



Protector – Lesson 3

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

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:

When David is still a boy, **God's** chosen **people have a big enemy**. Their enemy is **the Philistine army** (1). The Philistine army has a soldier named **Goliath**. He **is a giant in the army** (2). **Goliath tries to scare God's people** (3).

Goliath is over nine feet tall. He also carries a huge spear with an iron point at the tip and wears a bronze helmet on his head. People are terrified of him. **Goliath says he wants God's army to send one soldier to fight him** (4). If the soldier from God's army wins, the Philistines will serve God's people. If Goliath wins, God's people will serve the Philistines. All of **the soldiers of God's people are too afraid to fight** (5). So Goliath comes out every day for 40 days to say the same thing. Even the king of God's people is too scared to fight Goliath.

David, who is still a shepherd, goes to the hill where the army of God is staying. **David** hears about Goliath, and he **tells the king that he will fight Goliath** (6). The king replies, "You aren't able to go out there and fight. You are too young, and Goliath has been fighting ever since he was a boy." **David tells the king that God will protect him** (7).

The king dresses David in his own armor, but it is too heavy for David to walk around in. So **David takes** off the armor and picks up **his slingshot and five small stones**, placing them in his bag to take **into battle** (8). David says to Goliath, "You come to fight me with a sword, a spear, and a javelin. But I'm coming against you in the name of the Lord who rules over all. This battle belongs to the Lord."

David flings that little stone into the air, and do you know what God does? **God helps David throw that stone and hit Goliath right on the forehead!** (9) **Goliath falls with that first stone!** (10) God protects David and helps him. God is stronger than any giant. God is stronger than any problem or hard thing we face. He knows what we need, and if we rely on him and ask him to help us, he will.

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Review Questions

Group A	Group B
Can God help us when we have to do hard things? (yes)	Why does God help us with hard things? (Because he loves us.)
Is God near us when we are afraid? (yes)	How was David able to fight Goliath? (Because God was with him and David fully relied on God and knew God would protect him.)
	What kind of armor did David wear when he fought Goliath? (None. He relied on God and did not wear any armor.)