

Senses of Scripture Relay Commentary Cards

Catechist Note: Copy and cut out each card, making an individual set of cards for each relay group.

A This story reveals to us that in the end, good will triumph over evil, no matter how much of an advantage the forces of evil seem to have. Christ's victory over sin because of His Cross and Resurrection has crushed Satan and defeated death. We await His Second Coming and the promise of eternal life in Heaven.

B The Jewish Temple was the center of Jewish worship. It was considered the holiest site in all the lands, and the Jewish people were required to make a pilgrimage to the Temple each year. The Spirit of God dwelt in the Temple, which was considered to be God's dwelling place here on Earth. Because of Christ, God's Spirit dwells in each of us, making us temples of the Holy Spirit.

C Knowing that the Spirit of God dwells in each of us, we should take great care of our bodies, as they are temples of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, we should strengthen ourselves to resist temptation and avoid sin so as to honor the presence of God's Spirit within us.

D King David foreshadows Jesus' own kingship and establishment of the Kingdom of God on Earth. David's battle with Goliath points toward our own spiritual battles and, ultimately, Jesus' own victory over sin and Death on the Cross.

E While David was still a youth, he alone stood in defense of God, while the Israelite army cowered in fear of the Philistine's greatest warrior. David's historical battle and victory would lead to a rise in his popularity that would later help the Israelites defeat the Philistines and David to become king of Israel.

F Jesus is the true Temple, God present here on Earth among His creation as a man. Jesus prophesied that He would destroy the Temple and raise it up again in three days, referring to His Death and Resurrection.

G David is an example for all of us on how to fight the spiritual battle around us and resist temptation and evil. David takes no armor into battle and uses only his God-given talents to defeat Goliath. This teaches us to rely on God for everything we need and, with confidence in God, to stand boldly to face and resist the evils and temptations in our lives.

H In Heaven, God will be the Temple in the heavenly Jerusalem, where He will dwell with us eternally.