



## Goliath Must Fall

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### Week 3: Who is David?

**What we want students to learn:** No matter what we may think, we are not David.

**What we want students to do with what they've learned:** Recognize their place in the story of God and trust Him to do what only He can do.

**Scripture Focus:** Matthew 28:18

### The Main Point

Welcome to week three of Goliath Must Fall. During this series, so far, we have identified our giants and recognized that fear, one common giant, must fall. We are continuing to pray that during the remainder of this series, students rely on the power of Jesus to defeat their giants. Thank you for helping make this a reality as you lead students towards that truth tonight.

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#### INTRODUCTION

Have you ever noticed how there seems to be a trend in movie characters? The likelihood is high that the majority of the movies you watch have similar characters. What do we mean by this? Often times in movies you will find similar types of people ranging from the hero to the funny one or the misunderstood one.

Have you ever found yourself identifying with the same type of character no matter what movie you are watching? Spend a few minutes discussing this with your students.

- **Whenever you watch movies, which type of characters do you tend to identify yourself with?**

Odds are you don't change the type of character you identify with every single time you watch a movie. Whether you identify with the type of person you want to be or the type of person you believe you are currently, we all have a tendency to do it. However, who we identify ourselves with says a lot about who we believe we are. We even do this with Bible stories, like David and Goliath.

PRAY that your group would take a step forward tonight relationally as you explore the Word of God together.

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#### LESSON

Who we identify ourselves with in the story affects what we do with the story. In the story of David and Goliath, we have the opportunity to identify ourselves and to identify the characters. Before identifying who each student believes they are in the story, ask them the following question to recap what they have learned about the story so far.

- If someone asked you to tell them the story of David and Goliath in a minute or less, how would you tell it?
- What is your favorite part about the story of David and Goliath?

Now, discuss who each student believes they are in the story.

- **Over the past couple of weeks, who have you related to the most in the story?**
  - *David – the hero who did what none of the Israelites could*
  - *The Israelites – the group of people who were too scared to move forward*
  - *Goliath – Mercilessly taunting the people around you*
- **Who do you want to be in the story of David and Goliath? Why?**
- **Which character in the story was the most like Jesus?**
  - *David*
- **How do you think they were like Jesus? What did they do that represented Him?**
  - *David did for the Israelites what they couldn't do for themselves, just as Jesus did for us what we could not do for ourselves.*
  - *There are people in the Bible known as "types of Christ." To put it simply, these are people in the Bible whose actions point to Christ himself, foreshadowing what Christ would one day do for us. David was one such person.*

## LIFE APPLICATION

The reality is, in the story of David and Goliath, we are not David. We are the Israelites in need of rescue. David represented the rescue that Jesus would one day offer us. But, this shouldn't discourage us. Actually, it should cause us to be even more grateful for what Jesus has done and who He hasn't asked us to be. He hasn't asked us to be the ultimate giant slayer. He knows that only He can do it.

- **How does it make you feel that Jesus, not you, is the David who has defeated your giants?**
- **How would you describe Jesus's power?**

During week one, your group read Matthew 28:18. Have someone read it for your group.

**Matthew 28:18** - "Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me."

Consider encouraging your group to memorize this verse over the next week.

- **How can knowing that Jesus is the only one who can defeat your giants change the way you live?**
- **What is one step you can take this week to trust Jesus to defeat your giants?**

## TAKE IT OUT

Close small group out with prayer requests. Pray that your students would trust Jesus to do what only He can do.

After prayer, be sure to remind them to sign up for Fusion and encourage them to get connected to THE WEEKEND!