



Protector – Lesson 2

2s and 3s

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).

Coloring Sheet

Big Group Time

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 in sequential order on the table, floor, or in a pocket chart if available.
- Key Point

- Use the review questions to check for understanding.

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.

Activity

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

1. **What was the name of the shepherd we learned about today?** (David.)
2. **What does a shepherd do?** (Take care of the sheep by guiding and protecting them from other animals.)
3. **Who helped David protect his sheep from the lions and bears?** (God.)
4. **Who protected David from the lions and the bears?** (God.)
5. **Can God protect us when we are afraid?** (Yes.)

ACTIVITIES:

Inside the Heart

Supplies

- Paper plate with center cut out (one per child)
- Large craft stick (one per child)
- Bag of cotton balls (one bag per bin, 20 cotton balls per child)
- Orange and yellow crayons
- Glue sticks

Have children color one side of the plate yellow and orange like the mane of a lion. Next, flip the plate over and have them glue cotton balls around the plate for the sheep. Help them glue or tape their large craft stick to the bottom of

their plate to act as a handle for their new mask. Remind them that God protected David from lions and bears and God can protect us, too.

Have fun and let them do the crafts themselves, as much as possible. This is a hands-on way for them to learn who God is and remember what they learn. It doesn't matter if they place the label or stickers in the wrong spot. What matters is teaching them who God is.

Gathering Sheep

Supplies

Bag of cotton balls (one per bin)

Scatter cotton balls around the room. Then have the children pretend to be David and “gather” all the sheep. Ask them to bring all the sheep home and place them on the table. While they are gathering the sheep, sing the following song to the tune of “London Bridge.”

David protected all the sheep,
All the sheep, all the sheep.
David protected all the sheep.
And God protected David.

God protected David from bears,
David from bears, David from bears.
God protected David from bears.
God is protector!