

(on the SE corner of Alma School and Southern Ave.

We typically spend about an hour or so cleaning the family visitation rooms and the toys that the children play with while they are there.

Please join us and be a part of this blessing we bring to these children, to their families and to the tireless workers at DCS.

Foster Care Teens Personal Care Items

1 Youth is continuing to collect "Personal Care Items" for the teens in foster care throughout the year. Items for both male and female teens are being collected in the two bins just outside our youth room. These items will be sorted into personal bags and given to DCS to be distributed to teens who may not even have their own tooth brush or comb.

Whenever you're out shopping for your own personal care items such as soap, deodorant, tooth paste, feminine hygiene items or when you see the "travel size" shampoo, mouthwash, etc., pick up a few extra items and drop them in the bins.

Help share God's love by letting these teens know that somebody really does care about them.

witnessed Goliath defying God and the warriors of Israel trembling in fear of him.

When David told King Saul that he would be the one to fight Goliath the King told him he was ridiculous to think that a small, inexperienced, shepherd boy had any chance at all of defeating the experienced warrior giant.

David told the King that just as he protects his sheep, God will protect him because this Philistine had defied the armies of God. He recalled all of the times that God had protected and helped him get through many tough times in the past.

We discussed what we can learn from David in helping to defeat our own Goliaths in our lives.

First, David knew who he was as a child of God and he had great faith in who God was. When Goliath incorrectly referred to the Israelites as the "army of Saul", David knew they were really the "army of the living God" fighting for the glory of God.

Second, he remembered all of his past victories when God had protected him and helped him get through many tough situations in the past. He had no doubt that God would do it again.

Third, David knew his weapons. He turned down the armor offered by the King and instead used the tools that God had given him and what he was familiar with but most importantly he used his very strong faith in God.

We said that whatever our Goliath may be, God has prepared and equipped us for victory.

Fourth, David confidently confronted his Goliath, face to face, and told him that God would deliver a victory for the glory of God. David's Goliath had no chance against God.

The Israelite army had forgotten who they were and who they were fighting for but when they saw the great faith of David defeat the giant warrior Goliath, they were again reminded and were able to finally move forward and defeat the Philistine army.

We said that every single Israelite soldier had the exact same opportunity as David and every Israelite soldier believed in the same God as David yet David was the only one who confidently and fearlessly defeated Goliath because he not only believed **IN** God, he actually **BELIEVED GOD** and knew that God would prevail regardless of what the world believes.

We closed by reminding everyone that God has amazing

things planned for each of us. As long as we always remember who we are and who we are "fighting" for we can confidently defeat any Goliath who stands in our way.

Watch for our next event here!

Well, from what we've been able to find, it looks like **Winter Jam** may unfortunately not be coming out our way this year.

We are planning on putting together some Friday, movie nights in the near future.

Bible verses referenced in this lesson: 1 Samuel 17, 2 Timothy 1:7

Let us know if you have any questions.

Have a blessed Week,

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