

Collective Worship



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The Young Hero and the Horrible Giant

This Collective Worship session encourages the children to think about how David fought Goliath and won. God always wins His battles. This session challenges the children to think about how even though they are young they can be brave.

What you will need

- The Jesus Storybook Bible (by Sally Lloyd-Jones)
- The Cheeky Pandas video "The Young Hero and the Horrible Giant"
- The picture of a tall mountain and a way to show it

How it works

The following are suggestions of what you might include in this collective worship time. Please adapt to ensure it is appropriate for your context. It incorporates a Cheeky Pandas video for you to use. There is the option of a reflection or prayer activity depending on your setting.



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Welcome

Greet the group in the way you usually would in your setting, e.g. Good morning everyone!
Let's find out what we are thinking about today.

Say: Today's theme is about being brave. Together we're going to look at how the Bible tells us that David fought the giant Goliath and won. This will help us to think about how even though we might be young we can be brave with God's help. First we're going to have a game of 'Would you rather?'

Explain that the children need to choose between two options. For option A they can put their hands on their heads, for B, their hands on their shoulders.

Would you rather battle...

1. A gold fish
2. A snail

1. A snowman
2. A Christmas tree

1. A dragon
2. A dinosaur

1. A dish cloth
2. A sponge

Say: Well done everyone. Today in our story the Cheeky Pandas are conquering something enormous.

I wonder:

- What's the biggest hill or mountain you've climbed?

Think about it and then share your answers with the person next to you.

The Cheeky Pandas Present...

Show the Cheeky Pandas video clip: [The Young Hero](https://www.cheekypandas.com). This video is available at www.cheekypandas.com. Remember to pause this video before the Bible story starts.

Let's Chat

- What was the small object Benji had that helped the pandas?
- How do you think the pandas felt when they arrived at the top of the giant mountain?
- What Bible story do you think the narrator is talking about?

Think about it and then share your answers with the person next to you.

The Jesus Storybook Bible

Say: Let's watch the Bible story now. This Jesus Storybook Bible video tells us the story of David and Goliath from 1 Samuel 17.

Continue the Cheeky Pandas video clip: [The Young Hero](https://www.cheekypandas.com). This video is available at www.cheekypandas.com. Remember to continue this video from where the Bible story starts.

Let's Reflect

[Show the picture of a tall mountain]

Say: Let's reflect on what we've watched and chatted about. David was a young boy who spent most of his time looking after the sheep, but in the Bible it tells us that God had big plans for Him. David needed to be brave and trust that God would be with Him. Then he defeated Goliath in a battle that seemed really unequal.

Have a think for a moment: are there things in your life that feel like they are a 'Goliath' to you? Or, maybe they feel like a big mountain, like the pandas climbed. Are there things you can do to help you to be brave when you are tackling these difficult situations? Maybe you could ask a friend or teacher to help? (Maybe you could pray and ask God for help!)

Please remember that if you are finding things really tough you can find a trusted adult to talk to.

When you get back to your classrooms, you could write down any ideas you have.

Let's Pray

In our story today we heard David say "It isn't how strong you are or how many swords and spears you have that will save you - it is God who saves you! This is God's battle. And God always wins His battles!"

Christians believe that we can ask God for help anywhere, at anytime, about anything. God can help us to be brave and, more than that, God will be with us through any battles we face. David still had to face Goliath, we will still have difficult situations, but God is with us.

So let's pray:

Dear Father God, thank you that no matter where we are, we can talk to you about anything. Thank you that, just knowing that you are near, we are made brave. Help us in the difficult situations that we face and remind us that you are near. In Jesus' name we pray, AMEN.

Thank you for taking part in our time of collective worship. May you know God with you today.



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