

SAMPLER:  
DAVID AND GOLIATH

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# HOW IT WORKS

The Connect Bible is used for both Holy Moly Sunday School and Connect Tween Sunday School. Age-appropriate activities make it easy (and fun!) for kids to explore scripture.

## KEY PASSAGES

Important verses are highlighted throughout the Bible so they are easy to spot.

## ICONS

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## INSTANT ACTIVITIES

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# 1 SAMUEL

## Who wrote this?

Did Samuel write 1 Samuel? Probably not. Since it is such a complete history, it is believed that a team of authors wrote it later. They probably worked on it for more than 100 years!

## Why was this written?

First Samuel helps to explain how Israel went from bumbling sinners ruled by judges to a major kingdom with a proper ruler and roots. The authors wrote it mainly to show that God had done all this for them.

## What's the connection?

Back in the book of Genesis, God made a promise—a covenant—to the early Israelites, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. God promised to always love and bless them. Through Moses, God gave them the law to help them understand how they should live. (Read about that in the books Exodus through Deuteronomy.) Now, through the establishment of a kingdom in Israel, God’s covenant was finally fulfilled.

## How does this work?

Hannah prayed and prayed for a baby. Finally, God blessed her with a son named Samuel. He grew up in the temple, where God called him to become a powerful prophet and leader of Israel. God told Samuel to anoint Saul. (Anointing means that Samuel poured oil on Saul’s head to show that he was chosen to be king.) Later, when Saul didn’t work out as king, Samuel anointed David, who became the greatest king of Israel.

## Where should I go from here?

- God calls and Samuel listens (chapter 3:1-18).
- The first king is chosen (chapter 9).
- Saul loses God’s favor (chapter 15:10-35).
- David prevails over Goliath (chapter 17).
- A king and his sons die (chapter 31).

## DAVID AND GOLIATH

**17** Now the Philistines gathered their armies for battle; they were gathered at Socoh, which belongs to Judah, and encamped between Socoh and Azekah, in Ephesdammim. <sup>2</sup>Saul and the Israelites gathered and encamped in the valley of Elah, and formed ranks against the Philistines. <sup>3</sup>The Philistines stood on the mountain on the one side, and Israel stood on the mountain on the other side, with a valley between them. <sup>4</sup>And there came out from the camp of the Philistines a champion named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was six<sup>a</sup> cubits and a span. <sup>5</sup>He had a helmet of bronze on his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail; the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of bronze. <sup>6</sup>He had greaves of bronze on his legs and a javelin of bronze slung between his shoulders. <sup>7</sup>The shaft of his spear was like a weaver's beam, and his spear's head weighed six hundred shekels of iron; and his shield-bearer went before him. <sup>8</sup>He stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, "Why have you come out to draw up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me. <sup>9</sup>If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants; but if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us." <sup>10</sup>And the Philistine said, "Today I defy the ranks of Israel! Give me a man, that we may fight together." <sup>11</sup>When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid.

<sup>12</sup> Now David was the son of an Ephrathite of Bethlehem in Judah, named Jesse, who had eight sons. In the days of Saul the man was already old and advanced in years. <sup>13</sup>The three eldest sons of Jesse had followed Saul to the battle; the names of his three sons who went to the battle were Eliab the firstborn, and next to him Abinadab, and the third Shammah. <sup>14</sup>David was the youngest;

the three eldest followed Saul, <sup>15</sup>but David went back and forth from Saul to feed his father's sheep at Bethlehem. <sup>16</sup>For forty days the Philistine came forward and took his stand, morning and evening.

<sup>17</sup> Jesse said to his son David, "Take for your brothers an ephah of this parched grain and these ten loaves, and carry them quickly to the camp to your brothers; <sup>18</sup>also take these ten cheeses to the commander of their thousand. See how your brothers fare, and bring some token from them."

<sup>19</sup> Now Saul, and they, and all the men of Israel, were in the valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines. <sup>20</sup>David rose early in the morning, left the sheep with a keeper, took the provisions, and went as Jesse had commanded him. He came to the encampment as the army was going forth to the battle line, shouting the war cry. <sup>21</sup>Israel and the Philistines drew up for battle, army against army. <sup>22</sup>David left the things in charge of the keeper of the baggage, ran to the ranks, and went and greeted his brothers. <sup>23</sup>As he talked with them, the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, came up out of the ranks of the Philistines, and spoke the same words as before. And David heard him.

<sup>24</sup> All the Israelites, when they saw the man, fled from him and were very much afraid. <sup>25</sup>The Israelites said, "Have you seen this man who has come up? Surely he has come up to defy Israel. The king will greatly enrich the man who kills him, and will give him his daughter and make his family free in Israel." <sup>26</sup>David said to the men who stood by him, "What shall be done for the man who kills this Philistine, and takes away the reproach from Israel? For who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God?" <sup>27</sup>The people answered him in the same way, "So shall it be done for the man who kills him."

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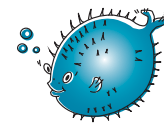
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Philistine said to David, “Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the field.”<sup>45</sup> But David said to the Philistine, “You come to me with sword and spear and javelin; but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.<sup>46</sup> This very day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head; and I will give the dead bodies of the Philistine army this very day to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth, so that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel,<sup>47</sup> and that all this assembly may know that the LORD does not save by sword and spear; for the battle is the LORD’s and he will give you into our hand.”

<sup>48</sup> When the Philistine drew nearer to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine.<sup>49</sup> David put his hand in his bag, took out a stone, slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead; the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground.

