

This resource is designed to allow your family to have time in God's Word **BEFORE** your children attend church. Because God's plan is for **parents to be the primary spiritual nurturers** of their children's faith, **we want YOU to be the one to introduce** this part of The Big God Story to them.

For additional support in spiritual parenting and to learn more about creating transforming environments in your home, be sure to pick up **HomeFront: A Spiritual Parenting Resource** from your church or download at HomeFrontMag.com. You can also access the HomeFront app for your iPhone, iPad, or Android device.



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God Is Powerful

Part of The Big God Story

1 Sam. 16—17

David Is Anointed and Faces the Giant

JUST FOR FUN

This week, ask your children, "If you could choose anyone to be king or queen for a day, who would you choose and why?" Then read **1 Samuel 16:7-13** and discuss what God looks for in a king. Whether or not you're familiar with the passage, do a fresh read of 1 Samuel 17 from your family's favorite translation. Then retell the story in your own words to your children, knowing what will be appropriate and interesting to them. Help your children understand that God was truly the one who defeated Goliath, working through David.



Did You Know?

- God's power is infinite and almighty, but He will never do anything or work in a way that would deny His own character.
- God can't lie (Hebrews 6:18). He can't be tempted, and He doesn't tempt others (James 1:13). God will never stop being God, nor will He act in a way that is inconsistent with any of His attributes. God is sovereign and all-powerful.
- In 1 Samuel 16—17, as the Philistines sent out their mightiest warrior, Goliath, the Israelites questioned how they'd overtake the Philistines. But who was Goliath compared to God's strength, power, and authority? Tools of child's play were weapons of victory in the hands of the almighty and sovereign God. His plans can not be thwarted.

Remember Verse

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.

Joshua 1:9

This is a great age to start establishing responsibilities around the house. Put your child in charge of one or two simple tasks, and be sure to set aside time for him to do these tasks each week. You can make things fun by turning on some music, putting on a smile, and praising your child for how helpful he is to you.

Teachable Moments

After reading **1 Samuel 16:7-13** and sharing **1 Samuel 17:1-58** in your own words, discuss the following together:

- How did God show his power through David?
- What kinds of things can God do with His power?
- How might God want to use His power in your life?

Blessing

For more information about blessing your child, see the Blessing section in **HomeFront: A Spiritual Parenting Resource**.

A blessing to pray over your child:

(Child's name), may you always remember that God is powerful and He will help you. May you always trust in Him.