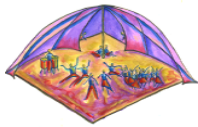


David and Goliath

Children and Mission workshop & drama by David Pollendine

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1. Introduction to using the resource

The aim

This resource is geared to engage children and young people in the theme of mission, especially correcting the wrong attitudes towards children's role in this theme from within the church. It is an ideal resource to use at a family type service. The performance is put together through an improvisational workshop designed to last about 30 minutes, where all the ideas are created and performed by the cast. Then the scripts added to bring the piece to life.

The role of the Teacher/Leader

Is that of facilitator, but some directional skills are needed and a knowledge of good stage- craft practice. The case studies used in the performance are all real life people who serve as Mission Partners with CMS. (See below and www.cms-uk.org)

The medium

Mime and physical theatre techniques are the focus and can be juggled around. Techniques such as group freeze frames, individual Mime, and physical story telling are all used. In addition song can be done live if there are talented singers or any appropriate track can be used. Big Intent has written a track specifically for this show and it can be ordered by email at bigintent1@aol.com

Create the Performance in two easy steps.

1. Start by referring to the, "**Outline for workshops**" to take the group through the creational process of creating the mime and movement.
2. Then referring to the "**performance scripts**" add the scripts to the performance with a run through rehearsal

The performance can take anything from between 15 to 30 minutes

Outline for Workshops

1. Warm up with everybody (**20 mins** to teach first scene)

Walking around the room shout out the following commands. These images will be physicalised by the group or individuals in the performance and will be set as you run through the script. In this workshop you can start to identify suitable candidates.

Men

Women

Children

The army of Israel - all shout "Horaaay we are fighting men"

Philistines (Booo)

It's morning children mime: Wake up, Get dressed, Look scared, eat, go to sleep

David Steps forward – Everyone laughs

Sling shot – pick up stones, load a sling and throw it

2. The Narrator reads the script for the battle of David and Goliath and the group acts out the text. (think about where you want the children to stand when they are not involved in the action, one idea is to have them stand in a semi circle to create a stage.)
3. Reporter reads the reporters script and run through in the following order

Scene 1 – First part of drama – see the battle of David and Goliath script

Scene 2 – Reporter – see reporter script

Scene 3 – Second part of drama – as scene 1

Scene 4 – Reporter – see reporter script

The battle of David and Goliath script

Part One

Narrator: Once upon a time when men were men (**Boys pose**) and women were women (**Girls pose**) and children were children (**children pose**). The army of Israel (**all shout "Hurray we are fighting men"**) lined up against the might of the Philistines (**All Booooo**)

From among them stepped a 9 foot Philistine Giant (**Goliath steps forward**), a Big (**makes a pose**), Strong (**makes a pose**), and Ugly Brute! (**Hands on hips and looks surprised**) His name was Goliath.

For 40 days and 40 nights Goliath woke up.... (**Mime**), Got dressed...(Mime) ate...(Mime), looked really ugly.... (**Mime**) and slept.... (**Mime**),

And so the Israelites too (get quicker)
Woke up...(Mime), Got dressed.... (**Mime**), ate...(Mime), looked really scared...(Mime) and slept.... (**Mime**).

And for a further 39 days (and quicker) they all Woke up....(Mime) got dressed....(Mime), ate...(Mime), looked as they had looked.....(Mime) and Goliath would chant:

Goliath: " Come and have a go if you think you're hard enough"

Narrator: Who would dare step forward and fight this big ugly brute (**pose**)... Suddenly David the shepherd boy stepped forward (**David steps forward**) and everyone laughed. (And every one laughs and points)
And David just looked down to the ground. (**David looks to ground**)

End of part one

Part two

Narrator: So David the shepherd boy stood and faced Goliath, while every one looked on in amazement (**all look in amazement**)

David: "Who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God?"

(**Goliath is taunting and egging David to fight him**)

Narrator: David slowly bends down and picks up 5 smooth pebbles, he then loads one into his sling and swings

One, Two, Three Go (**every one follows the sling in a circular motion and follows the flight of the pebble in slow motion**)

The stone hits Goliath straight between the eyes (Goliath reacts and falls in a heap)

Everyone is amazed (**all look amazed**)

David had defeated the Giant Goliath with a sling and a stone (**David runs to Goliath and puts foot on him in champion pose**)

"And with no little help from the LORD" David added

Three cheers for David hip hip hooray, hip hip hooray, hip hip hooray.
(**David's arms are lifted in the air.**)

Reporters script

Scene 1: Drama part one

Scene 2:

The reporter enters the battlefield from behind enemy lines to report.
(You can include a camera crew as well)

Reporter: Hello Clapham (put in the place where you are), My name is(Reporters name) And I am reporting here in the valley of Elah behind enemy lines. I am witnessing an amazing scene, a shepherd boy challenging the mighty Goliath to a dual to the death. Can this Shepherd boy do it? Defeat Goliath Some say he's gone mad? No Experience and Not enough Faith at his young age. We've got proof of this from the mouth of King Saul:

King Saul: "You are not able to go out and fight this Philistine and fight him; you are only a boy, and he has been a fighting man from his youth."

