



Protector – Lesson 1

Memory Verse: 2 Samuel 22:2 “The Lord is my protector; He is my strong fortress.” (GNT)

Key Point: God is always with us!

Bible Verse: 1 Samuel 16

SCHEDULE:

Center Time

around 10 minutes

Help the individuals transition by actively engaging them from the beginning. Try setting up centers to color, play with blocks and Play-Doh, or do puzzles.

Memory Verse

Use the Memory Verse page and images to go over the memory verse by placing them in the correct order on the board (personal or pocket chart).

Activity/Coloring Sheet (optional)

Big Group Time (optional)

Lesson

- Read through the lesson below. For a shortened version, just read the bolded words.
- Within the lesson, there are numbers that correspond to the story point pictures. For example, (1) corresponds to the first story point and picture, and so on.
- Allow individuals to place pictures on the board (personal or pocket chart) in sequential order.
- Key Point
- Use the review questions to check for understanding.

Video (optional)

Repeat Key Point & Memory Verse

Use the activities below for repetition of the story points, key points, and memory verse.

- Act out the Story.
- Bean Bag Toss: restate part of the story, memory verse, or key point when tossing.
- Hangman: play hangman using key points or parts of the story.

Activity/Coloring Sheet (optional)

Five Finger Gospel (optional)

LESSON:

Today, **our Bible lesson comes from 1 Samuel 16** (1). Saul was the king of Israel. He had started out as a fine king, but then he began to disobey the Lord. Saul began to follow his own desires, rather than the Lord's. **God rejected Saul as King** (2).

Then the Lord tells Samuel to go find the new king (3). He tells Samuel that **he is going to choose a new king from one of Jesse's sons** (4) in Bethlehem.

At first, **Samuel is afraid** to go and do what the Lord asked because he is worried **King Saul will find out** (5) he is choosing a new king. Samuel knows this will make Saul very angry. The Lord has a plan to keep Samuel safe. The Lord tells him, "Tell Jesse and his sons you are there to offer a sacrifice to the Lord and invite them to go with you. Then I will show you what to do."

So Samuel obeys the Lord, knowing God will protect him, and he goes to find Jesse and his sons in Bethlehem. **Jesse has seven of his sons walk in front of Samuel** (6), but **none of them is the one God has chosen** (7). So Samuel asks Jesse, "Are these the only sons you have? Jesse answers, "No. My youngest son is taking care of the sheep."

When Samuel asks, **Jesse sends for his youngest son, David** (8), and Jesse has him brought in from taking care of the sheep. When David comes in, the Lord speaks to Samuel and tells him, "Get up and anoint him. He is the one." God chooses David because he loves God with all his heart. **Samuel anoints David** (9) by pouring oil on his head. Anointing him in front of his brothers. David will one day become the new king! From that day on, the Spirit of the Lord is with David. That means that God gives David the power to do God's work.

Key Point: God is always with us!

Review Questions

| Group A | Group B |
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| Did God like Saul as King? (No) | Why did God want to choose another king besides Saul? (Because Saul was disobeying God and pleasing himself first.) |
| Who did God send to find the new King? (Samuel) | Samuel was afraid to go choose the new king because he didn't want to make Saul mad. What did God do? (He gave him a safe plan and protected him.) |
| How many sons originally were shown to Samuel? (7) | Who would one day be the new king? (David.) |
| Who was chosen as King? (David) | |