



## Protector – Lesson 5

**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 20

### 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 the Bible** (1) in 1 Samuel 20. David has a very special friend named Jonathan. **Jonathan is King Saul's son** (2). **David and Jonathan** have **become like brothers** (3).

**Jonathan learns of Saul's plan to kill David** (4). Jonathan knows his father is a powerful king but is not obeying God. Jonathan loves David as much as he loves himself, and he doesn't want anything to happen to David. **Jonathan makes a plan and tells David to go hide** (5). **Jonathan** pretends to be practicing his shooting and **shoots three arrows toward the rock near where David is hiding** (6).

**Jonathan will send a boy to get the arrows** (7) he will shoot. If it is safe for David to come back, Jonathan will tell the boy to look for the arrows to the side of him. If it is not safe for David to come back, Jonathan will tell the boy to look for the arrows farther beyond him. David will know that the Lord is sending him away to stay safe.

Jonathan speaks with his father, King Saul, at a special dinner. King Saul is angry that David was not at the dinner. Jonathan sees how angry his father is and knows he wants to kill David. So Jonathan goes to the field where David is hiding and shoots three arrows into the air.

Jonathan then tells the boy to go get the arrows. **Jonathan shouts to the boy, "The arrows went far** (8) beyond you, didn't they?" So, **David knows that he is supposed to run away** (9) to somewhere safe. Jonathan and David are sad that David has to leave, and they know they may never see each other again. **Jonathan** is very brave. He risks his life as he **protects David from King Saul** (10). God used Jonathan to protect David's life. God wants us to be friends who protect each other and stand up for each other. God will be our protector when we rely on him. And we can be people who protect the friends God gives us.

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

**Review Questions**

<b>Group A</b>	<b>Group B</b>
Did Jonathan protect David? (Yes.)	Who was David's friend who protected him? (Jonathan.)
What did Jonathan shoot to warn David? (Arrows.)	What did Jonathan do to protect David? (Warned him by shooting arrows.)
Did Jonathan tell the boy the arrows went close/ beside him or far? (Far.)	Does God want us to be friends who protect? (Yes!)
Does King David stay or run away? (Run away.)	How can we protect our friends? (Warn them when they are in trouble or making bad choices. Stay with them like God is with us and comfort them. Stand up for them when others are being unkind.)
Does God want us to be friends who protect? (Yes!)	