

## “Tackling the Giant Problem” by Joanna Ruth Wirtz

Main Idea: When confronted with large, impossible problems, focus on solving smaller problems using the God-given tools you have.

Characters: King Saul, David. David is on the small side & obviously not a tough guy.

Props: Pack (messenger bag or backpack), cell phone, chain mail, large sword with sheath. The following items are suggested but not required: dental floss, bag of rocks, sock monkey, sack lunch, slingshot

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*(Saul is in the room by himself. David swaggers into the room, carrying a pack. David drops the pack on the floor.)*

David: Here I am, you lucky king! I've come to solve your giant problem!

Saul: Who are you?

David: I am David, giant slayer extraordinaire!

Saul: Aren't you a bit small for a giant slayer?

David: No way, man. Check out these muscles! *(begins posing)*

Saul: Wow. Sorry, Superman—I didn't recognize you without your red cape and tights.

David: Laugh if you want, king, but God wants me to nail that giant and that's just what I'm going to do!

Saul: Sounds like a suicide mission to me.

*(Saul pulls out his cell phone & punches in a number, making a call.)*

David: What are you doing?

Saul: Making funeral arrangements. How tall are you? Maybe we can get you fitted for a coffin before you go out there.

David: Hey! I can too fight that giant.

*(Saul puts the phone away.)*

Saul: How?

David: The way you usually fight a giant. Head on.

Saul: You really think so? Well, let's get you suited up.

*(Saul puts chain mail on David and David staggers under its weight. Saul takes the sword and hands it to David. The sword is too heavy for David to lift. Eventually David gives up and Saul takes the sword back & helps David take off the chain mail. Optional: have another character Servant handle the chain mail.)*

Saul: Called by God or not, you don't have a snowball's chance in Sheol of fighting that giant head on and winning.

David: *(lets out a wail)* Oh, no! We're doomed!

Saul: I didn't say that. *(looks David over)* David, did God tell you for sure how to fight that giant?

David: *(sniffing)* No.

Saul: Then maybe we need to change our strategy.

David: What do you mean?

Saul: If you can't hit the giant problem head on, then find something smaller that you can do. Do you have any special skills?

David: *(thinking)* Well, I can fit 10 big marshmallows in my mouth at once. I'm good at playing Monopoly.  
*(Excited)* Ooo, I can peel a banana with my toes!

Saul: *(shaking his head)* What tools do you have?

*(David grabs the pack and opens it.)*

David: *(pulling items out of the pack)* Dental floss, Abinadab's rock collection, Sock monkey, Sack lunch, Slingshot...

Saul: *(interrupting)* Wait, I think we might have something here.

David: Oh, I know! We can stretch the dental floss across the field so the giant will trip over it!

Saul: Actually I was thinking you could use a rock and the slingshot to knock him out cold, then use the giant's own sword to chop his head off.

David: Wow, you really know how to get ahead!

Saul: That's why us kings make the big bucks. No go out there and take care of my giant problem.

David: Yes, sir!