

## FORMATION 2: IMAGES OF GOD – PAST AND PRESENT UNDERSTANDINGS OF GOD

### Objective:

- To help the candidates reflect on their current images and understanding of God.
- To challenge them to expand and deepen their image of God as they grow.

As a Catholic Christian, you have inherited the learning and wisdom of the people of God who have prayed and thought about God for thousands of years. The Bible contains many of these ideas and images

Deuteronomy V32:11 Like an **Eagle** watching her nest, hovering over her young, God protects us with outspread wings.

Psalms 23:1 The Lord is my **Shepherd**, I lack nothing.

Psalms 18:2 The Lord is my **Rock and my Fortress**, my deliverer is my God.

Psalms 47:2 For the Lord, the most high, is glorious **the Great Ruler** over the earth.

Isaiah 2:4 God will **Judge** between the nations and arbitrate between the people.

Isaiah 49:15 Can **a Mother** forget her baby, feel no pity for the child she has borne? Even if these will forget, I shall not forget you.

Isaiah 63:16 After all you, O God are **our Parent**.

Hosea 11:10 They will follow The Lord, who will roar like **A Lion**.

Isaiah 40:28 God **Created** the most remote parts of the earth.

Our Parents, Teachers, Family Members and Friends introduced us to God. But we have come closer to Him through Prayer, the wonders of nature, sensing God's presence in someone we love and realizing God's goodness, commitment, and mercy in our life.

We are encouraged to always respect God in everyone and to reverence the moments when the community comes together to celebrate God's presence among them. We are not perfect, but have a God who is Perfect.

The Church is made up of a group of people who are united in their faith in God, but have different personal understanding of who God is. The mass – the shared prayer of the Catholic Community – is an outward expression of that faith. We celebrate together the fact that we share in this faith in God. It is the basic common denominator, but each person brings to the celebration a Personal Relation with that God.



**DON'T LIMIT GOD BY WHAT YOUR MIND CAN COMPREHEND.  
HE LOVES YOU FAR MORE THAN YOU CAN IMAGINE.**

## Bible Study: 1 Samuel Chapter 17

### Question and Answers

Q1. Where did the Philistines gather their armies?

They were gathered at Socoh, which belongs to Judah, and encamped between Socoh and Azekah.

Q.2 Who was the Champion of the Philistines?

Goliath of Gath.

Q.3 What did David take with him to battle?

He took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones from the wadi, and put them in his shepherd's bag, in the pouch; a sling in his hand.

Q.4 What did Philistine say to David before battle with him?

The Philistine said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the field.

Q.5 How did David strike the Philistine?

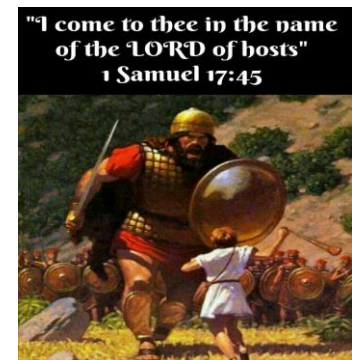
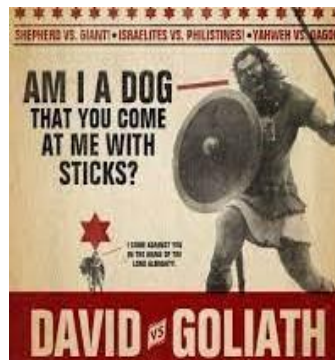
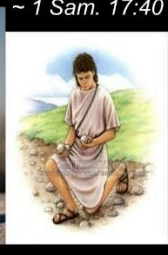
David struck the Philistine with a stone that sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground.

### Fill in the Blanks

1. Goliath had a helmet of **bronze** on his head, and he was armed with a **coat of mail**; the weight of the coat was **five thousand shekels of bronze**.
2. The names of the three eldest sons of Jesse who had followed Saul to the battle; were **Eliab the firstborn**, and next to him **Abinadab**, and the third **Shammah**.
3. For **40 days** the Philistine came forward and took his stand, morning and evening
4. David took to his brothers **an Ephah of Parched Grain** and **10 Loaves**
5. David was the son of **Jesse the Bethlehemite**

Then he took his staff in his hand, chose five smooth stones from the stream, put them in the pouch of his shepherd's bag and, with his sling in his hand, approached the Philistine.

~ 1 Sam. 17:40



## Who said to Whom:

1. "Today I defy the ranks of Israel! Give me a man, that we may fight together."  
The Philistine said to the Israelites
2. For who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God?"  
David Said to the men who stood by
3. "Let no one's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine."  
David said to Saul
4. "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth."  
Saul said to David
5. "The Lord, who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me from the hand of this Philistine."  
David said to Saul
6. "Go, and may the Lord be with you!"  
Saul said to David
7. "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?"  
Goliath said to David
8. "You come to me with sword and spear and javelin; but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied."  
David said to the Philistine

## To Do List for Child:

**Activity:** Read and Complete "Images I can Hold on To" (Formation Handout 2- A)

**Read:** 1 Samuel – Chapter 17

## To Do List for Parents:

*Please ensure your child learns "The Prayer to the Holy Spirit".*