

TEACHER'S QUICK-GLANCE CHEAT SHEET

SERMONS4CHILDREN
Classroom Companion Guide
1 Samuel 17:37 • Ages 4–11

Hidden Training: Before the Giant Fell

0:00–0:05 ARRIVAL TV Countdown & Welcome	0:05–0:15 LESSON David's Secret Battles	0:15–0:25 OBJECT & VERSE Unseen Weights & Memory	0:25–0:40 ACTIVE GAME Slingshot Toss & Craft	0:40–0:50 DISMISSAL Prayer & Parent Slips
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CORE BIG IDEA

God prepares kids for big moments through quiet faithfulness in small, everyday chores and choices.

TARGET MEMORY VERSE (1 Samuel 17:37)

"The Lord who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine."

STORY BEATS (Say This In Your Own Words)

- The Forgotten Pasture:** David wasn't invited to the army. He was out in the sun with smelly sheep doing quiet chores.
- The Secret Battles:** When a lion and bear attacked, David didn't run. God trained his hands in private when nobody clapped.
- The Giant's Valley:** King Saul and Israel's soldiers were trembling. Goliath taunted God's people for 40 days.
- Five Smooth Stones:** David didn't need Saul's heavy armor. He trusted the same God who trained him with the sheep!

OBJECT LESSON: The Unseen Weights

Prop: A backpack and 3 heavy books (or cans).

Action: Put the backpack on a volunteer. Add books labeled 'Making Bed', 'Sharing Toys', 'Doing Chores'.

Say: 'Doing small chores feels boring, but every time you obey God, you are building spiritual muscle for big moments!'

ONE-ROOM MULTI-AGE ROLE CHEAT

Ages 4–7 (Tactile Helpers):

- Make roaring lion & bear growls during the story.
- Choose one 5-year-old to hold the bag of smooth river stones.
- Question: 'Who helped David be brave with the scary animals?'

Ages 8–11 (Leaders):

- Read 1 Samuel 17:37 aloud from their Bible.
- Measure 9 feet on the classroom floor with a tape measure.
- Question: 'Why was David fearless while the army trembled?'

SENSORY & MOVEMENT ANCHORS

- **Pocket Stone:** Give each child a smooth stone to squeeze every time they hear the word 'faithful'. Take home in pocket.
- **30-Sec Armor Stretch:** Everyone stands up, pretends to wear giant heavy armor, stumbles, and shakes it off like David!

ACTIVE GAME: Slingshot Toss (10 Min)

Stack 5 empty plastic cups (labeled fear, worry, anger). Kids throw soft beanbags or rolled-up socks from 6 feet away. Use the 60-second TV timer!

CLOSING PRAYER (Read Together)

"Dear God, thank You for training me in quiet moments. Help me be faithful with small things, just like David. When I face big giants, remind me that You are with me! In Jesus' name, Amen."

DISMISSAL: Hand each child a Car Ride Home Pocket Slip as parents arrive!