<sup>50</sup> So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone, striking down the Philistine and killing him; there was no sword in David’s hand.<sup>51</sup> Then David ran and stood over the Philistine; he grasped his sword, drew it out of its sheath, and killed him; then he cut off his head with it.

When the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled.<sup>52</sup> The troops of Israel and Judah rose up with a shout and pursued the Philistines as far as Gath<sup>a</sup> and the gates of Ekron, so that the wounded Philistines fell on the way from Shaaraim as far as Gath and Ekron.<sup>53</sup> The Israelites came back from chasing the Philistines, and they plundered their camp.<sup>54</sup> David took the head of the Philistine and brought it to Jerusalem; but he put his armor in his tent.

<sup>55</sup> When Saul saw David go out against the Philistine, he said to Abner, the com-

mander of the army, “Abner, whose son is this young man?” Abner said, “As your soul lives, O king, I do not know.”<sup>56</sup> The king said, “Inquire whose son the stripling is.”<sup>57</sup> On David’s return from killing the Philistine, Abner took him and brought him before Saul, with the head of the Philistine in his hand.<sup>58</sup> Saul said to him, “Whose son are you, young man?” And David answered, “I am the son of your servant Jesse the Bethlehemite.”

### JONATHAN’S COVENANT WITH DAVID

**18** When David<sup>a</sup> had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was bound to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul.<sup>2</sup> Saul took him that day and would not let him return to his father’s house.<sup>3</sup> Then Jonathan made a covenant with David, because he loved him as his own soul.<sup>4</sup> Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that he was wearing, and gave it to David, and his armor, and even his sword and his bow and his belt.<sup>5</sup> David went out and was successful wherever Saul sent him; as a result, Saul set him over the army. And all the people, even the servants of Saul, approved.

<sup>6</sup> As they were coming home, when David returned from killing the Philistine, the women came out of all the towns of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet King Saul, with tambourines, with songs of joy, and with musical instruments.<sup>b</sup> <sup>7</sup> And the women sang to one another as they made merry,

“Saul has killed his thousands, and David his ten thousands.”

<sup>8</sup> Saul was very angry, for this saying displeased him. He said, “They have ascribed to David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed thousands; what more can he have

but the kingdom?”<sup>9</sup> So Saul eyed David from that day on.

### SAUL TRIES TO KILL DAVID

<sup>10</sup> The next day an evil spirit from God rushed upon Saul, and he raved within his house, while David was playing the lyre, as he did day by day. Saul had his spear in his hand;<sup>11</sup> and Saul threw the spear, for he thought, “I will pin David to the wall.” But David eluded him twice.

<sup>12</sup> Saul was afraid of David, because the LORD was with him but had departed from Saul.<sup>13</sup> So Saul removed him from his presence, and made him a commander of a thousand; and David marched out and came in, leading the army.<sup>14</sup> David had success in all his undertakings; for the LORD was with him.<sup>15</sup> When Saul saw that he had great success, he stood in awe of him.<sup>16</sup> But all Israel and Judah loved David; for it was he who marched out and came in leading them.

### DAVID MARRIES MICHAL

<sup>17</sup> Then Saul said to David, “Here is my elder daughter Merab; I will give her to you as a wife; only be valiant for me and fight the LORD’s battles.” For Saul thought, “I will not raise a hand against him; let the Philistines deal with him.”<sup>18</sup> David said to Saul, “Who am I and who are my kinsfolk, my father’s family in Israel, that I should be son-in-law to the king?”<sup>19</sup> But at the time when Saul’s daughter Merab should have been given to David, she was given to Adriel the Meholathite as a wife.

<sup>20</sup> Now Saul’s daughter Michal loved David. Saul was told, and the thing pleased him.<sup>21</sup> Saul thought, “Let me give her to him that she may be a snare for him and that the hand of the Philistines may be against him.” Therefore Saul said to David a second time,<sup>c</sup> “You shall now be my son-in-law.”<sup>22</sup> Saul commanded his servants, “Speak to David in private and say, ‘See, the king is delighted with

you, and all his servants love you; now then, become the king’s son-in-law.’”<sup>23</sup> So Saul’s servants reported these words to David in private. And David said, “Does it seem to you a little thing to become the king’s son-in-law, seeing that I am a poor man and of no repute?”<sup>24</sup> The servants of Saul told him, “This is what David said.”<sup>25</sup> Then Saul said, “Thus shall you say to David, ‘The king desires no marriage present except a hundred foreskins of the Philistines, that he may be avenged on the king’s enemies.’” Now Saul planned to make David fall by the hand of the Philistines.<sup>26</sup> When his servants told David these words, David was well pleased to be the king’s son-in-law. Before the time had expired,<sup>27</sup> David rose and went, along with his men, and killed one hundred<sup>d</sup> of the Philistines; and David brought their foreskins, which were given in full number to the king, that he might become the king’s son-in-law. Saul gave him his daughter Michal as a wife.<sup>28</sup> But when Saul realized that the LORD was with David, and that Saul’s daughter Michal loved him,<sup>29</sup> Saul was still more afraid of David. So Saul was David’s enemy from that time forward.

<sup>30</sup> Then the commanders of the Philistines came out to battle; and as often as they came out, David had more success than all the servants of Saul, so that his fame became very great.

### JONATHAN INTERCEDES FOR DAVID

**19** Saul spoke with his son Jonathan and with all his servants about killing David. But Saul’s son Jonathan took great delight in David.

<sup>2</sup> Jonathan told David, “My father Saul is trying to kill you; therefore be on guard tomorrow morning; stay in a secret place and hide yourself.<sup>3</sup> I will go out and stand beside my father in the field where you are, and I will speak to my father about you; if I learn any-

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