Art Extra **David and Goliath**

**"God Is Always with Me" Thumb Stones**

Kids decorate clay stones to celebrate and remember: "God is always by my side."

**Supplies:**

**•** Plastic placemats

**•** Air-drying clay or dough

**•** Rolling pins or dowels

**•** Acrylic paints

**•** Paintbrushes

**•** Spray varnish or shellac

**Set-Up:**

Set the placemats at the worktable. Find a well-ventilated area to spray the varnish or shellac (preferably outside).

**Instructions:**

**How do you think David felt when he first saw the giant Goliath?** Allow kids to respond. **David was probably feeling lots of things. Wouldn't you think that he would have felt afraid? David wasn't even a little bit scared because he knew that God was with him, just like God is always with us. God is always by my side. God is always by your side! Today, you're going to make something to help you remember that God is always by your side.**

1. Give a small ball of clay or dough to each of the kids. Show them how to roll it out to be a quarter-sized circle or oval that is about 2" (5 cm) thick.

2. **This is going to be a "thumb stone" that you can keep in your pocket. Whenever you are a little bit afraid, you can reach into your pocket and press your thumb onto this stone. It can help you remember that God was with David and God is with you, too.**

3. Have kids press a thumbprint into the center of the dough.

4. Invite kids to paint their thumb stones or spray them with clear varnish for a nice finish.

**These thumb stones look great! Remember that God is always by your side!**

If you have less time . . .

Roll out dough prior to class. After kids press a thumb into their dough, invite them to add paint or varnish for a nice finish.

If you have more time . . .

Invite kids to use larger chunks of the clay or dough to create a paperweight they can keep as a reminder that God is always by their side.