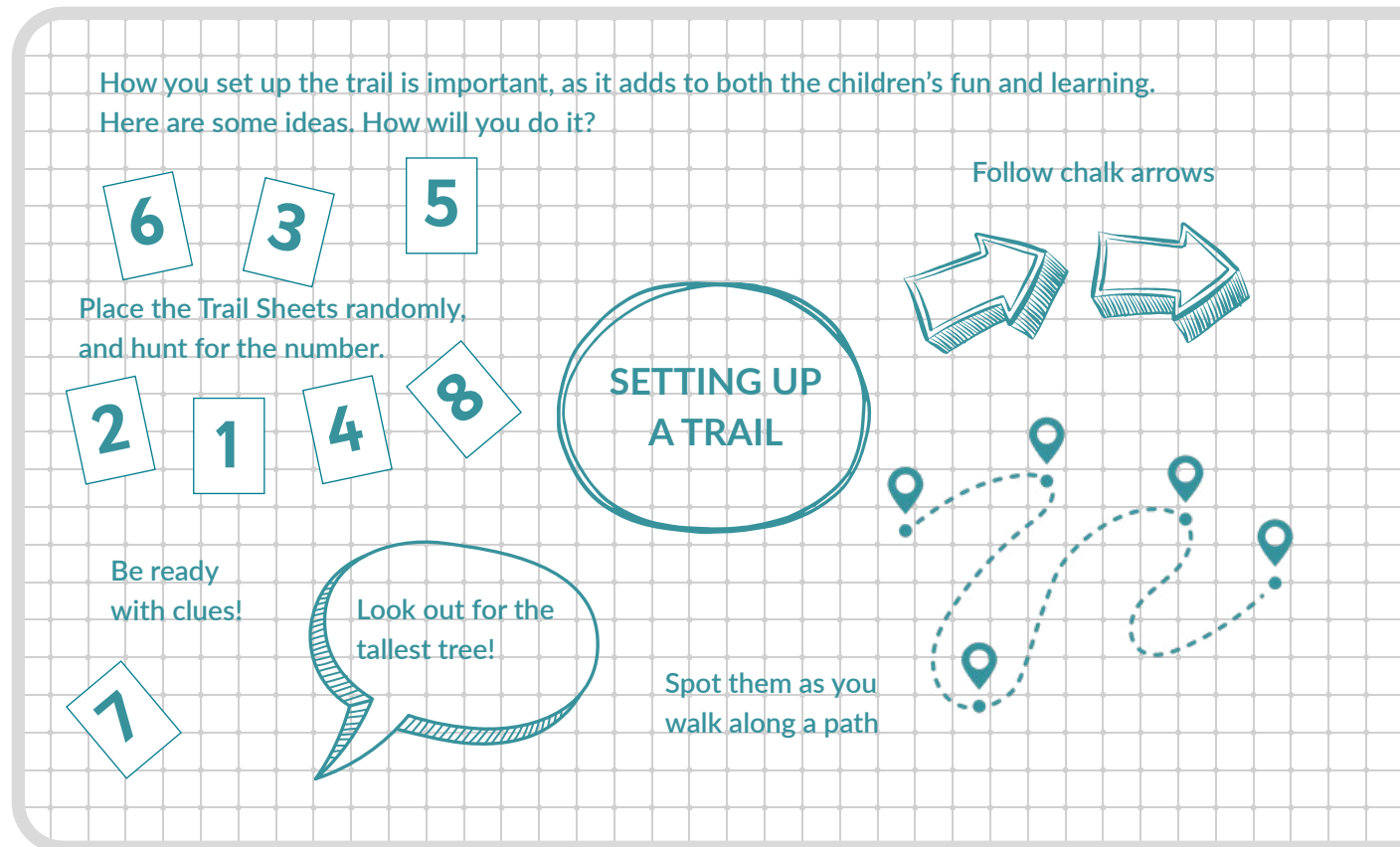


## David and Goliath Story Trail

Early Level

### Here's how you enjoy this trail:

Print the 8 trail sheets and place them around your trail area so that the children encounter them in the right order. Decide how your children will find them.



The trail works best if the children are in small groups with an adult (or older child) supporting each group. Plan how you'll organise the activity to ensure everyone isn't crowding around one trail sheet at the same time. They don't need to visit the sheets in a particular order.

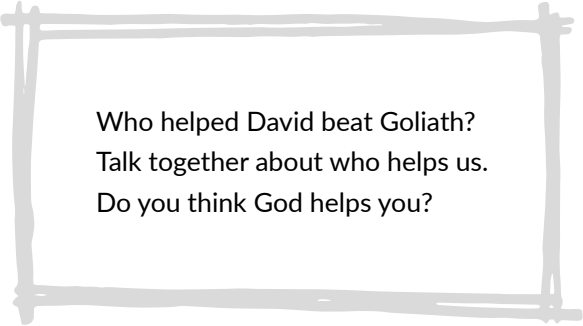
Show the children a Children's Bible. Tell them it is a book that Christians think is very special. Explain you're going on a story trail. On the trail they'll hear a story from the Bible. (If you'd like to read it first you can find it in the Bible in 1 Samuel chapter 17.)

