



LARGE GROUP LESSON

BOTTOM LINE:

God can do big things with little things.

OBJECTIVE:

Kids will be challenged to trust Jesus with their hearts.

KEY PASSAGE:

1 Samuel 17:32-50, David and Goliath

INTRO:

You can make art with a lot of different art supplies. You can use pencils or pens. Markers or crayons, water color paints or oil paints. You can create collages with cut outs and glue. You can use brushes or sponges, or just throw paint on a canvas. There are no rules that say you have to do this or that to make art. It's all up to the artist. It's all up to your imagination.

All of the art I just mentioned takes one other art supply to make it happen. Paper! You can't draw, or collage, or paint, or color without something to draw or collage or paint or color on. If you have paper, you're good to go. If you have paper, you can grab whatever supplies you choose and go to town creating some art.

But what if you don't have other art supplies? What if you don't have crayons, markers, pens, pencils, watercolors, oils, or paste? What if all you have is paper? You can still make some art! That piece of paper, blank though it may be, can be folded into anything you have the imagination to create.

I'm sure all of you already know how to make paper airplanes and footballs, but how many of you can make an animal? Or a flower? Origami is the Japanese art of paper folding, and when you take the time to learn origami, you can create all of these things and more with just a simple piece of paper.

Art doesn't require expensive brushes or fancy oils. It doesn't have to be expensive. Sometimes something as simple as one sheet of paper can become an amazing work of art. That's the final message we want you to get from this series. In the hands of a master, the simplest things can become great. That's the message in today's Bible story.

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READ 1 SAMUEL 17:32-50

MAIN POINT:

Saul was the King of Israel. He was a brave and strong warrior, and he was surrounded by some of the fiercest, strongest, bravest men in Israel. The army of Israel was a mighty force with a tradition of greatness. They had toppled many kings and kingdoms over the years. Yet no one in all of Saul's army had the courage to stand up and face Goliath.

Goliath was a giant, a monster of a man with giant-sized armor and weaponry. He was big enough, fast enough, and fearsome enough to scare all the mighty men of Saul's army into their tents.

But what happened when the mighty giant stepped onto the battlefield with a young boy? He fell! The giant crumpled to the ground with one shot from a small sling. Only David had the faith to fight the giant, so God used David to kill the giant.

God is the master artist. He is the master Creator of our world and our universe. God wants us to place our lives in his hands, and when we do, he will do great things.

DRIVE IT HOME:

In week one we talked about what a great artist our God is. God created all living things on this Earth. He created the sun, moon, and stars. He created each one of us. God knows us better than we know ourselves, and God sees the potential in each one of our lives for greatness.

God gave us the ability to choose whether we will trust him with our lives. That's like an artist asking a piece of paper, "Do you want to become something great?" God will not come in until he is invited, but when he does, he begins to do great things, things we could never imagine!

God gave us the Bible to show us what he can do when we trust him with our lives. He gives us stories of men like Daniel, who survived a den full of lions. He gives us stories of the disciples, who learned to trust Jesus and have faith. He gives us stories like the story of young David, who took down a mighty giant.

I know you're just kids, but even kids can do great things. Kids can share Jesus with their friends. They can give from their hearts to those in need. They can change their neighborhoods, their schools, and their world. God can use you, right now, to do big things for Him!

It all starts when we give our heart to Jesus. If you're ready to do that this morning, then let us know.

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We would be glad to help you ask Jesus to be your Savior and start you on the path following Christ.

God can do big things through the simple things. He can do big things in your life. Let the master artist take you into his hands and do something great!

CLOSE WITH A SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Thank you for all the amazing things you do.

*In Jesus' name,
Amen*