



## Protector – Lesson 2

**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 17:34-37

### 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:**

This is a story from **1 Samuel 17:34-37** (1).

Last week we learned about a boy named David and how he would one day become a king. Before **David** became King he **was a shepherd** (2). **A shepherd cares for and protects the sheep** (3) and they guide them out in the fields.

David takes care of the sheep and protects them. A shepherd, like **David**, also **protects the sheep from any wild animals** (4) that may want to hurt them. In 1 Samuel 17:34-37 the Bible tells us that sometimes when David is taking care of his father's sheep, a lion or bear comes and takes a sheep from the flock. Coyotes, **lions, and bears would love to** carry them off for food and **eat the sheep** (5). But David doesn't want that to happen. The shepherd must watch them very carefully for any signs of danger. The shepherd always stays with the sheep and never leaves them.

So **David trusts God** (6). He is brave when he protects the sheep. **He rescues the sheep from the lions and bears** (7). He goes after the lion or bear and, using a heavy stick, he hits it and saves the sheep from its mouth. If the lion or bear turns around to attack David, he grabs hold of its hair and strikes it down. **God protects David** many times and saves him **from lions and bears** (8). David has faith in God and knows that God will protect him. God knows everything David needs and he takes care of him. God is a shepherd to David just like David is a shepherd to his sheep.

**Key Point:** God is always with us!

**Review Questions**

<b>Group A</b>	<b>Group B</b>
Where is this story from? (the Bible)	What was the name of the shepherd we learned about today? (David)
Who was a shepherd? (David)	What does a shepherd do? (Take care of sheep by guiding and protecting them from other animals)
Did David look after the sheep? (yes)	Who helped David protect his sheep from the lions and bears? (God)
Did David let the lions and bears take his sheep? (no)	Who protected David from the lions and bears? (God)
Who did David trust for safety? (God)	Can God protect us when we are afraid? (Yes)
Does God take care of you and protect you? (yes)	
Do you think God loves you and is with you all the time? (yes)	