Reporter: David really has no chance, no fighting experience. You should see the size of Goliath's weapons!!

I am sure you know this back in (put in where you are). Children and church don't go together. Too young to really contribute, still learning to read and write so **can't** really **do readings** or say **good quality prayers never mind** have the **theology** to **share faith** or **trust God**.

But wait a minute I'm hearing a report from our correspondent in Uganda... Some thing a CMS link partners reported:

Ugandan Report- Robert

Reporter paraphrases text below

(Janet Jane Muhindo, CMS link worker in Uganda)

One time we conducted a mission for children: we gave them simple skills of witnessing, simple verses, and we just sent them forth. One surprising incidence that I'll never forget is when a child went to a resident commissioner (a district leader who represents the president) at the district headquarters, and many people would not approach such a person. But this young man, Robert Muhairwe, was nine and a half years old and he went to the office of the RDC – the resident commissioner. He knocked at the door, was let in and the secretary said, "What do you want? What can I do for you?"

And he said, "I want to see the big man."

The secretary said, "Wait, there's somebody in his office, I'll let you go in when time comes."

The boy said, "I have no time. I want to talk to the resident commissioner."

The secretary didn't know what to do and already the boy was approaching the door and opened it: "Good afternoon Mr RDC, I would like to talk to you."

The RDC didn't know what to do- a young child coming – you just can't send him off- so he stopped what he was doing. And Robert sat down and said, "Do you know that Jesus loves you? Do you know that he died for you? Have you ever made a commitment? Have you ever accepted Jesus Christ as your saviour?"

And the RDC was just looking on like this in amazement. He thought he had better say yes, so that this young man goes. And Robert said, "I would like to pray for you. Have you accepted Jesus Christ?" The RDC said yes.

"Can I pray for you? Lord Jesus, come into his heart..."

How do I know the story? Robert didn't report back. But the RDC called me and asked, "Why did you send me a soldier?"

And I said, "Who is a soldier, I don't have any soldiers!"

"There was a young man here who came to preach the gospel."

This is..... Reporting from Uganda

Reporter: Well apparently David too has shown quite amazing faith in this battle, I quote ... he said

“The Lord who delivered me from the paw of the Lion and the Paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine”

Some have said its **naive**, others have said it's a **new Phenomenon** called **“ Child like faith”** and it's powerful.

This means Children can have faith and fight in God's battles, but how?

(Good point to advertise upcoming events for young peoples involvement specific to your church or community. This can be done in the style of a TV analyst/presenter back in the studio)

Let's go back to the battlefield and see what happens?

Scene 3: Drama part two

Scene 4:

Reporter: “Well what can we learn from all this. It seems that children can really have a part in God's mission...even a leading part. The only “IF” is. And it's a big one: **Will Adults let them?**

While you've been away I've received some intelligence that this whole victory could have come apart because of what can only be labelled as **ADULT MEDALLING** and worse still it came from within Israel. I've only got time to give you 2 cases, although there are many more:

Firstly

From David's eldest brother... Eliab. Apparently he tried to put David off from fighting can you believe it. He said:

Eliab **“What are you doing here? Who is taking care of those sheep of yours out there in the wilderness? You cheeky brat, you! You just came to watch the fighting”**

London you must ensure you **encourage** your young people!! Don't burst their bubbles even when their dreams seem far-fetched! Or might involve, change, or something not according to your taste.

Don't be an Eliab to your young people.

He had an ownership problem and perhaps felt it was an **Adult battle only**? He was certainly threatened that a boy and worse still his youngest brother could think he was able to defeat Goliath. Are you ever threatened by your young people?

The second medalling is beyond belief. Apparently King Saul, of all people, tried to dress David in his own Armour, Can you imagine that.... **Adults dressing the children in their clothes.**

Thankfully sense prevailed and David was able to fight in his own clothes. It's obvious, isn't it; **children fight best in their own clothes.**

London (put in the place where you are) it's not enough to just encourage young people to get involved in church, if they can't do it in their own clothes. It's not enough to want teenagers in your church if your not willing to create a teenage environment. Worshipping, praying, singing some times in their way. It's not enough to want youth work, with out having a vision for Youth integrating into church life.

I wonder how we are encouraging children and young people to dress in their own clothes at Holy Trinity? (Put in your church)
Thank God Saul saw sense to allow David.

Any way London I want to finish with words from our Hero of day and I think this goes out to all adults as a reminder and to all people young and old who are up for the battle.

I am quoting David's own words:

“All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves; for the battle is the LORDS and he will give all into our hands”

This is (put in reporters name) reporting from the front line in the Valley of Ellah... Good day

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