

David and Goliath Craft

Shepherd's bag with five smooth stones · 1 Samuel 17 · print page 2 for each child
(and page 3 for the harder level)

What it looks like finished



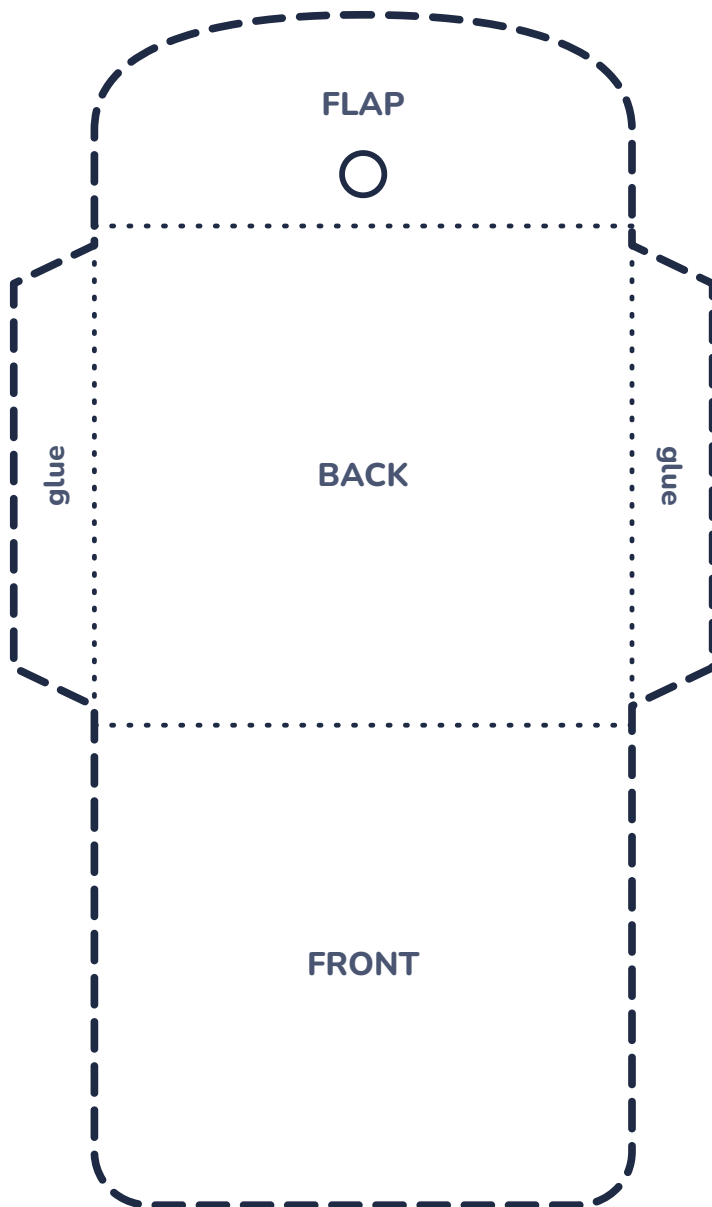
Easy and medium



Harder

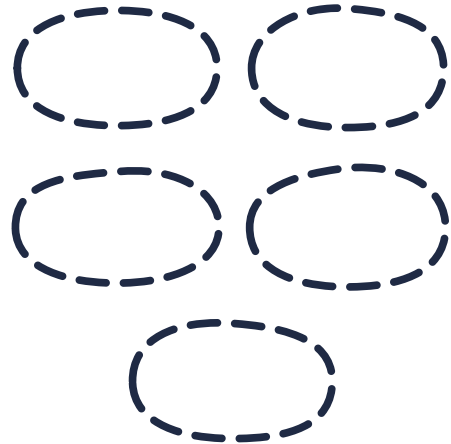
Both levels have a paper shepherd's bag with a yarn strap and five smooth stones, like the bag David put his stones in (1 Samuel 17:40). For the harder level, kids also make the paper sling from page 3, with a yarn string at each end and one stone in the pouch.

Name: _____ ✂ Cut on the dashed lines · fold on the dotted lines

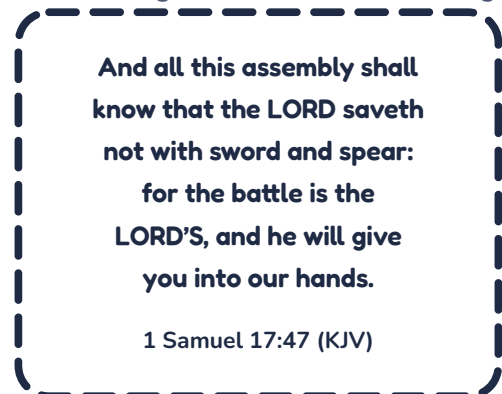


5 smooth stones

Color them gray.



