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Hi again everyone,

Welcome back to another JAM - at- home! Welcome to children who have recently joined our schools so are seeing this for the first time. JAM is usually an after school club run once a half-term (free of charge) for all pupils who would like to join us, by people from our local Church of England and Methodist churches – but due to Coronavirus we have had to go “on line” like so many other things! Our fun sessions are usually based round a Bible story, craft work, games and simple worship. Just before lockdown we had our first All-Age JAM session when Mums and Dads and Grannies and Grandads and little brothers and sisters all came as well, and we all enjoyed our Pancake Party. We hope that one day we will be able to do something like that again... but not at the moment!

Today’s story is from the Old Testament part of the Bible - and it is all about someone quite small (not that much older than you!) facing up to something VERY BIG and how he trusted God and God helped him! WE have all had to face up to some pretty big things recently.... like coronavirus and not being allowed to do the things we normally do, like not being at school, like coming back to school and finding it is all different, like being in a new class, like starting school for the first time.... And we don’t know what other big things we will have to face up to in the future... So let’s find out about the story of David and Goliath. You can watch the **story** here...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r8sabC-CHVA>

(or there is a shorter version here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NuedVFB8-7Y>)



Wow – God helped David to be super brave and to deal with something, or rather someone, super BIG!

We usually do lots of different **crafts at JAM** whilst we think a bit more about the story.... Well here are some suggestions for you to try at home!

You could get some old wallpaper or lining paper and draw/paint a huge picture of Goliath

Or you could find a stone outside and paint it, or write on it with felt pens (eg David trusted God) – but don’t throw it at anyone!

Or you could make a bag – David went to his brothers and brought them food – maybe in a



bag a bit like this! You will need a piece of paper (about A4 size – it can be any sort of paper – newspaper, coloured paper, wrapping paper etc), scissors, glue stick and maybe some sticky tape too... follow the instructions here... (you could put special things in the bag, or even make a bag to wrap a present in for someone!) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CIODkWbLmjY>



Could you draw a picture for a newspaper report about this story? ... Look at the activity at the end of this email!

Can you spot the differences in these pictures of David and Goliath?

<https://sundayschoolzone.com/activity/david-and-goliath-spot-the-differences/view/>



If you have been to our last few JAM sessions, you will know that we have been singing a new **song about Jesus**, who keeps us safe and helps us. That theme fits really well with our story of David and Goliath! Can you sing along with it on here and do all the actions – and maybe teach other people in your house? It's called "My Lighthouse"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JeJvKkBV6rY>

And now, let's finish with a **prayer** and then our special JAM prayer,

Loving Father God, Thank you that you helped David
when he was fighting someone big.

Please help us when we are worried about big things and little things.

Thank you that we can talk to you about them and
that you care about us and will help us. Amen

May God bless ME (point to yourself),

God bless YOU (point to other people),

God bless EVERYONE (open your arms out wide),

All over the world (draw a big world shape circle with your hands). Amen

Have a great half term and we look forward to our next JAM time together!

Love from All the JAM Team

MISSING PICTURE!

There was no such thing as photography in Bible times. Perhaps you could complete this 'newspaper' report by drawing the necessary picture?

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Local Boy Defeats Giant

Recent reports from the frontline in the valley of Elah tell of an amazing Israelite victory. David, the local shepherd boy, has killed Goliath, the infamous giant soldier of the Philistine army.

Goliath, at nearly three metres tall, was almost twice the size of our young shepherd boy. Also, against the experienced Goliath's full armour, David came with nothing but his shepherd's sling as his weapon.

Eyewitnesses claim that David

was seen walking along a stream where he chose five smooth stones, exchanged a few battle cries with Goliath, and then, in one quick move, ran forward and hit the giant right between the eyes with an early volley from his sling. □