



BULLYING

BOTTOM LINE: As followers of Jesus, we need to stand up for those who are being bullied.

MATERIALS NEEDED

- Bibles
- Student Notebooks

icebreaker question

ASK: *Who is the greatest super hero? Why are they the greatest? Who is the coolest villain? Why are they the coolest?*

hear from God through His Word.

DO THIS: Read **1 Samuel 17:1-11, 20-32, 45-49** as a group and then lead your students in a discussion about the passage using the questions below.

- Tell your students to open their Bibles to **1 Samuel 17:1-11** and ask someone to read it out loud for the group.
- **ASK:** *Who is the bully in this passage? Who is the victim?*
- **ASK:** *In what ways does Goliath act as a bully?*
- Now, have someone else read **verses 20-32** out loud.
- **ASK:** *Who is the bystander in this passage? What makes them the bystander?*
- **ASK:** *Why do you think David was unafraid of Goliath?*
- Finally, have someone else read **verses 45-49** out loud.

say this:

In every bullying incident, there is the bully, the victim, or the bystander. If you haven't already, you will eventually play one of these roles. The Bible gives us wisdom for what we should do when we are in one of these roles.

Bible Moment

David was around 15 years old when he stepped in and slayed Goliath. This changed the future for the victims of Goliath's bullying. You are never too young to step in and be used by God.

- **ASK:** *What motivated David to step in between the bully and the victims?*
- **ASK:** *David stood up to Goliath in the "name of the Lord." What do you think this means?*

talk with others about our faith.

DO THIS: Lead your students in a discussion about bullying using the questions below.

- **ASK:** *Have you ever been a bully, victim, or bystander before? Would you be willing to tell us about it?*
- **ASK:** *Do you remember any times when Jesus stood up for someone who was being mistreated in the Bible? How did He stand up for them?*
- **ASK:** *Why do you think it's especially important for us as followers of Jesus to stand up for those who are being bullied?*
- **ASK:** *Is there anyone in your life who is experiencing bullying right now? If so, how can you step in and be used by God in their life?*

live in a way that honors God.

DO THIS: Give your students the following **LIVE** challenge for this week.

- Set aside some time this week to re-read the story of David and Goliath (**1 Samuel 17:1-49**). As you read this story again, ask God to reveal someone in your life who is experiencing bullying and is in need of someone to stand up for them. Ask God to help you know how to stand up for them.

pray by talking to God.

DO THIS: Lead your students in a time of prayer as a group using the prompt below.

- Have your students get in groups of two or three. Tell them to each pray for one person in the group and ask God to give them courage, boldness, and strength to stand up for someone this week.

memory verse

"You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty"

1 Samuel 17:45