

FAMILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

GOD HAS MADE A GREAT MANY PROMISES. THEY ARE ALL "YES" BECAUSE OF WHAT CHRIST HAS DONE. SO THROUGH CHRIST WE SAY "AMEN." WE WANT GOD TO RECEIVE GLORY. – 2 CORINTHIANS 1:20

PROMISE OF PROTECTION

"THE NAME OF THE LORD – IS A STRONG TOWER – THE RIGHTEOUS RUN TO IT – AND ARE SAFE"

POINT UP

ARMS TALL LIKE A TOWER

RUN IN PLACE

HUG YOURSELF

STORY: DAVID & GOLIATH – 1 SAMUEL 17

DISCUSS: READ THE BIBLE STORY FROM 1 SAMUEL 17 OR FROM YOUR FAVORITE STORY BIBLE. HAVE YOUR KIDS RETELL THE STORY IN THEIR OWN WORDS & ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS TOGETHER.

- What's a "big challenge" you are facing right now—something that feels hard or scary?
- Why do you think David was brave even when everyone else was afraid?
- How has God protected you or our family in the past?
- When you feel afraid, what's one way you can remind yourself that God is with you?
- If God could help David with a giant, how can He help us with our challenges today?

BIG IDEA: GOD PROTECTS US WHEN WE FACE BIG CHALLENGES

DID YOU KNOW?

The Valley of Elah, (pictured below) where David fought Goliath, was in between Gath, where Goliath was from, and Bethlehem, David's hometown. It is named for the elah (terebinth) trees that grow there.



SOMETHING TO NOTE:

1 Samuel 17:45 says, "Everyone gathered here will know the Lord does not need swords or spears to save people. The battle belongs to him! And he will help us defeat all of you." David does not insert himself into the place of honor for what was about to happen. He gives all the glory to God for the victory that was at hand. David knew that he could not defeat Goliath on his own. Only the Lord could deliver Israel from their enemies, no matter how big and strong they were.

PRAYER PROMPT:

"God, thank You for protecting David when he faced Goliath. Thank You for protecting us when we face big challenges. Help us to trust You when life feels scary or hard. Please give our family courage, just like You gave David. In Jesus' name, Amen."