

DAVID

THE MAKING OF A KING

THE STORY OF A HERO

Day 1: READ 1 Samuel 17:45-58.

This week we study David as a hero. Let's define what a hero is. First, **WRITE** down your current definition of a hero from your thoughts. Next, **LOOK** up the definition of hero and **WRITE** it down. If you have a concordance or can go online, what is the Bible's definition of a hero? What is the media's definition of a hero? **DESCRIBE** what a hero says and does. **CONSIDER** what a hero isn't.

Day 2: READ 1 Samuel 17:51-54.

The Philistines had their own hero. Scholars believe Goliath to be over nine feet tall. His weapons were oversized too, so it was easy for them to call him a hero based on sheer size alone. But as we learn, size isn't everything. Often heroes fall, especially if they're false heroes as Goliath was. Sometimes we *think* someone's a hero, but he's not after all.

THINK about the heroes in your life. Who do you watch on tv or in movies? Who do you read about? Who do you spend time with? Whose lives are you following? **EVALUATE** whether these people are true heroes or false heroes? Thinking back to day one, what's the difference? Is it time to let go of some of the false heroes you may have in your life? **PRAY** for the Holy Spirit to give you wisdom.

Day 3: READ 1 Samuel 17:48-51.

What is it about this passage that makes David out to be a hero? **LIST** the character traits that he portrays in this passage? Is this one of the pictures in your head of what makes a true hero? Why is that?

Who does David point to as the hero? **READ** 1 Samuel 17:45-47. How does this change your definition of a hero? How does this change your view of David? Of God?

Day 4: READ 1 Samuel 17:45-47.

CIRCLE every reference to the LORD and to God. **JOURNAL** in your own words why God values being a worshipper over being a warrior. How did David demonstrate his worship in this passage?

Day 5: READ 1 Samuel 17:45-58.

As a worshipper of God, David points us to the true hero. Jesus worshipped God by submitting his whole life to Him. It even included dying on the cross to save you. David conquered Goliath, but Jesus conquered sin and death. And wherever we are on our journey, we will take steps together to know and become like Jesus—our true hero. **MAKE** a list of characteristics of a hero based on the life of Jesus.

What's your next step today to worship God with an open heart? **CHOOSE** some time in the next couple of days to have a conversation with God about what you've learned this week.