need this week. I pray that I can look for ways to do the right thing, even when it is hard. Thank you for always being with me.

Amen."

**ASK** God for courage when something seems impossible

## at a GLANCE



### Bibles-N-Bucks Shopping

1st grade	November 20
Kindergarten	November 27
4th Grade	December 4
3rd Grade	December 11
2nd Grade	January 8



Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_