SOUPER BOWL OF CARING: PRINTED MATERIALS

"CHILDREN'S SERMONS"

David and Goliath

NEED: Bible

PRESENTERS: 1 or more

WHEN TO USE: Souper Bowl Sunday

SCRIPTURE: 1 Samuel 17

Good morning! It is good to see all of you. Raise your hand if you know the story of David and Goliath. David was a young boy. All of the men of Israel were frightened of a Philistine called Goliath. They said he was a giant. But, David was not afraid and believed that he could make a difference. He believed that, with God's help, he could defeat the giant, Goliath.

The story of David and Goliath reminds me of what is happening at our church and churches across the country today. Today is Souper Bowl of Caring-where we bring dollars/canned goods to give to people in our community who are in need. Sometimes the problem of hunger can seem overwhelming. It can seem like a giant. How in the world are we supposed to be able to tackle this giant? Sometimes the problem seems like such a giant, that we want to throw up our hands and not even try. But Souper Bowl of Caring reminds me of how David treated the Giant. David said that he knew that, with God's help he could defeat the Giant. Today, youth across the country are saying that, with God's help, they can make a positive difference by helping those in need in our community. Youth are asking people in congregations across our country to give a dollar/canned good or more as they leave worship today. Millions of dollars worth of food and money will be collected and given to charities that help people who are hungry and hurting.

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The problems of hunger can seem overwhelming, like a giant. But, God calls us to help people in need. So, as you and everyone else leave church today and donate a dollar/canned good or more, remember that we are showing that, with God's help, we can tackle a giant. We can help people that are hungry and hurting in our community and across the nation. Let us pray.

Prayer:

Gracious God, help us to not feel overwhelmed by the needs in our community and across the nation. Help us remember that, with your help, we can tackle large problems like hunger. Help us continue to tackle these problems, not just on Souper Bowl Sunday, but throughout the entire year. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.