

Bible Story: David vs. Goliath

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1. Read the Bible story in the Spark Story Bible on pages 130-135.

David sure led an exciting life. But no matter what was happening in David's life, he kept God at the center. God helped David with his good aim.

2. Answer the following questions:
 - a. What was the biggest target David had to hit in today's story?

 - b. Why did David choose to use a slingshot instead of a sword?

 - c. Do you remember how many stones he picked up before his battle?

Activity: Straight Shot

We're going to be like David. The first thing we need is some practice. Instead of using slingshots and stones, we're going to use paper footballs and our target.

1. Make a paper football using the instructions and pictures on the attached page.
 - a. Make footballs out of the five strips that are in the bag, and write your name on them.
2. Place the target on the floor, and use tape to hold it in place (if you have some).
 - a. Stand seven feet away from the target—measure if you have a tape measure; otherwise, take a good guess as to how far it is.

Three things will make the difference: 1) You want your football to be able to lift up high; 2) you want it to fly straight; and 3) you want it to go the right distance. Three things help us keep God at the center of our lives: 1) Father; 2) Son; and 3) Holy Spirit.

3. Place the point of one football on the seven foot line. Hold the top with one finger. Use your thumb and finger to flick the back.
4. Launch all five paper footballs towards the target.

Choose your best football. Many times, sports players say a little prayer before trying to score. I wouldn't be surprised if David said a prayer when he shot the stone toward Goliath.

5. Unfold the best football (the one that got closest to the target), and write a short note to God in the center. Refold the football. Try to hit the target one more time.

Just like you, David kept busy. He was part of a large family and had to watch sheep. But God was always at the center of David's life, whether David was watching sheep in the fields or fighting a giant in battle. Just like David, we can all remember to keep God at the center of our lives.

Let's pray: Dear God, As we keep busy with family, friends, school, music, and sports, help us keep you at the center of our lives. Amen.

How to Fold a Paper Football

1. Place a strip of paper vertically in front of you.
2. Pick up the bottom left corner and fold it to the right edge. Make sure the edges line up, and then crease the fold.
3. Pick up the corner pointing at you and fold it over the horizontal edge of the previous fold. Crease the new angle.
4. Repeat steps 2 and 3 until there is only a small strip of paper remaining. Fold the top left corner of the strip down, and then tuck the remaining piece into a slot in the triangle.