Visit the trail sheets in any order. Each trail sheet has part of the story to read. There is a challenge for the children on each sheet e.g. Can you make yourself tall? There are pictures to count on each sheet.

Once the trail is completed, continue the learning. You'll find some ideas on the next page.


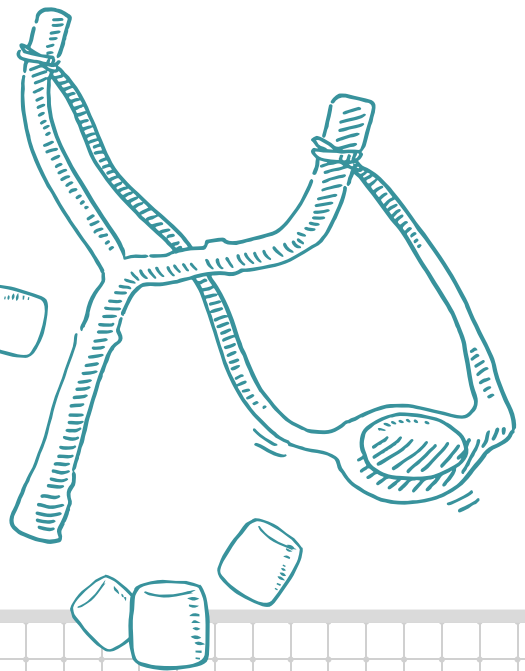
## Extend the Learning

You will want to let the children lead the direction of the learning. Here are a few ideas to have up your sleeve as you ask them which part of the story they'd like to explore.



Who helped David beat Goliath?  
Talk together about who helps us.  
Do you think God helps you?

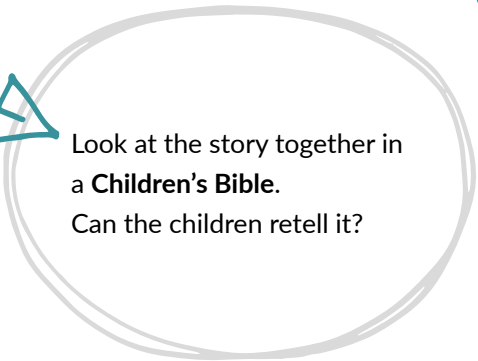
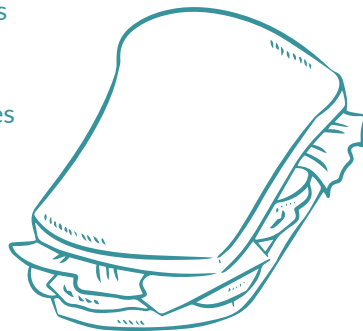
Play with slingshots (use scrunched up tinfoil to make balls). Can they make them work?



What do you think was in the packed lunch David took to his brothers?

Talk about their packed lunches or maybe even make a packed lunch or snack.

Who could they take it to?



Look at the story together in a **Children's Bible**.  
Can the children retell it?

Enjoy counting and measuring.

Can they count piles of pebbles?


How many did David pick up?

Can they find something tall and measure it?

**Go with the theme of giants!**

Do they know other stories about giants?

Can they make a giant?



Use the story Powerpoint (included in the downloads) to retell the story or print the pictures and encourage the children to use them to tell the story.

1.

Goliath was a giant.  
That means he was really tall.

Who is the tallest in your group?  
Can you make yourself taller?

**How many giants are on this sheet?**



## 2.

Goliath shouted at the soldiers. He shouted,  
'Come and fight me!' He was very loud.  
All the soldiers were scared.

Who is the loudest in your group?  
Can you shout like Goliath?

**How many scared soldiers are on this sheet?**



### 3.

There was a boy called David. His brothers were soldiers. David brought his brothers a packed lunch.

Can you find things to make a pretend packed lunch?  
What will you put in it?

**How many packed lunches are on this sheet?**





4.

Goliath shouted again. The soldiers were scared. But David wasn't scared.

David was short.

Who is the shortest in your group?  
Can you make yourself shorter?

**How many Davids are on this sheet?**



## 5.

David said 'God will help me win', and picked up 5 pebbles from the stream.

Can you count to 5?  
Can you find 5 pebbles?

**How many pebbles are on this sheet?**



## 6.

Goliath laughed at David. He was tall.  
David was short. Goliath thought he  
would win.

Can you make yourself tall then short?  
Can you spot something tall?  
Is there something short next to it?

**How many tall things are on this sheet?**





## 7.

David said 'God will help me win'. David had a slingshot. He put the pebble in his slingshot and made it fly.

Can you pretend to swing a sling shot round and round?

**How many slingshots are on this sheet?**



## 8.

The pebble hit Goliath on the head and he fell over. David used a sword to chop off his head! God had helped David beat the giant. All the soldiers cheered.

Can you cheer? Can you shout hooray?

**How many swords are on this sheet?**

