



## Week 3



### Day 1: Brave Enough to Be Different

**Scripture Reading:** 1 Samuel 17:12-20

#### **Devotional:**

When we think about bravery, we often imagine someone doing something big and loud. But David's bravery actually started in a much quieter way: he simply showed up! David wasn't even supposed to be at the battlefield. He wasn't a soldier. His brothers were. He was just bringing them food and checking on them because his dad asked him to. Meanwhile, the real soldiers, the ones trained for battle, were standing around, afraid. It would have been easy for David to think, "This isn't my problem." But David didn't see himself as too small or unimportant. He was willing to step into a situation that others were avoiding. A heart after God is brave enough to be different. It doesn't follow the crowd, it follows God. Sometimes bravery looks like: doing the right thing when others don't, speaking up when something isn't fair, or showing kindness when it's not popular. David's story reminds us that God often uses the person who is simply willing to show up and trust Him!

#### **Discussion:**

1. When is it hard to do the right thing if others aren't doing it too?
2. What is one way you can "show up" and do what's right this week?

#### **Prayer:**

God, help me to be brave enough to do what's right, even when others don't. Give me courage to follow You instead of the crowd. Amen.



Welcome to our week 3 devo for Pet Squad! All month long we are taking a look at the life of David to see what it looks like to have a heart after God's heart! This week, we are learning A Heart After God is Brave through the story of David facing Goliath. This is going to be un-*fur*-gettable!

### Day 2: Brave Because God is Bigger

**Scripture Reading:** 1 Samuel 17:23-32

#### **Devotional:**

Everyone else saw Goliath and thought, "He's too big. We can't win." But David saw the same giant and thought something very different: "God is bigger than him." That's what made David brave. The difference wasn't the size of the giant, it was the size of David's trust in God. When David heard Goliath mocking God and scaring the army, something stirred in him. He couldn't just stand there and do nothing. Not because he thought he was amazing, but because he knew God was.

A heart after God doesn't ignore scary situations, it just sees them differently. We all have "giants": fear of failing, worry about what others think, or situations that feel too big. Bravery doesn't mean those things disappear. It means we remember that God is stronger than anything we face.

David didn't ask, "How big is Goliath?"  
He believed, "How big is my God?"

#### **Discussion:**

1. What is something in your life that can feel like a "giant"?
2. How can remembering God's power help you face it?

#### **Prayer:**

God, You are bigger than anything I face. Help me to trust You when I feel afraid and remember that You are strong. Amen.

## Day 3: Brave Enough to Trust God's Way

**Scripture Reading:** 1 Samuel 17:38–40

### Devotional:

Before David went to face Goliath, King Saul tried to help him by giving him armor. It probably looked impressive: strong, shiny, and protective. But there was a problem: it wasn't made for David. David tried it on, but he couldn't move well. It slowed him down. So he made a brave decision and he took it off. That might not seem like a big deal, but it was. David could have thought, "I need this to look like a real soldier," or "People will take me more seriously if I wear this." Instead, he trusted God with what he already had: a sling, some stones, and his experience of God's faithfulness. A heart after God is brave enough to trust God's way, even when it looks different from everyone else's. Sometimes we feel pressure to: fit in, do things the way others do, or be like someone else. But God made you YOU on purpose! And He can use you just as you are, with a heart after Him. David didn't win because he looked like a soldier. He won because he trusted God!

### Discussion:

1. When do you feel pressure to be like someone else?
2. What is something unique about you that God can use?

### Prayer:

God, thank You for making me the way I am. Help me to trust You and not try to be someone else. Use me just as I am. Amen.

## Day 4: Brave Because God Fights for You

**Scripture Reading:** 1 Samuel 17:41–50

### Devotional:

When David finally stood in front of Goliath, it must have been intimidating. Goliath was bigger, stronger, louder, and definitely more experienced. But David didn't rely on his own strength. He said something powerful: "The battle belongs to the Lord." David understood something we often forget, he wasn't fighting alone. A heart after God is brave because it knows God is with us and working through us. David still had to step forward. He still had to swing the sling. But the victory didn't come from his ability, it came from God's power. This is important: bravery doesn't mean doing everything yourself. It means trusting God to do what you cannot!

### Activity: "Give It to God" Stones

Grab 3–5 small stones (or pieces of paper if stones aren't available) & a marker.

Have each child think of something that feels hard, scary, or like a "giant" in their life. Write one "giant" on each stone (or paper). It could be things like: "Fear of being alone", "Worry about school", or "Being left out". Then, hold the stones and say together: "The battle belongs to the Lord!" After that, place the stones in a bowl, as a way of symbolically giving those worries to God.

### Prayer:

God, thank You that I don't have to face things alone. Help me to trust You and give me courage to take the next step. Amen.

## Memory Verse

**"The Lord does not look at the things people look at.  
People look at the outside of a person.  
But the Lord looks at what is in the heart."**

**1 Samuel 16:7b**

