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life on another level

# Student Workbook

**YEAR 3**

**God's People**  
**Kings and Prophets**  
– David

**Bible Readings**

1 Samuel 17-18

1 Samuel 24

2 Samuel 6



### Learning Outcomes

At the end of this week you will be able to:

- See that God is greater than any giant we may face.
- Recognise that when we do the right thing, then it works out for the best.
- Realise that even if we don't get it right, God continues to love us and to use us.

### Notes from Bible Reading

**Scripture** A word or phrase that stood out to me:

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**Observation** What is happening in this Bible reading?

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**Application** Something that I learned about who I am or how I should live:

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**Prayer** What I would like to say to God, ask of God, or what I think God is saying to me:

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**Key Question** Can God still use us when we make mistakes?

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### Engage

Go around the group and share one thing for each heading that has happened since you last met:

- Plus – What has been good or enjoyable?
- Minus – What has been difficult or painful?
- Interesting – What has been unusual or thought provoking?

What giants (difficulties, negative issues, habits etc) have you faced or are you facing?

Have you heard the phrase 'the bigger they are the harder they fall'? Have you seen any examples of this?

### Explore – Locate

- *What stood out to you in the Bible readings this week?*
- *What did you find meaningful or significant?*
- *Is there anything that you didn't understand or found confusing?*
- *Any questions or comments you may have?*

**Read together:** 1 Samuel 17:41-51

King David is a blend of good characteristics and bad ones (a bit like me/us!)

On the positive side he is often considered the greatest king of Israel; he is an ancestor of Jesus, listed in the 'hall of faith' (Hebrews 11) and a man described by God himself as a 'man after his own heart'.

David's weakness and mistakes include his adultery with Bathsheba and the subsequent arranged murder of Uriah her husband.

He directly disobeyed God by taking a census of the people and did not deal decisively with the sins of his children.

However God used him greatly.

From David's own suffering and persecution came many prophetic Psalms portraying the Messiah.

He had a great awareness and need of a vital personal relationship with God – even as a young man.

His confidence in God enabled him to accept Goliath's challenge (whilst still a teenager). David's success brought him into close contact with King Saul, but the success also brought on Saul's jealousy. This caused David to become a fugitive fearing for his life.

### Explore – Express

Compile a list of emotions that could have been felt by the Israel army – act out those facial expressions to each other – maybe even make it into a guessing game.

Write a psalm based on your experiences in life to date.

### Explore – Integrate

- Reflect back on times in your life when things have gone well – could it have been God that was involved (e.g. David's lion and bear).
- Have there been times when you have received forgiveness but still had to face the negative consequences?
- What changes, if any, might you need to make to be considered a man/woman after God's own heart?

### Extend

Discuss with your group the challenges you are tackling. Use the time to ask for any help you might need, or to work together on any shared projects that you have.

#### Questions that may be helpful include:

- What challenges are you working on at the moment?
- Do you need any support or assistance?
- Are there any challenges that you have completed that we need to recognise and celebrate?
- Are there any new challenges that you want to work on?

### Encourage

Tell another student in your group something you value or appreciate about them.

Share one thing you would like to pray for and pray for one another.

*Father, help us all to face the giants in our life confident in your faithfulness.*

*Thank you for David as an example of a man after your own heart – help us to grow in the positive characteristics of his life.*

*Amen.*