

5 Simple Ways You Can Make This Lesson Stick With Your Kids

THIS WEEK'S LESSON: USE YOUR SLINGSHOT

IN THE CAR:

Ask your child what they learned about this week on the drive home: Today, we learned about David and Goliath! God gave David the power to do something amazing—defeat a giant. Today, God still gives us the power to defeat giant-sized problems, including the problem of people using angry words against us. When people yell at us or call us names, we can find strength and comfort from their angry words by listening to God's words from the Bible instead. We looked at several places in Scripture that show how much God loves us.

HANGING OUT:

Make this week's lesson real: The Bible verses we looked at this week that show God's love were Psalm 139:13-14; Jeremiah 29:11; Romans 8:35-38; and 1 John 4:8b. Write your child four short handwritten notes this week (one for each passage) that includes God's words of love copied from the Bible, as well as your own expression of love for them.

AT DINNER:

Here are some great discussion starters:

- Goliath carried a sword, a shield, and other powerful weapons when he went out to fight David. What did David take with him to fight Goliath?

- Why was David confident that he could defeat a giant with those simple weapons?

- How does God give you the strength to face giant-sized problems, like people using angry words against you?

AT BEDTIME:

Quiz your child on this week's memory verse:

Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry." (James 1:19b, NIV)

PARENT TIME:

What you need to know: All of us are discouraged by the angry words of others. Chances are good that you'll face angry words at some point this week—maybe from your spouse, your boss, or a motorist with road rage. When you do, make a conscious effort to focus on God's words of love for you. It won't make your problems disappear, but chances are good that you'll feel better!

ANGRY WORDS: USE YOUR SLINGSHOT