

# Too Small?

Week 2

**Key Verse:**

Saul replied, "...you are only a boy."

1 Samuel 17:33

Brett, Chad, and Avery all had a problem. They wanted to play sports, but they weren't big enough. People kept telling them to give it up – that they'd never make it, so they might as well stop trying.

There's probably something you'd like to do in life but you are too small or too tall or too young or too something. When you feel that way, it's easy to give up on your dreams, isn't it?

Think of what would have happened if David had said he was too small to fight Goliath.

Or if God would have let Moses refuse to lead the people of Israel because he wasn't a good speaker.

Or if Caleb had thought it was impossible to take the Promised Land because he was too old.

Everybody has something that is not perfect about them. But do you think anyone ever got anywhere by worrying about what they couldn't do?

Let's put God into this situation (well, he's already in it, but you know what I mean). He has a little bit to do with the way you are. After all, he made you.

And he made you for a reason. Just the way you are.

God wants to use you just as you are. He wants to use the special characteristics he gave you.

Which brings us back to Brett, Chad, and Avery. Although they kept hearing that they were too small, they kept trying. They kept trusting that God would honor them for using the skill he had given them. That's why Brett Butler had a great career with the Cleveland Indians and Atlanta Braves, how Chad Curtis got to be a member of the 1998 and 1999 World Champion New York Yankees, and how Avery Johnson got a ring as a part of the 1999 NBA champion San Antonio Spurs.

Too small? Not in God's eyes.

***God don't make no junk.***

**Review:**

*What do I think my biggest problem is? How can God use me and my questionable characteristic?*

**Assignment:**

Read 1 Samuel 17:32-50

**Fast Fact:**

The shortest baseball player ever was 26-year-old Eddie Gaedel. He was just 3 feet 7 inches tall when he pinch-hit for the St. Louis Cardinals in a 1951 game against the Detroit Tigers. Wearing number 1/8, he walked on four pitches. It was his only major league at bat.

**Skills Tip:**

To overcome a weak area, the best thing to do is to get better in some other area. If you want to be a basketball player, but you think you are too short, then become the best ball handler you can be. And never give up working on your shot. If you want to be in baseball, but you know you aren't very good, then begin now to prepare for something like broadcasting, sports writing, or working in a team office. Spend time on your interests and what you do well, and stop worrying about what you can't do well.