

Ages 7-10: David and Goliath Reveal

Materials Needed
for Each Student

copy of the two *David and Goliath Reveal* pages, scissors, crayons or markers, stapler or tape

Prepare in Advance
Print project pages. Staple or tape the picture of David preparing to sling a stone over the picture of David's victory. (See picture to the left.) Gather other supplies.

New Church Concept Teacher Background

Names of nations in the Word symbolize matters having to do with the church. The form of religion that falsifies the church's truths, comes from conceit in its own intelligence. The Philistines are those who have faith and not charity.

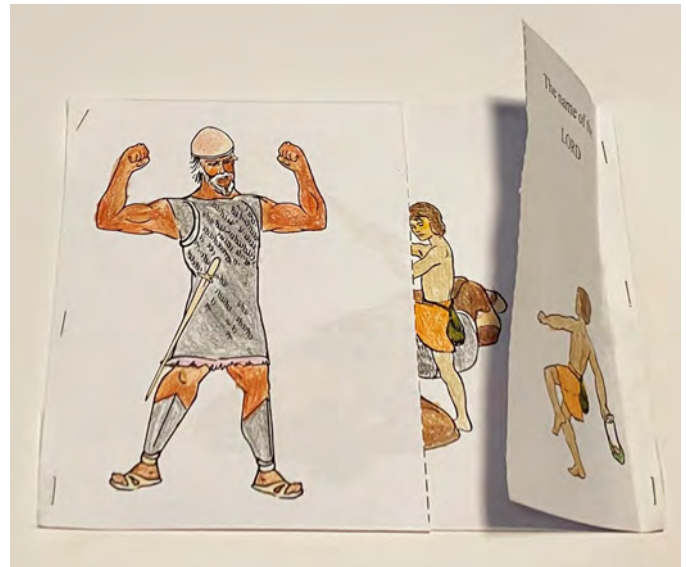
Wars in the Word signify spiritual wars. Moreover, because faith separated from charity continually desires to invade the Church, therefore the Philistines frequently molested the children of Israel.

The Philistines represented those who are without spiritual love and consequently are motivated by natural love only, for spiritual love is charity.

See *Doctrine of Faith* 49-51

For forty days Goliath, the Philistine champion, challenged Israel. When David arrived at the camp, bringing food, he also brought a fresh perspective. David represents the Lord as Divine truth—truth that appeared in a time of spiritual need. David overcame Goliath with five smooth stones from the brook—simple truths from the Word, smoothed by experience and use. While cutting off

Goliath's head appears violent, it represents destroying the carefully guarded love of self, which is armored with the false idea that having faith without doing what is right can lead us to heaven. Children will create a 'reveal' picture to illustrate David's dramatic victory.



1. Imagine being challenged by a giant! Goliath was six cubits and a span—9ft, 9in (300cm) tall! Have you ever met anyone that big? Most ceilings are 8ft tall. Goliath would have to bend his head to walk around in most houses. So, why was David so confident that he could beat Goliath? (David knew the Lord would be with him to fight the battle. He called upon the Lord's name.)
2. Give each child a copy of the two pages *David and Goliath Reveal*, previously stapled together, and crayons or markers.
3. Have students start by coloring David and Goliath.
4. When students have finished coloring, have them carefully insert scissors between the top page and the back page and cut the top page along the dashed line (see above).
5. Fold back the two sides of the top page to reveal David standing over Goliath in victory.
6. Color the revealed picture.
7. "Re-enact" the battle by closing the page and then reopening it. Remember, David fought in the name of the Lord using true ideas from the Word that he knew well—like not lying or cheating. He knew he should *do* what was right, not just talk about it. He called on the Lord's name and used ideas from the Word to help him.

In the name of the
LORD

