

# Monday Night Family DEVOTIONAL

## Monday

How was your Easter different this year? How was it the same? Which was more important?

**Read:** 1 Peter 5:6-11

**Discuss:** With your family discuss why these verses are important to you.

**Focus for the Week:** Look for ways God is working in your life. Each day spend time in prayer thanking Him for the ways He is working in your life. Ask Him to use this to strengthen your faith in Him.

## Tuesday

If you could speak another language what would it be? Why?

**Read:** 1 Samuel 17:1-15

**Interesting Notes:** When the Israelites had first checked out the Promise Land, most of them had been afraid to enter because to the Giants living there. Deuteronomy 3:11 describes one of these giants. How big was King Og's bed? Now imagine Goliath, over 9 feet tall, standing next to you! Talk about what that might be like with your family. Do you have some tasks in your life that seem like giants? Talk about that as a family.

## Wednesday

If you could share a snack with someone from school right now, who would it be?

**Read:** 1 Samuel 17:16-31

**Interesting Notes:** Why do you think this would go on for 40 days without someone making the first move? The Israelites and Philistines were camped on opposite sides of a valley with steep walls. Whoever would rush down the valley and up the steep cliffs would be at a disadvantage at the beginning of the battle. Each side was waiting for the other to attack first. What do you think about how David's brothers treated him? Talk about that as a family.

## Thursday

What are you thankful for most today?

**Read:** 1 Samuel 17:32-47

**Interesting Notes:** Criticism couldn't stop David. While the rest of the army stood around, he knew the importance of taking action. With God to fight for him, there was no reason to wait. David had dangerous encounters a bear and a lion while taking care of his father's sheep. Did he run away? No. Instead, he the bear and lion protect his flock. He only had a slingshot and probably his shepherd's stick, *but knew He had God with Him*. David's encounters with these beasts prepared him for his encounter with Goliath (1 Samuel 17:37) When we overcome challenges with God's help, He strengthens our faith in Him. Think of a time you didn't run from a challenge, but depended on God for His help and share that with your family. Did it grow your faith?

## Friday

What was your favorite day this week? Why?

**Read:** 1 Samuel 17:48-58

**Interesting Notes:** David was an expert marksman with a sling, and as he advanced on Goliath, he stayed out of range of Goliath's huge weapons, but what made David effective was more than his ability with a sling; it was his courage and faith in God. God had grown, prepared, and equipped David to face Goliath. In what ways has God grown, prepared you, and equipped you? In what ways have you seen God working in your life this week?