



NOVEMBER THEME

**HALL OF FAME**

Everyone's a VIP

**BIBLE STORY**

1 Samuel 17

Take a Chance on Me | David + Goliath

Spark Story Bible

David and Goliath (pg. 130-135)

**BOTTOM LINE**

Honor others by giving them a chance

**MEMORY VERSE**

"Love one another deeply. Honor others more than yourselves."

Romans 12:10 NIV

**LIFE APP**

Honor | Letting someone know you see how valuable they really are

**BASIC TRUTH**

I should treat others the way I want to be treated

**FOR LEADERS ONLY**

**GOD VIEW:** the connection between **HONOR** and God's character, as shown through God's big story.

**Key Question: How does it make you feel when you're overlooked?** This is an important question for families to discuss as we all work to navigate the complexity of friendships. When it comes to honor, remembering what it's like when you feel dishonor can help you remember to show honor. When we understand how we feel in these situations, we can start to see how our actions may make others feel the same way.

We kick off November in **1 Samuel 17** with a key person in God's One Big Story: David. Being overlooked is something that David knew all too well: from being the last person considered the next king of Israel to having people question if he should face Goliath. But God chose him and helped him defeat the mighty Goliath.

**Bottom Line: Honor others by giving them a chance.** From pick-up games at recess to group projects in the classroom, to presentations at the office, we all know what it's like to be overlooked and not given a chance. But what if we saw each other as valuable no matter what and learned to give others a chance? This could be a game-changer for us in feeling left out. We pray that we will start to see that everyone should be honored.

**SOCIAL: PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION**

Welcome kids and spend time engaging in conversation and catching up. Get ready to experience today's story.

Before kids arrive, **PRAY** for each group member by name. The majority of kids know what it feels like to have someone overlook them. Pray that God would bring those moments to mind in order to help kids empathize with others. Ask God to use those situations to teach kids to be people who give everyone a chance, no matter who they are.

**•• EARLY ARRIVER IDEA**

**Made to Connect | An activity that invites kids to share with others and build on their understanding**

**What You Need:** "Honor" coloring page, crayons

**What You Do:**

- Hand out "Honor" coloring pages as kids arrive. Set out crayons where everybody can share them.
- Lead kids in a discussion about "honor." Tell them that "honor" means letting someone know you see how valuable they really are. Ask some of the following questions:
  - Who are some valuable people in your life? (*mom, dad, sibling, teacher, etc.*)
  - What valuable things do they do for you?
  - How do you show them they are valuable to you?
  - Who is somebody who shows you that you are valuable? How does that make you feel?



• Tell kids that you are going to hear a story/you heard a story in worship about a boy named David. God honored David by giving him a chance to help in a big way!

•• **IF...**

**Made to Move** | An activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body

**What You Need:** No supplies needed

**What You Do:**

- Guide kids to stand up around your small group table.
- Call out a series of qualifiers, guiding kids to move a particular way. You might say:
  - If you're wearing red, stomp your feet.
  - If you're wearing tennis shoes, touch your toes.
  - If you're wearing green, spin around.
  - If you have short hair, touch your nose.
  - If you have long hair, touch your ears.
  - If you're wearing blue, put your hands on your hips.
  - If you're wearing socks, touch your knees.
  - If you have brown hair, clap your hands three times.
  - Feel free to come up with some of your own.
- End by calling, "If God loves you, give someone a high five!"
- Throughout the game, keep a quick pace to keep interest high.

**What You Say:** [Transition] Today in Sunday CM worship/WOW family worship, we are going to hear/we heard about something that God wants EVERYONE to do!"

[Sunday Leaders: Lead your group to Fellowship Hall for Children's Ministry worship. Wednesday Leaders: Continue with the study.]

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## GROUPS: CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT

Create a safe place to connect and learn how the Bible story applies to real life experiences, through interactive activities and discussion questions.

•• **A STONE'S THROW** [Talk about God | Bible Story Review]

**Made to Create** | An activity that explores spiritual ideas through the process of drawing, building, and designing

**What You Need:** "5 Stones" activity page, crayons, Spark Story Bible

**What You Do:**

- Hand out a "5 Stones" activity page to each kid in your small group. Set out crayons where everybody can share them.
- Encourage kids to color the stones as creatively as they can while you read today's Bible story from the Spark Story Bible ("David and Goliath," pg. 130-135).
- After you finish the story and kids are finishing up their coloring project, ask open-ended questions to help them engage with the story and go a bit deeper into today's theme:
  - What was your favorite part of the story?
  - How do you think David felt when King Saul didn't think he could defeat Goliath?
  - Have you ever felt like other people weren't giving you a chance? When? How did you feel?



- Encourage kids to take their drawings home with them to remind them to **[Bottom Line] honor others by giving them a chance.**

**What You Say:** “Was David big and tall like Goliath? (*No!*) Did David look like a mighty soldier? (*No!*) David didn’t LOOK like a soldier or a giant-defeater, but God doesn’t care what people look like. God cares about who people are on the inside. God knew that David loved God and would follow God no matter what, and so God honored David by giving him a chance. We can do that, too. We can **[Bottom Line] honor others by giving them a chance.**

“What are some ways that you can **[Bottom Line] honor others by giving them a chance?** (*I can choose someone new to play with; I can sit by somebody who is isn’t sitting with anyone; I can invite someone who’s new to come and play at my house; I can invite someone who doesn’t get invited to many birthday parties to come to mine.*) **[Make It Personal] (Share a way you’ll honor someone by giving them a chance.)** God honored David by giving him a chance, and we can **[Bottom Line] honor others by giving them a chance, too.”**

•• **HONOR OTHERS** [Live for God | Application Activity]

**Made to Play | An activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and working as a group**

**What You Need:** “Trophy” stickers

**What You Do:**

- Help your group get into partners. (*If you have an odd number of kids, invite one to be your partner.*)
- Give each kid a sheet of “Trophy” stickers.
- Guide kids to quickly place all their stickers on their partners. When their sheet is empty, they can race to take stickers off themselves and put them on their partner. It will be a mad dash as kids scramble to out “honor” each other!
- The game ends when you yell “STOP!”
- Congratulate kids for honoring others more than themselves.

**What You Say:** “You guys did a great job honoring each other. When we honor others, we let them know how valuable they really are. What are some ways you can honor others this week? Could you let your little brother or sister choose what game to play or what show to watch? Could you sit with someone new at lunch? Could you choose someone different for your team? Could you play with someone you don’t normally play with? What are some other ways you could **[Bottom Line] honor others by giving them a chance?** (*Pause.*) So this week, remember: **[Bottom Line] honor others by giving them a chance.”**

•• **FIVE SMOOTH STONES** [Hear from God | Memory Verse Activity]

**Made to Move | An activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body**

**What You Need:** 5 sheets of copy paper, “Goliath” activity page

**What You Do:**

- Break the memory verse into 5 parts as follows:
  - Love one
  - another deeply.
  - Honor others
  - more than
  - yourselves.
- Crumple up your 5 pieces of copy paper into 5 “stones.”
- Ask for a volunteer to pretend to be David from today’s Bible story.
- Hold up the “Goliath” activity page. Encourage the stone thrower to throw his stones at Goliath, one at a time, while the group recites the corresponding part of the Bible verse.
- Repeat this activity until everybody has had a turn to play the part of David.

**What You Say:** “Romans 12:10 tells us to: Honor others more than yourselves (NIRV). What do you think it means to honor others more

