



MUST KNOW BIBLE STORIES

stories worth exploring

Story Script

First and Second Level (Session 1)

An active retelling of the Bible story 'David and Goliath'

Props needed:

- Toy sheep
- Packed lunch box
- Blue cloth or towel
- 5 stones
- Pretend sling shot
- Crown
- Sword
- Words printed out for 'David' and 'Goliath' to read

This is a story about a battle! A battle between two tribes of people. When this story happened people who loved and followed God were called Israelites. Can we all say that word together? 'Israelites'. The Israelites are one of the tribes of people in our story. They are the goodies in our story.

Split the class into two and tell one half that they are going to be the Israelites. The goodies!

The other tribe in our story are called the Philistines. Can we all say that word together? 'Philistines'. They were the enemies of the Israelites. They are the baddies in the story.

Tell the other half of the class that they are going to be the Philistines. The baddies!

The Philistines were terrifying. They were great in battles and often went out to war.

Ask the Philistines to practise roaring.

The Israelites were good in battles too but they were scared of the Philistines.

Ask the Israelites to practise being scared – trembling and knees knocking.

The Bible says that one day the Philistines and the Israelites set up camp on two hills facing each other.

Ask the two groups of children to wriggle round so they are facing each other with a gap in between.

The Israelites and the Philistines could look across the valley and see each other.

Can you stare at each other?!

One morning the Philistines came out of their tents and stared at the Israelites.

Philistines to stare

The Israelites came out of their tents and stared back

Israelites to stare

The Philistines roared

Philistines roar

The Israelites were scared

Israelites tremble and look scared

But then something even scarier happened. As the Israelites watched the tallest man they had ever seen stepped out of the Philistine army. He was huge! Like a giant!

Find the tallest boy in the Philistines and ask him to stand up. Give him a sword to hold.

The giant's name was Goliath and he was over 9 foot tall. The Israelites were terrified

Israelites tremble

And then Goliath spoke.

Ask Goliath to read these words (have them printed out separately) or to repeat them after you. It is probably wise to repeat them yourself afterwards to make sure everyone has heard.

'Send out your best soldier to fight me. If he wins we will be your slaves. But if I win, you will be our slaves'

Well now the Israelites were petrified

More trembling!

Nobody wanted to fight Goliath. He was huge and far too scary. They all went back into their tents.

The Bible says this happened for 40 days! Every morning and evening the Philistines and Israelites would come out of their tents and stare at each other.

Staring!

The Philistines would roar

Roar!

The Israelites would tremble

Tremble!

And then the giant called Goliath would step out and roar his challenge

Goliath to repeat his words

The Israelites were petrified

Tremble!

And no one would fight him.

(You can repeat this section as many times as you like!!)

What was going to happen to God's people? Would any of the Israelites fight Goliath?

Well, God hadn't forgotten about them. He knew what was going on and he knew they were in trouble. He had a plan. He was going to send someone to save them. You see there was one young boy.

Choose a boy from the Israelites and ask him to come and stand with you.

His name was David. His brothers were with the rest of the Israelites in the army but he had stayed at home to help his dad look after the sheep.

Give David some toy sheep to hold.

It wasn't an easy job to look after the sheep. It was lonely in the fields. And David had to protect his sheep from lions and bears! One day his dad asked him to take some food to his brothers in the army. David agreed and off he went.

Give David a packed lunch box to hold and then give to some of the Israelites.

The Bible says that just as David arrived at his brothers it was that time of day when Goliath stepped up and roared his challenge.

Goliath to read out his challenge again.

Yet again none of the Israelites volunteered to go and fight Goliath. Except – hold on – David did! This young boy who was just delivering food to his brothers said

Ask David to say (and you repeat afterwards)

'Who is this Philistine that he is allowed to scare the armies of the living God? I'll fight him'

David's brothers couldn't believe it. You're too little they said. But David found the King. King Saul.

Choose an Israelite to be King Saul and pop a crown onto their head.

King Saul couldn't believe it either but David said

Ask David to read (and you repeat afterwards)

'I look after my father's sheep. When a lion or a bear comes to steal a lamb I fight it and win. God who rescued me from the lions and bears will rescue me from this giant.'

King Saul said ok. None of the Israelites thought that this was a good idea. But David walked to a stream and picked up five pebbles.

Put down a blue cloth and five pebbles. Ask David to pick them up, counting as he does.

Then with only those and his slingshot

Give David a slingshot

He walked towards Goliath. Goliath saw him coming and laughed.

Ask Goliath to laugh

But David said

Ask David to read (and you repeat afterwards)

'I come to you in the name of the Lord. Today God will win and I will kill you and cut off your head. Then everyone will know that God rescues his people.'

David put one stone into his slingshot

Take the stones away from David and say we'll just pretend!

He swung it round and round and let the stone fly

As David swings the slingshot round you take one stone and carry it from David to Goliath touching Goliath on the forehead

It hit Goliath right in the middle of the head. Goliath fell to the floor

Encourage some dramatic acting!

He was knocked out! David ran over, took Goliath's sword and chopped off his head!

Now it was the Philistines who were scared

Philistines tremble

And the Israelites cheer!

Israelites cheer!

The Philistines started to run away but the Israelites chased them.

You might have to stop some enthusiastic acting at this point!

That is the end of our story. God knew what was happening to his people and he sent someone to save them. He rescued them from the Philistines.

Give yourselves a round of applause! Thank you for helping me tell the story.