Bible Story for Big Question 1, Bible Truth 1

use with all THREE lessons

Place story in DDD Bible *take out* Big Question Briefcase *of BQB*

The Case of the Young Man with Something Special Inside

1 Samuel 17:1-11, 34-58; Psalm 19; Psalm 23

Story-telling Tips

Ahead of time:

1. Read the Bible verses and story. Pray!
2. Choose story action cues and/or prepare storyboard figures, if using. (Included in the Visual Aids books)
3. Practice telling story with the storyboard pictures, timing your presentation. Shorten, if necessary.

During your presentation:

1. Maintain as much eye contact as possible as you tell the story.
2. Put up storyboard figures/add story action cues as you tell the story. Allow the children to help you put them on the board, if desired.
3. Include the children in your story with a few questions about what they think will happen or words/concepts that might be new to them.

INTRODUCTION/ LISTENING ASSIGNMENTS

"Our story is called: The Case of the Young Man with Something Special Inside. Here is your listening assignment... " *Read from Detective Dan's Listening Assignment signs, but questions are summarized below:*

Detective Dan's Lesson #1 Listening Assignment:

I need to find out:

1. Who was the young man?

2. What was the something special he had inside?

Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:

Our Bible Verse is Psalm 42:1-2:

"As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?"

I need to find out:

1. Who had a soul thirsty for God?

2. How did God satisfy his heart?

Detective Dan's Lesson #3 Listening Assignment:

I found six clues, but only 4 of them are in the story.

They are: a tiger; a harp; a sling shot; a giant; a flashlight; and a lion.

Hold up each of them for the children to see as you identify them.

I need to figure out:

1. Which four belong in the story and which two don't?

2. Which one did David use to praise God? How?

Read the assignment questions, THEN SAY,

"Ok, Deep Down Detectives! Put on your best listening ears and see if you can hear the answers to Detective Dan's questions. When I finish telling the story, we will see if we can answer all the questions."

Read the Bible Truth story, answer questions, present the gospel and lead in prayer.

Listening Assignments answers; the gospel; and, an ACTS prayer are included with the story text at the end.

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The Case of the Young Man with Something Special Inside *1 Samuel 17:1-11, 34-58; Psalm 19; Psalm 23*

Story with lines separating paragraphs (text in bold, *optional interaction cues in italics) Numbers correspond to storyboard pictures and placement upon the storyboard. Alway feel free to use less pictures, if it's best for your kids. Simply black out the numbers next to pictures you do not plan to use. All pictures are found in the Visual Aids book. Put BG (background) pictures on storyboard ahead of time. SB pictures (listed below in story text) are added to board as you tell the story. These numbers are also found on the back of each picture.*
Tip: Stack pictures in numerical order before telling story for easy use. Use sticky-back velcro to attach pictures to storyboard felt. Use sticky-tac putty to stick a picture on top of another picture.

(SB1) David was a shepherd boy. Day and night, he watched his father's sheep out in the hills to keep them safe.

Pretend like you are holding a shepherd's crook in one hand. Hold other hand over eyes and turn head as if you were looking around.

At night, David would sit out under the stars and (SB2) think about God. God spoke to David in his heart as he thought about God and His Word, the Bible.

David knew God and loved Him. And David knew that God loved him, too. David (SB3) played his harp and sang songs to God as he watched over the sheep.

Pretend to play harp.

Sometimes as David watched the sheep, a (SB4) hungry lion or bear would come. They would sneak up and try to catch a sheep for their supper. Yum! Yum!

Can you roar like a lion or a bear?

A lion or bear could kill more than a sheep. They could kill David with their big, sharp teeth and claws. But David didn't run away. Why? Because David knew God in his heart. He believed God was with him and would help him to be the good shepherd He wanted David to be.

But was David right? WOULD God be with him? Would He help him...even against big, hungry lions and bears?

What do you think? Would God help David?

Yes, David WAS right! Yes, God WOULD help him! God gave David (SB5) courage in his heart to stand up to those big, hungry animals.

But God gave David more than courage. He gave him a good shot with his sling, too! too! So, David went after those lions and bears instead of running away! He wasn't going to let them have a sheep supper! No!

