

CHURCH SCHOOL LESSON
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GIANT-SIZE DELIVERANCE

In our Bible lesson this week we will learn how the shepherd David is delivered from a giant Goliath. But first I want you to hear about a situation that a young girl was in. Can you think of something that might weigh about 13 pounds? To give you an idea how heavy that is - a full gallon of milk weighs about 10 pounds. Some bowling balls weigh about 13 pounds or a stack of math books could weigh 13 pounds. Can you imagine something that heavy permanently weighing down your head? There was a Vietnamese girl who had a 13-pound tumor on her face. As bad as the tumor was, it was going to get worse. If some action was not taken the tumor would kill her within a year. Unfortunately, her parents could not afford an operation, and even if they could there were no doctors in Vietnam capable of performing such a procedure.

Thankfully, an organization that pays for medical care for children around the world found out about her situation. They flew her to the United States and arranged for her operation. The operation cost over \$100,000 and it took the surgeons 14 hours to completely remove the tumor.

How do you think the girl felt after she healed from the operation?

Can you think of some extra burdens people might carry around that weigh them down?

The Vietnamese girl gained freedom through surgery. Our Bible story this week gives us an example of what to do with burdens that we take on ourselves or burdens that we have and just don't want.

Many of God's people faced giant-sized enemies or problems. They trusted God to deliver them. Hidden in the puzzle are the names of Bible people whom God delivered. First, read the clues and Scripture passages. Then circle the names in the puzzle. The names may be printed forward, backward, up, down or diagonally. When you are done, the leftover letters spell out a message from Psalm 27:1 that can help you when you are facing giant-sized problems.

CLUES:

God delivered him from a great flood. Genesis 7:1

God delivered him from a hostile crowd. Numbers 13:30 & 14:10

God delivered him from slavery and imprisonment. Genesis 39:2-5

God delivered him from Goliath. 1 Samuel 17:50

God delivered him from harm so he could preach about Jesus. Acts 27:43-44

God delivered him from becoming a lion's lunch. Daniel 6:21-22

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KEY VERSE:

The Lord is my light and my salvation – whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life – of whom shall I be afraid.
Psalm 27:1

David is famous for his battle with the giant Goliath. Do you realize that you also face a giant? All of us do – a giant called sin. David used God's power to help him deliver Goliath, and God can defeat the giant of sin in our lives too.

Read 1 Samuel 17:1-11, and 16.

Goliath could not stand up in most rooms because he was too tall. How did the Israelites react to Goliath?

Write out Goliath's challenge in your own words.

David's father sent him to deliver some food to his brothers. They were already at the battle site. As David met his brothers, Goliath stepped out and made his challenge again to the Israelites. The Israelites all ran away in fear. But David asked who Goliath was to defy the armies of the living God.

Read 1 Samuel 17:28-35 and 37.

How did David's brothers respond to David?

What did King Saul do when he heard about David?

Despite King Saul's doubts, David was confident that God would deliver Goliath to him, just as God had delivered David from a lion and a bear. King Saul gave David his blessing and told him to go fight Goliath.

Read 1 Samuel 17:38-44.

Goliath had heavy protection. Why didn't David want King Saul's armor?

What weapons did David choose? Why do you think he did this?

The sling David used was probably made of two narrow stripes of leather which were joined in the middle with a wider piece of leather where the stone fit. To make the stone fly, the sling was swung around one's head. Usually the stones used with the sling were round and a little larger than a baseball. The stones could travel as fast as 100 m.p.h. But could a little sling in the hand of a shepherd boy defeat a giant in armor?

Read 1 Samuel 17:45-47.

Where did David say his strength came from?

How many times does David use the names of Lord or God in this passage? _____

How did this compare to Goliath's strength?

Read 1 Samuel 17:48-54.

David trusted God to give him victory over the giant Goliath. When you face "giants" remember that God can give you victory too. Read Colossians 1:13-14 in the New Testament.

How is sin like a giant?

How does Jesus deliver us from this "giant" of sin?

If this story was made into a movie, what would you name the movie?

David says that the Lord is his salvation. Just like David our salvation comes from God too. In our Bible story we learned that David trusted God to deliver him from Goliath. Just as God saved David, he can also save us. We know that we are saved, the Bible tells us how. I want you to finish the following sentences to make a prayer that we can pray when we need to be strong like David. I will give you some scripture readings to help you finish the sentences.

Dead God, Your Word Tells Me . . .

That I Have _____
(Romans 3:23)

That You _____
(Romans 5:8)

That Christ _____
_____ (Romans 5:8)

That if I _____ in the Lord Jesus, I will be _____ (Acts 15:31)

That if I confess my sins, you will _____ (1 John 1:9)

But Now, God . . .

I still have questions about _____

I have already trusted you for _____

I am ready to trust you for _____

I am thankful that you _____

I know salvation comes from you! In Jesus name. Amen

The girl we talked about at the beginning of our lesson could not save herself from the tumor on her face. But doctors in the United States saved her. David did not have the ability to beat Goliath on his own, but he trusted God and God delivered him from the giant. In the same way, we can never save ourselves from sin. Our salvation comes from God. He can deliver us from the biggest giant of all – sin.

Let's close with prayer. Thank you God for the gift of salvation. Thank you for helping us defeat the giant of sin. Keep us safe this week and bring us all back together to learn about your word. Amen.