

Session 2

Leader Devotional

Welcome back for Session 2. Our focus for this session will be justice.

This Bible lesson focuses on David and Goliath. Goliath's people, the Philistines, were the enemies of David's people, the Israelites. At that time (around 1020 BC), it was common for opposing armies to choose representatives to fight in hand-to-hand combat. A win for either army's representative counted as a win for the whole nation. The problem for Israel in this story was that no one— not even King Saul—was brave enough to face Goliath. David was not a soldier, but a shepherd, and he was a passionate follower of God. When he witnessed the injustice of Goliath's words and treatment of the people of Israel, David volunteered as Israel's representative. David swung his sling and launched a stone into the air. It hit Goliath right on the forehead and he fell to the ground, defeated.

When did you witness someone fight for justice? Describe that time. Reflect back on a time when you stood up for justice. How were you able to rise above your fears to stand on the side of justice?

Listen to the song "Our God." Read and reflect on these words:
Our God is greater,
Our God is stronger
God you are higher than any other
Our God is Healer,
Awesome in power
Our God, our God.

Read and reflect.

Micah 6:8.

How does God's awesome power equip us to stand up for justice?

Share an example.

God requires us to do justice, embrace faithful love, and walk humbly with God. We can be bold as believers because God is greater and stronger. Our faith and trust in God is the power lives within us.

During this session of Knights of North Castle, we will discover another Castle Callout (key learnings). Our Session 2 Castle Callout is "Armor Up with Justice!" Our goal is to teach students that our faith and trust in God will empower us to stand up for God and others and work for justice for all. As leaders, we will repeat this Castle Callout during teaching times at VBS. Because God gives us strength, we can have courage to seek justice.

Let's pray.

Almighty and gracious God, thank you for your grace and guidance during our first session. We see your power at work in the lives of these Knights. We come asking for the same grace and guidance for this session. We are reminded from your word in the book of Ephesians to put on your armor and be strengthened by the Lord and the Lord's powerful strength as we work for justice for all. In your name we pray, Amen.



Bible Story

David Defeats Goliath

1 Samuel 17:1-50a

Castle Callout

Armor Up with Justice!

Banner Verse

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Ephesians 6:10 (NRSV)