

Big Idea: God can do big things with little things

Key Verse: “And everyone gathered here will know that the Lord rescues his people...” - 1 Samuel 17:47

Summary: With some creativity, even something as simple as a piece of paper can be turned into something amazing. Families will learn with God’s help, even the simplest things can be used to do big things. (1 Samuel 17:32-50)

Materials Needed: A Bible, Paper (various colors if available)

Application : No matter how insignificant we may think we are, God has given us his Holy Spirit through baptism. Through this gift of the Spirit we are able to do great things for God’s glory. With His help, we can share His love for us with those around us.

Craft & Learn

Craft: Give everyone a square piece of paper, and see if they can follow directions to make their own origami sculpture.

There are a variety of tutorials online that you can follow. Check Pinterest or YouTube to find a variety of directions that you think your family may be able to follow.

Lesson: For many people a piece of paper is a blank canvas on which to create art, but for some people, the paper itself can be art. Paper can be folded into so many things if you know what you are doing. I’m sure we can all fold paper into a simple airplane, but can you make a football, or some other origami?

Paper seems like such a simple thing, but even a piece of paper can become something amazing in the hands of an artist. The same is true for each of us. In the hands of the master artist (God) even our simple lives become amazing.

God used a shepherd boy to slay a giant. He can use kids just like you to change your friends, your neighborhood, and even the world. Trust that with the Holy Spirit in our hearts, God will do something amazing in our lives.

Prayer: Dear God, thank you for all the amazing things you do with us. In Jesus’ name, Amen!

Explore the Bible

Introduction: You can make art with a lot of different supplies. You can use pencils or pens, markers or crayons, water color paints or oil pastels. There are no rules that say you have to do this or that to make art. It's all up to the artist. It's all up to your imagination.

All of that art we just mentioned all takes one other art supply to make it happen... Paper! You can't draw, paint, or color without something to do it on. If you have paper, you are good to go.

But what if you don't have other art supplies? What if all you have is paper? You can still make some art! That piece of paper, blank though it may be, can be folded into anything you have the imagination to create!

What can you make with paper?

Sometimes something as simple as one sheet of paper can become an amazing work of art. That's the final message we want you to get from this summer series in "The Studio." In the hands of a master, the simplest things can become great. It's what we see in this Bible lesson

The Story: Read David & Goliath - 1 Samuel 17:32-50

Main Point: Goliath was a giant, a monster of a man with giant-sized armor and weapons. He was big enough, fast enough, and fearsome enough to scare all the mighty men of Saul's army into their tents. But what happened when the mighty giant stepped onto the battlefield with a young boy? He crumpled to the ground with just one shot from a small sling. Only David had the faith to fight the giant, so God used David to lead his people to victory.

God is the master artist. He is the master creator. With our lives in his hands, God can do great things! In fact he already has. When we were baptized, he forgave all of our sins because of Jesus' death on the cross. Then he began working in our hearts through the Holy Spirit to give us a faith that we can put into action.

Sometimes we may feel like we are just kids, or not very important people in God's plan for this world. As we saw in the story of David and Goliath though, God can do great things with the unimpressive. We can share Jesus with our friends and neighbors. We can give to those in need. We can change our neighborhoods, cities, and even the world. God can use us right now to do big things for him!

Prayer: Dear God, Thank you for taking us and making us into masterpieces that bring you glory. Help us to do great things in your name and for your glory. In Jesus' name, Amen!

Family Game Time

Paper Air Force:

Materials Needed: Paper

How To Play: Give each family member a piece of paper to fold into a paper airplane, then line up in a straight line.

Each person will throw their airplane in turn. The plane that flies the farthest will win.

The winner gets to choose their favorite restaurant from which to order take-out for a family meal.

Family Discussion Starters

Kindergarten - 2nd Graders:

Read: David & Goliath - 1 Samuel 17:32-50

Questions:

1. What did David volunteer to do?
2. What was Saul's first answer to David?
3. What did David use to defeat the giant?
4. What lesson do we learn from David's story?

3rd Graders - 5th Graders:

Read: David & Goliath - 1 Samuel 17:32-50

Questions:

1. Why did Saul say David could not fight Goliath?
2. Why do you think David wanted to fight the giant?
3. How did David defeat the giant?
4. Do you think God can use kids to do great things?

Prayer: Dear God, Do something big with each one of our lives. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen!



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