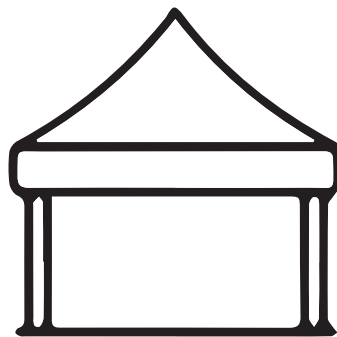


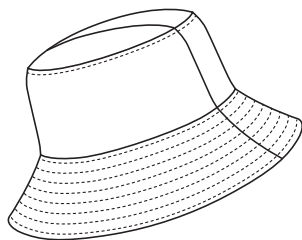
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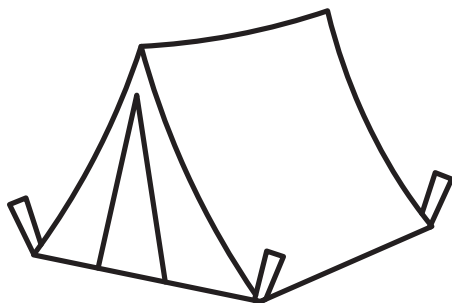
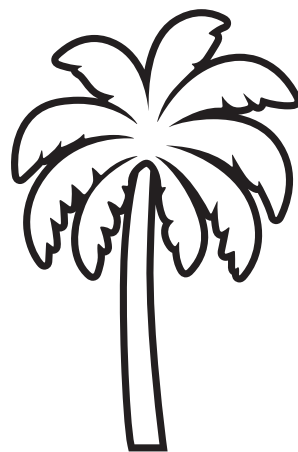
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## Unit 2: Shelter

### Faith Focus: God protects us.

*Let your loyal love and faithfulness always protect me.  
(Psalm 40:11)*

## SESSION 6

### GROW IN FAITH

#### God Is with David—1 Samuel 17:1-51a

The story of David and Goliath is well known. The tale of David, a young shepherd boy, defeating Goliath, a mighty warrior, has become a metaphor of hope for the underdog. Goliath is described as being nine feet tall. Not only was Goliath tall, but he wore impressive armor. David arrives at the army camp sent by his father to bring food to his three oldest brothers, who are in Saul's army. Goliath appears for a challenge, and David, a young but curious boy, wants to know what is happening. Recognizing that Goliath has insulted God, David uses his faith in God as courage to face Goliath. David is confident God is on his side. This is an action-packed story of fighting for victory, which can be a fun read for children. However, it is also important to note the violence. These types of battles were common for the times, but help children imagine alternative ways we can stand up for our faith today. David's win can give us a vision of hope for justice and peace in our lives today.

- Learn about bullies.
- Compare the sizes of different objects.
- Learn about safety.

### SESSION OUTLINE

#### COME TOGETHER

Prepare to Learn

Faith Focus—God Protects Us

Shield of Strength (Craft)

#### FAITH CONNECTIONS

Read the Story

Big Faith Video

Faith Response

#### FUN WITH FAITH

Story Figurines (Art/Storytelling)

Heart-Strong Stones (Art)

#### SHARE YOUR FAITH

Big Faith Idea—Faith in God

### SUPPLIES

crayons

markers

scissors

CEB Bible storybook

TV and DVD player or  
streaming device

sticky notes

pencils

clay or soft modeling dough

medium-sized smooth  
stones

acrylic paint

paintbrushes

cups of water

# COME TOGETHER

## Prepare to Learn

**Supplies:** All-Ages Class Pack, Activity Sheets, Activity Stickers

**Prepare Ahead:** Set up your area with the supplies and activity pages needed for today's session. Display the Unit 2 Bible Verse Poster (Class Pack—pp. 12 & 13), Unit 2 Faith Focus Poster (Class Pack—pp. 6 & 19), and Unit 2 Faith Response Poster (Class Pack—pp. 8 & 17) to use later in the session.

- As children arrive, invite them to join you in a circle.
- Give each child a copy of the "Fall Sticker Page" (Activity Sheets—p. 29) and their own set of Activity Stickers. Have children place the stone sticker on the Session 6 space.

**SAY:** This month we are hearing stories about how God protects God's people. God is a strong protector. God helps us be strong, too. There are many different ways to be strong.

**ASK:** What does it mean to be strong?

## Faith Focus—God Protects Us

**Supplies:** All-Ages Class Pack, crayons

**Prepare Ahead:** Display the Unit 2 Faith Focus Poster (Class Pack—pp. 6 & 19). Photocopy "God Protects David" (Leader Guide—p. 46) for each child.

- Give each child a copy of "God Protects David."

**SAY:** Today we are learning about how God protects us. The Bible story for today is about how God protected a boy, David, when he fought someone much stronger than him.

**ASK:** Who is the strongest person you know? What makes them strong?

- Give children time to color the page.

