

## WEEK 2: David and Goliath

**Big Idea:** God helps us be who he created us to be.

### HANGOUT

1. Supply enough modelling clay or play dough for the whole group. Direct everyone to shape their clay into something that reveals an aspect of who they are (e.g., a leaf could show a love for nature; an animal could show a love for pets; a book shape could show a love of reading). While the kids sculpt, introduce today's Big Idea: **God helps us be who he created us to be.** Discuss:
  - Where do you feel most comfortable being yourself?
  - Who do you think accepts you just the way you are?
  - Have you ever experienced a time when you didn't feel accepted for who you are? What happened?
2. Invite the kids to show their creations to the group and share about why they made it. Emphasize that God created each of them uniquely to do incredible things!

Watch this week's video on the Kids and Youth playlist at [youtube.com/themeetinghouse](https://youtube.com/themeetinghouse)

### HEAR

3. Let the kids know that David faces a major challenge in today's God Story. Encourage everyone to listen closely to find out how this young man defeated a huge warrior by staying true to who God created him to be!
4. Look up and read about David and Goliath in 1 Samuel 17:20-49.
5. Discuss:
  - Was David a soldier in the Israelite army? (No)
  - What was his job? (Shepherd)
  - How did being a shepherd prepare David to face Goliath? (See verses 34-37)
  - In verse 38, what did Saul give David to help him fight Goliath?
  - Why did David refuse to wear the armour? (He wasn't used to it)
  - Which weapons did David choose to face Goliath? (Smooth stones, shepherd's staff and sling)
  - Did Goliath, King Saul, the Israelite army, or even David's own brothers believe he could defeat the giant? (No)
  - Why was David confident that he could do it?
6. Explain that God helped David be who he created him to be: a shepherd, a warrior, and—eventually—a king! Let the kids know that another shepherd chose to give his own life to save his sheep. Ask the kids if they know who you're talking about. (Jesus!)

**HUDDLE**

7. Reinforce that **God helps us be who he created us to be** by watching and dancing along with Group Publishing's "Made For This" (<https://youtu.be/jvKuOi3YEAM>).
8. Explain that the activities that give us the most joy and satisfaction are clues that help us discover who God created us to be. Chat with the kids about what gives them the most satisfaction and joy.
9. Highlight that following Jesus helps us be who God created us to be. We might get off track sometimes, but we can encourage and help one another when it happens.
10. Pray, "Thank you, God, for making each of these amazing kids [mention each one by name], and for all the ways you're working in their lives. Please bless each of them and teach us how to follow Jesus. We love you! Amen."

# Word Search: David & Goliath

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K O I S R A E L R D L X J T V  
Q Y N E V Q Z M K A M D D S R  
D I B P A S A S S V G M Y V S  
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J V I T M T Y W A L I O N H G  
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DAVID  
SHEPHERD  
GIANT  
GOLIATH  
ISRAEL

CHALLENGE  
BROTHERS  
LION  
BEAR

KING SAUL  
PHILISTINE  
STONES  
SLING



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