He put a rock in his sling and swung it round and round his head. Then, at just the right moment, he let it go! Away the stone flew through the air towards the big, hungry bear. "Zinggggg!"

David's rock struck the fierce animal in just the right place! "Thump!" and (SB6) down to the ground it went.

But sometimes even that wasn't enough! Sometimes the bear or lion would get back up and fight David. It wasn't going to give up its dinner that easily! Even then, God helped David. David would seize the fierce animal by the fur and kill it. Wow! Then at last, David would pull the poor, scared, woolly, wet bundle of sheepy fluff out of the animal's big, slobbery mouth and carry it off to safety.

Can you baa like a poor, scared sheep?

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***Story with lines separating paragraphs (text in bold,** optional interaction cues in italics)*

David (SB7) praised God for helping him. "God, I am the shepherd that keeps my father's sheep safe, but You are the shepherd who takes care of me," David exclaimed. "I love You! Thank You for always being with me and helping me! You work in my heart. You help me do everything You want me to do," David prayed.

"Yes, because You are with me, I will not be afraid of anything...not even lions or bears...not even death! You will give me everything I need," David told God.

One day (SB8) David's father had a special job for David. "Go and take food to your big brothers. They are away with the other men fighting our enemies, the Philistines. These enemies want to take over our land. They are strong and have big weapons that we don't have! It's going to be hard to beat them. Your brothers will need more food if they are going to fight well," he told David.

So David took the food and went walk, walk, walking off to where his brothers and the other men were fighting the Philistines.

Walk in place with David.

But when David got there, he was very surprised at what he saw. Yes, there were (SB9) his big brothers and (SB10) the other men.

Yes, there were (SB11) the strong enemies with all their weapons. But, NO ONE WAS FIGHTING!

Why was no one fighting? Because David's brothers and the other men were too busy looking and listening and trembling with fear at (SB12) GOLIATH, the huge enemy who was yelling at them!

"(SB13) One of you, come out here and fight me!" Goliath shouted at David's brothers and the other men. "If your man beats me, then your people win! But, if I beat your man, then our people win...and you have to give us YOUR land!" Goliath told them.

Yikes! No wonder no one was fighting! Who could beat Goliath?! He was nine feet tall (that's a lot taller than even your Daddy!) And oh, Goliath was so strong! And oh, Goliath had such big weapons...including a huge, heavy, sharp sword! Who would ever think they could fight this giant and win? Not David's brothers! Not the other men! Not even (SB14) mighty King Saul, their king!

That's why David's brothers and the other men just stood there, trembling, as Goliath shouted at them again and again. And that's why when Goliath finished shouting, they all ran away in fear!

Make a scared face and run in place like you are running away!

No, there was not a single man who thought he was strong enough to fight Goliath and win!

When David reached his brothers, he listened to Goliath's shouting, too. He saw how tall Goliath was and how strong his weapons were. He knew Goliath was a lot stronger than him, too. But David wasn't scared by Goliath like David's brothers and the other men! No, David was not scared...he was (SB15) MAD!

Make a mad face.

Goliath shouldn't say bad things about God! Goliath shouldn't say bad things about God's people! GOLIATH MUST BE STOPPED!

David knew how and he would tell the king.

What do you think David had in mind? How could Goliath be stopped?

"King Saul, don't worry about big, tall Goliath! I'll fight him!" David said.

King Saul was shocked. "David, you are not big like Goliath. You are not even as big as my men," the king replied. "You have no long, sharp sword or strong armor," he said.

Pretend to wave a big sword back and forth.

"Why aren't you scared to fight Goliath like the others? What hope do you have of beating him?" the king wanted to know. "How can you fight Goliath like this?"

David knew King Saul was right. He was younger and smaller than the rest of the men. He had no strong weapons. By himself, he knew he had NO CHANCE of beating Goliath. Yes, the king was right.

But David knew King Saul was wrong about something, too. King Saul was (SB16) forgetting about their God! He was the one, true, living God. He could help His people beat their enemies...even mighty Goliath. David knew and loved God in his heart. David knew God would help him, just like He had before.

Put your hand over your heart.

"King Saul, I am a shepherd. God has protected me many times from lions and bears. He helped me fight them and win with just my sling," David told him. "Goliath is no different from a lion or bear. God will protect me. He will help me beat him, too," David told the king. So (SB17) David went out to fight Goliath.

