

# David and Goliath Game

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This is a simple game to play to go with a David and Goliath theme -- it's basically just a variation of a game of marbles.

*Note: Test the surface of the floor to see how difficult it is to slide the rocks (some surfaces are easier than others). Adjust the size of the square accordingly (smaller squares to make game more challenging for older students).*

*OPTIONAL: Make this a **CRAFT**, too, by allowing children to make their own set of "David and Goliath Stones." Craft directions below.*



## Materials:

- 5 stones\* with the letter D printed on them with permanent marker - or use 5 regular marbles
- 1 large stone\* with the letter G printed on it with permanent marker - or use 1 large marble
- Smooth floor (*concrete sidewalk would work or cement/laminate/linoleum indoor floor depending on your stones, it might scratch the floor.*)
- Blue 'Painter's' Tape or Masking Tape

*\*Option: Glue a piece of felt to the bottom of each of your stones to prevent scratching (don't forget Goliath) or cover the stones with a coat of 'spray on varnish' to prevent scratching*

## Directions for the game:

- Use tape to mask off a large square on the floor with a small X in the center
- Place the Goliath stone or marble on the X in the center of the square
- Have the children sit at the edge of the square and TAKE TURNS SLIDING their David rocks (or marbles) to knock Goliath out of the square.
  - Don't let everyone slide their rocks at one time or someone will end up getting hurt
  - Make sure you show the children how to slide their rocks (*not throw them!*) before you get started
  - Test the surface of the floor yourself to see how difficult it is to slide the rocks (*some surfaces are easier than others*) and make any adjustments necessary for your age group
- Alternately, let one child try to knock Goliath out and count how many tries it takes him/her before letting the next child have a turn
- Don't forget to take your tape off the floor at the end of the game -- if you leave it on too long (days), it becomes difficult to remove.

## DAVID & GOLIATH STONES CRAFT

### Materials:

- 5 stones for each child\* with the letter D printed on them with permanent marker
- 1 large stone for each child with the letter G printed on it with permanent marker
- Permanent markers
- Paint, colored markers, stickers, etc. (*to be used as stone decorations*)
- Ziploc bags or very small paper bags

### Directions:

- Give each child 5 stones. Using a permanent marker, instruct them to write a letter D in the center of each. Then, allow them to paint/color/decorate as they wish
- Give each child 1 large stone. Using a permanent marker, instruct them to write a letter G in the center.
- Have students place stones into a bag. (*You may also have them write **“David and Goliath Stones”** on the outside of the bag and/or decorate as you wish.*)