Verse card: glue it on the back of the bag



Color the bag brown and the stones gray. Cut out the bag, the stones and the verse card. Turn the bag over, fold up the two glue tabs, glue the front onto them, and fold the flap down over the front.

Name: _____

✂ Harder level

Sling (harder level)

Color it brown, cut it out, punch a hole at each circle, and tie a 20-inch piece of yarn through each hole.



Lay one paper stone in the pouch.
The sling is just for show: never swing it at anyone.

How to make the sling

1. Color the sling pouch brown.
2. Cut it out on the dashed line.
3. Put a small piece of tape over each circle, on both sides. This keeps the yarn from tearing the paper.
4. Punch a hole through each circle. A grown-up can help.
5. Tie one piece of yarn through each hole with a double knot.
6. Lay one of your paper stones in the middle of the pouch. David put his hand in his bag, took out a stone and slung it (1 Samuel 17:49).

For the teacher

See it finished: a photo of the finished craft is at vbshq.com/crafts/david-and-goliath-craft

Time: 15 to 30 minutes, depending on the level · **Ages:** 3 to 11, in three levels · **Cost:** under 50 cents a child for the easy and medium levels

You need: page 2 printed once per child (cardstock is sturdiest), brown and gray crayons or markers, scissors, glue sticks, tape, and a 24-inch piece of yarn per child. For the harder level, also page 3 printed once per child, two 20-inch pieces of yarn per child and a hole punch.

Before class: cut the yarn. For preschoolers, cut out the bags, stones and verse cards ahead of time.

Three ways to make it

- **Easy (preschool, ages 3–5), about 15 minutes, no scissors:** before class, cut out each child's bag, five stones and verse card. Kids color the bag brown and the stones gray. Then you fold and glue the bag, tape on the yarn strap and glue the verse card on the back. Kids count the five stones into the bag, one at a time, and fold the flap down.
- **Medium (grades K–2), about 20 minutes:** follow the steps below. Kids color, cut out and fold the bag, add the yarn strap, count the five stones into the bag and glue the verse card on the back. This is the craft in the first photo.
- **Harder (grades 3–5), about 30 minutes:** make the bag like the medium level, then make the sling from page 3: color it, cut it out, tape and punch the two circles, tie a piece of yarn through each hole and lay one stone in the pouch. Kids say 1 Samuel 17:47 from memory before they take it home. This is the craft in the second photo.

Steps (medium level)

1. **Color:** color the bag piece brown and the five stones gray.
2. **Cut:** cut out the bag, the five stones and the verse card on the dashed lines.
3. **Tabs:** turn the bag over so the colored side is down. Fold the two side tabs up on the dotted lines and put glue on them.
4. **Pocket:** fold the front up on the dotted line and press it onto the glued tabs. The colors are now on the outside.
5. **Strap:** tape the ends of the yarn inside the top corners of the bag.
6. **Stones:** put the five stones in the bag and count them: "five smooth stones" (1 Samuel 17:40). Fold the flap down.
7. **Verse:** glue the verse card on the back of the bag and read it together.

Questions to ask while kids work

- David took care of his father's sheep, and God helped him save a lamb from a lion and a bear (1 Samuel 17:34–37). How has God helped you before?
- David chose five smooth stones out of the brook and put them in his shepherd's bag (1 Samuel 17:40). Count your stones. How many did David use to make Goliath fall? (*One, 17:49–50*)
- David didn't trust Saul's armor or his own strength. He came "in the name of the LORD of hosts" (1 Samuel 17:45). What big problem can you trust God with this week?

Tips

- **Old Bible words explained:** scrip = a shepherd's bag (1 Samuel 17:40); assembly = everyone gathered there; saveth = saves.
- **Preschool:** pre-cut everything and use glue sticks, not liquid glue. Hold up a finished bag so they can see the goal.
- **Strong bags:** cardstock holds its shape best. Press the glued tabs for a slow count of ten.
- **Safety:** the sling is just for show. Kids never swing it at anyone, and the stones stay paper.
- **Teach the story first:** this craft goes with the free David and Goliath Sunday school lesson and word search at vbshq.com/bible-stories/david-and-goliath.