"Ha, Ha, Ha!" Goliath laughed as he saw David come out to fight him. He called David bad names and made fun of him. What a joke! David was so young and small compared with the other soldiers. He didn't even wear any armor! Why, he didn't even carry a sword! He would get rid of puny, little kid in no time at all!

Make a loud, mocking laugh.

But David didn't care what Goliath said or thought. He knew God deep inside his heart. He trusted in Him. "I have come in the Name of the Living God! He will help me strike you down!" David shouted back to Goliath.

Then (SB18) David went down to the stream and picked up five, smooth stones. He (SB19) put one in his sling. He swung his sling round and round his head and then let the first stone go. "Zingggggg!"

Count from 1 to 5 as you stoop over and pretend to pick up five stones. Then make circular motion over head as if winding up the sling and letting it go.

The stone went whizzing fast through the air and hit Goliath, "Thump!", right on the forehead.

Thump your head with the palm of your hand.

(SB20) Down, down, down, Goliath fell. He hit the ground with a great, big thud. Then (SB21) David took Goliath's very own sword and killed him.

When the rest of the enemies saw that the LORD had helped David beat big Goliath, (SB22) they ran away scared... with King Saul, David's big brothers and the other men chasing them all the way back home!

Run in place.

How (SB23) David's brothers and the other men praised God when it was all over! How (SB24) David praised God, too! David knew and loved God in his heart. He had believed God would give him victory...and God certainly did! And now everyone else—even all those enemies—could see that the LORD really was the one, true, living God, too.

Let's raise our arms and praise God, too! Yay!

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Cracking the Case: (story wrap-up for Listening Assignments)

It's time to see how we did with our Listening Assignment.

Detective Dan's Lesson 1 Listening Assignment:
1. Who was the young man? David.
2. What was the something special he had inside?
A heart to know and love God, given to him by God. A heart filled with the special happiness that only God can give.

For You and Me:
Just like David, God has given us a heart to know and love Him. We can ask God to show us what He's like and help us to know and love Him. We can ask God to give us His special kind of happy like He gave David.

Detective Dan's Lesson 2 Listening Assignment:
Our Bible Verse is Psalm 42:1-2:
"As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?"

1. Who had a soul thirsty for God? David did.
2. How did God satisfy his heart? David spent time learning about God, thinking about God, talking to God, and living for God. As he did, God worked in David's heart, satisfying him, giving him the special kind of happy that comes only from God.

For You and Me:
Just like David, God wants us to learn about Him, think about Him, talk with Him and live for Him. He wants to satisfy our hearts with Himself and His special kind of happy like He gave to David. We can ask Him to help us.

Detective Dan's Lesson 3 Listening Assignment:
Our six clues were: a lion, a stream, a tiger, a giant, a flashlight and a harp.
1. Which four belong in our story?
The harp, sling shot, giant and lion.
2. Which one did David use to praise God? How?
David used the harp to praise God. He thought about God and sang songs of praise from his heart as he played his harp.

For You and Me:
David thought about God and sang praises to Him. God worked in his heart, helping David know and love Him. God can help us know and love Him, too, as we think about Him and praise Him.

The Gospel (story wrap-up if NOT using Listening Assignments)

Our Bible Truth is:
How Can I Know What God Is Like?
He Shows Me What He's Like...
by the heart He gave me to know and love Him!

God gave each of us a heart to know and love Him, too. He wants us to say "no" to disobeying Him and trust in Jesus as our Savior. When we do, God will forgive our sins and save us! He will live in our hearts, helping us know Him now. He can satisfy our heart, giving us a special kind of happy only He can give. And one day, we will go to live with Him in heaven forever. That will be best of all!

Close in prayer.

Closing ACTS Prayer

A We praise you, God, that You show us what You are like! You are our great Maker. You made us with hearts to know and love you!

C In our hearts we know that You are God and we should obey You, but many times we don't want to. Please forgive us. Please change our hearts so that we want to know and obey You.

T Thank You for helping us to learn more about You. Thank You for wanting us to know You.

S Work deep inside our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to know You. Put in our hearts the special kind of happy that only You can give. Help us to go and tell others what we've learned.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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