



## Protector – Lesson 5

### Order of Service (Skit)

#### 1) Introduction

#### 2) Welcome & Memory Verse

Hello everybody! My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and it is so awesome to see all of you! I am really excited to be here with you in the Tree House today. Who remembers what we have been talking about? That's right, God is protector! We have seen how God protected David from lions and bears, from the great, BIG giant Goliath, and from the jealous King, Saul! Today, we will learn more about how God protects us and also how we are called to protect our friends. Now, who remembers our memory verse? Let's all try to say it together. Stand up, up, up. Okay, ready? (Memory verse slide.)

**The Lord** (Make an L with your right hand, place it up by your left shoulder, and bring it down to your right hip.)

**Is my protector;** (Bring your arms up crossed like an X in front of your face.)

**He** (Point up.)

**Is my strong** (Make muscles with your arms.)

**Fortress** (Bring your fingertips together above your head as if under a house or tent.)

**2 Samuel 22:2** (Hold up two fingers on one hand and then alternate with the other while saying the verse reference.)

**Let's try that one more time!** (Repeat.)

#### 3) Skit

Roles:  
Storyteller  
Zip

Storyteller: **Hi, friends!** (Speaking to the audience.) We've been learning about how God is our protector and how God protected David. Who remembers what kind of animals David took care of? (Help the kids respond with "sheep.")

(Zip pops up from behind the Tree House.)

Zip: **OH, OH, OOH, OOOOH! ME, ME, ME!**

Storyteller: **Well hello, Zip! Did you want to say something?**

Zip: **Yes! Pick me! ME, ME, ME!**

Storyteller: **Pick you? Pick you for what?**

Zip: **To be the BEST friend.**

Storyteller: **Oh, we weren't picking best friends. We were talking about...**

Zip: (Interrupts, very disappointed.) **I knew it! I never get picked! Whenever we play games and everyone starts to pick who they want to play with, I never get picked! Never, never, never!**

Storyteller: **Hold on, no one ever wants to play with you?**

Zip: **Nope. I have always wanted a best friend and have never had one. Every time I tell someone to play with me, they won't!**

Storyteller: **TELL someone to play with you? Don't you mean ask them to play?**

Zip: **Nope. Watch.** (Looks towards audience.) **Hey, You! Yeah, you! I'm talking to you. Get over here! Come on! Hurry up! Come on, I wanna play NOW!**

Storyteller: **Slow down. Back up a minute. If you want to play with a friend, do you really think that is the best way to ask them?**

Zip: **Ask?**

Storyteller: **Yes, friends are kind to each other. They don't tell each other what to do. They help each other. In our Bible story David had a friend...**

Zip: **Oh, me! Yes, me! I can be a best friend! Meeeeeee!**

Storyteller: **Please settle down. Friends are good listeners. Friends listen...**

Zip: (Interrupts.) **That's ME! I am a great listener! I listen to my music and I listen to the TV. I can hear really well. See!** (Freezes as if listening.)

Storyteller: **I wasn't talking about hearing...**

Zip: (Interrupts.) **Shhhhhhh! I am listening!**

Storyteller: **You have it all wrong. Friends listen to each other. They listen to what their friends have to say. Listening doesn't mean telling your friends to shush.**

Zip: **Really?**

Storyteller: **Really. Friends listen to each other and help each other. They protect each other and they would do anything for each other. Like David and Jonathan did in our Bible story.**

Zip: **Did they play soccer together? I would love to play soccer. Hey batter batter! One! Two! Three strikes, you're out! Batter up! Take me out to the ball game! Take me out to the crowd! Buy me some cookies and cookies and cookies and cookies. I just love cookies and soccer.**

Storyteller: **That's not soccer. That's baseball.**

Zip: **Well, maybe a friend could teach me the difference.**

Storyteller: **Well, you're right; friends can help us in lots of ways. The first time David and Jonathan met, they became very good friends. They liked each other very much. Jonathan wanted to show David how much he loved him. So he gave him his coat, bow, sword, and belt.**

Zip: **But I don't have a sword!**

Storyteller: **That's okay; we can show our friends we love them by being kind and sharing and taking turns. David's friend Jonathan even helped protect David and keep him safe from the angry King Saul.**

Zip: **Wow! That is a great friend.**

Storyteller: **David and Jonathan were friends who protected one another and they promised each other to always be friends and to always care for each other.**

Zip: **I would like to be that kind of friend. I could be a good listener and warn my friend when they are going to get hurt, and I could protect them from bullies. I would even share my cookies. Do you think I will ever have a friend?**

Storyteller: **Sure I do! I think you may have more friends than you know already.**

Zip: **Really? Who?**

Storyteller: (To audience.) **Boys and girls and teachers, would anyone here like to be friends with Zip?** (Encourage kids to raise their hands.) **Who would share their toys with him? Who likes to play games? Who would tell him if someone was trying to hurt him like Jonathan did for David?** (Audience raises their hands.) **See, Zip? There are lots of people who are your friends, and I am your friend, too.**

Zip: **Friends? Did you say friends? With me? Wow, thanks for listening to me and for being my friends. You have really helped me to see the kind of friend I want to be.**

Storyteller: **You're welcome. That's what friends are for. God wants us to be friends who protect each other like Jonathan protected David. God loves us and protects us in many ways. God gives us friends to help us. Friends protect each other, encourage each other, forgive each other, and spend time together.**

Zip: **Thank you, God, for all my friends! I'm going to go right now and start making more friends by being a friend like Jonathan was to David. I want to be a friend that loves and protects. Bye, friends, see you next time!** (Zip exits.)

Storyteller: **Bye, Zip. Let's pray.**

**Father, we thank you for giving us friends. Help us to remember to protect our friends and show them how much we love and care for them. Thank you for being our protector! Amen.**

#### **4) Songs**

#### **5) Prayer & Closing**

**Dear Lord, we thank you for all that you have taught us about yourself through the life of David. Thank you for being a protector for us all. Help us to remember that we can rely on you and trust you to give us all the strength and power we need. We love you. We pray this in Jesus' name, amen.**



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