

# Children's talk and activities

Age recommendation: Primary aged children (years 1-6)

## NOTES

## Title: Little stone + young boy = big results!

### MATERIALS NEEDED:

A small stone, a letter from a Compassion child (if available),  
a picture of a Compassion child (if available)

### SCRIPTURE:

Story of David and Goliath, 1 Samuel 17:22-50 NIV

Key verse: "David said to the Philistine, 'You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.'" [1 Samuel 17:45 NIV]

### SERMON IDEAS

**Opening:** What am I holding in my hand? (Hold up the little stone and ask children to put their hands up with their answers.)

Once they have had a go at answering, ask them what do you think the stone could be used for?

Then tell the story of the day when a little stone and a young boy made a HUGE difference - The story of David and Goliath. Make yourself little when you are telling the David bit and as tall as you can when you are being Goliath.

**Fact:** The Bible says that David was a young teenager when he took on the nearly ten foot tall Goliath. Goliath was feared and famous throughout David's region, Goliath had never lost a battle until the day David defeated him.

**Get feedback:** Ask the children how they would have felt if they were David? Ask them why none of the adults were brave enough to fight Goliath? Ask them why they think David was brave enough to fight Goliath?

**Back to God:** The story of David and Goliath shows how a small boy stood up to a big giant that was used to getting his own way. The story is God's way of letting us know that no matter how small we are, no matter how big our problems might be, He can help us.

### INTRODUCE COMPASSION:

Ask what big problems children can face in their lives?

Talk very simply about children in the UK and Ireland and other countries, who may not have enough to eat, may be sick, lonely or frightened. Explain how these problems are like Goliath.

**Ask if they think that God can help these children, just like He helped David to beat Goliath?**

If you can, show a picture of a Compassion sponsored child. Say that Compassion is God's way of helping a child to beat their problems - just like He helped David beat Goliath.

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Ask if they would like to help you to pray for the children that Compassion is helping and for all the many children who are still waiting to find a sponsor.

#### LET'S PRAY

Heavenly Father,

We know that you love us and all the children of the world. Today we pray for children who feel forgotten, sick, hungry or afraid. Please help Compassion and all these children to be safe, happy and to know your love today and every day.

#### PAINT, COLOUR, AND GET INVOLVED!

Here are some ideas to help you get involved and make Compassion Sunday a time to remember!

##### Paint a stone

After your talk, invite the kids to paint a stone. When it is dry they can take it home as a reminder that God can help us in a BIG way.

##### Make a prayer wall

Get a big piece of card or paper, get the kids to draw a picture of a stone, cut it out and write a prayer on their stone. Put up all the stones on your card or paper to make a wall. You could also put some scriptures on your wall relating to the theme of 'Start small. Think big.'

##### Psalm 8:2 NIV

"From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise because of your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger."

##### Psalm 10:14 NIV

"But you, O God, do see trouble and grief; you consider it to take it in hand. The victim commits himself to you; you are the helper of the fatherless."

##### Psalm 72:4 NIV

"He will defend the afflicted among the people and save the children of the needy; he will crush the oppressor."

##### Mark 9:36-37 NIV

"Jesus took a little child and had him stand among them. Taking him in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."

Once the wall is finished, you could show it to the adults in a later service and explain why you made it on Compassion Sunday.

#### GET ACTIVE FOR COMPASSION

Ask the children if they would like to do an event to raise money for the children that Compassion helps. Some ideas for the kids event – ask the parents to bake treats with their children and hold a Compassion Bake Sale one Sunday, hold a Compassion Picnic after church and ask each adult to donate a pound or a Euro to Compassion, hold a sponsored football match / bike ride or bubble blowing party, ask the children to give up sweets or TV for a week and bring in a pound or a Euro for Compassion.

Your children may have great ideas of their own.

