

## READ IT

This rotation's Bible story is

### David

from 1 Samuel 16:1-13; 17:4-11, 32-50.

**God knows us and we can do anything when we trust God to help us.**

Ask each other what you remember about:

- Oil
- Samuel
- Goliath
- David
- Small stone
- King Saul

David was Israel's second king. He ruled from 1000-961 B.C., a time that was considered Israel's golden age.

**Read the whole story together in the Bible!**

*Spark Story Bible* pages 126-135

*Spark Bible* pages 313-316

## Family Prayer

Say this prayer while everyone is holding a small stone.

**God, you use even the smallest among us to do mighty things. Thank you for involving all of us in your work in our world. Give us courage and love in all that we do. AMEN.**

## TALK ABOUT IT

### Family Conversations

- 1 What kinds of rocks do you like best?
- 2 David had oil poured on his head by Samuel. What do *you* use oil for?
- 3 Have you ever been really afraid, but then acted bravely?
- 4 Do a loving kindness for a family member and leave a smooth stone behind to mark it. (You could make someone's bed, pack a lunch, or fold some laundry.) Whoever finds the stone can surprise someone else with an unexpected act of love.

### Eye Spark

When you see small stones, remember how little David conquered giant Goliath with God's help.

### Ear Spark

Listen for different voices—soft/loud, high/low, gentle/bold—and wonder what God's voice sounds like.

## LIVE IT

### For families to do together

Look for other stories about David in your Bible, in movies, or in books. What do you think of him?

### For younger kids

Paint some smooth stones like the ones that David used. Give them as little gifts to family members and friends.

### For older kids

David has been depicted in fine art for hundreds of years! Do a search at your library, an art museum, or online. What do you find?

## TRY IT

### Art

Grab some sidewalk chalk and head to the driveway. Take turns outlining each person's body. Personalize with hair and clothing. Let the story's message shine through by writing words in and around each image that tell more about the person. We are all more than what's on the outside.

### Computer Lab

Search online for a map of Israel from David's time. Locate Israel and Philistia. Then find a current map of Israel and compare the two maps. You can also search for pictures of Israel on the Internet to get a glimpse of what it's like to live there today.

### Creative Drama

Tell the story of David and Goliath using different voices. Use a scared voice for King Saul. Try talking through a paper tube to make a loud giant voice for Goliath. What did David's voice sound like? What did God sound like to David?

### Video

Is there a public service or charity project you've wanted to tackle, or a family challenge where everyone can play a part? Help your child be like David, the kid who takes charge! Come up with a plan to do something good in your community that will make a difference.

### Bible Skills and Games

Play Bible Beanbag Toss to focus on the people of God, just like David did. Cut holes in one side of a large box. Label each hole with a Bible hero's name. Toss some beanbags or small stuffed animals in the holes. Players should aim for their favorite Bible hero.

### Cooking

God looks past outward appearances. Take a family outing for ice cream dressed in your pajamas. As you eat, share your favorite inner qualities of each family member. Bring home extra treats for your neighbors. They may notice your PJs, but they will mostly remember your kind and generous hearts.

### Music

God looked inside to see David's heart. Sometimes parents hide surprising things in their hearts from kids. Let an inside surprise out! Sing a silly song together. Play favorite songs and have a dance party! Encourage your child to find the surprises God puts in our hearts.

### Science

Get out the tape measure! The Bible says that Goliath was over 9 feet (2.75m) tall! Measure doorways, walls, couches, and beds to see how a giant like Goliath would fit (or not) in your home. David faced such a large, looming warrior because he knew God was with him!