## Shield of Strength

**Supplies:** Activity Sheets, crayons, markers, scissors

**Prepare Ahead:** Tear out "Shield of Strength" (Session 6 Activity Sheet) for each child.

**SAY:** God helps us be strong in our bodies, hearts, and minds. God also helps us be strong in our faith. We can have strong faith like David does in our Bible story today. David trusted that God would help him and keep him safe.

**ASK:** Who helps you and keeps you safe? How does God help you be strong?

- Hand out the activity sheet and invite the children to decorate and cut out their shields.

**SAY:** God protects us in many different ways!

# FAITH CONNECTIONS

## Read the Story

**Supplies:** *CEB Bible storybook*

- Invite the children to join you in a circle.
- Read the story of David and Goliath (1 Samuel 17:1–51a) from your favorite CEB Bible storybook.

**SAY:** The story of how God protected David reminds us that even when we feel small and weak, God helps us. Just because someone is bigger than us doesn't mean they are better than us.

**ASK:** What do you want to do with God's help?

## Big Faith Video

**Supplies:** *Big Faith DVD, TV, DVD player or streaming device*

- Watch the Session 6 video on the Big Faith DVD or via your Amplify Media subscription.
- Share the questions on the screen with the children. You may also choose to add your own questions. Give children time to share their responses and ideas.

**ASK:** What was your favorite part of the video?

## Faith Response

**Supplies:** *All-Ages Class Pack, sticky notes, pencils*

**Prepare Ahead:** *Display the Unit 2 Faith Response Poster (Class Pack—pp. 8 & 17) and Unit 2 Bible Verse Poster (Class Pack—pp. 12 & 13) if you haven't already.*

- Invite children to wonder about the images on the posters.
- Encourage children to say the Bible verse with you.

**ASK:** Have you ever asked for God's help? What happened?

**SAY:** God can help us with big things and small things. God is always with us and protects us. Like David, we can ask for God's help.

- Lay the Faith Response Poster on the floor or a table and invite the children to gather around it.
- Give each child a sticky note. Encourage them to draw something they want to do with God's help.

**ASK:** What do you think you could do if you asked for God's help?

- As they share, invite children to place their sticky notes on the poster.

# FUN WITH FAITH

## Story Figurines

**Supplies:** clay or soft modeling dough, markers (optional)

**Prepare Ahead:** Separate clay or soft modeling dough into small sections, enough for each child to have some.

**SAY:** Over time, people have told stories that help them be strong when they don't feel very brave. The Bible story today is one of those stories. Remembering how David felt brave with God protecting him can help us feel brave.

**ASK:** What does it feel like to be brave? When do you feel brave?

- Invite children to make figures of David and Goliath from the clay and use the figures to act out the story.

**SAY:** God protects us when we need help, when we are in danger, or when we need to feel brave. God was with David, and God is with us.

**Tip:** You may wish to use a fast-drying clay that can be colored with markers.

## Heart-Strong Stones

**Supplies:** medium-sized smooth stones, acrylic paint, paintbrushes, cups of water

**SAY:** David knew he was going to have to be brave to fight Goliath. David asked God to help him be brave. God helped David win, but God also made David's heart strong so he wouldn't be afraid.

- Give each child a smooth stone.
- Invite the children to paint a heart on the stone to remember how God made David's heart strong. Assist younger children who need help.
- Let the stones dry.

**ASK:** Is your heart strong? How do you know? What can you do with a strong heart?

**SAY:** God helps our hearts be strong. And we can help each other's hearts be strong. We can remind each other that God loves us and protects us always.

# SHARE YOUR FAITH

## Big Faith Idea—Faith in God

**Supplies:** All-Ages Class Pack

**Prepare Ahead:** Display the Fall Big Faith Idea Poster (Class Pack—pp. 4 & 21).

Photocopy the Unit 2 Family Faith Letter (Leader Guide—pp. 93–94) as needed.

- Show children the Big Faith Idea Poster.

**SAY:** God protects us all through our lives, when we are facing big challenges and when we are facing small challenges.

**ASK:** What is a big challenge you need to ask God's help with? What is a small challenge?

**SAY:** God helps us be strong and brave, like God helped David. Whenever we don't think we can overcome a challenge, we can pray to God and ask God for help.

- Go through a series of motions along with repeating these words aloud: "God makes my heart strong (*hold hands over heart*). God makes my mind strong (*place hands on head*). God makes my body strong (*pump arm muscles*). God protects me always (*wrap arms around self*).\" Repeat several times together.
- Invite children to pray together.

**PRAY:** Repeat after me: "Holy God, thank you for protecting us. Remind us how you protected David and helped him overcome challenges. Help us be strong in our hearts, minds, and bodies so we can follow you always. Amen."

- Send the Family Faith Letter and activity home with each child who hasn't received them. Also send home any activities or items made during today's session.