



Protector – Lesson 4

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 18:6

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 the Bible (1) (1 Samuel 18:6). We have learned that God protected David. After David kills Goliath, **King Saul** is so impressed with David that he **invites David to come live with him** (2). **He puts David in charge of the army** (3) and David wins many battles.

One day when David and King Saul are returning from battle, **the people** stand in the streets cheering for the army. They are excited for all the battles that have been won, but they **are saying that David is better than King Saul** (4). **This makes King Saul very, very angry** (5). He becomes very jealous of David. King Saul wants the people to cheer for him more than they do for David.

King Saul has David come and **play the harp for him** (6) to help him calm down and not be so mad. However, as David plays, it just makes him even madder. **King Saul** gets so mad that he **takes his spear and throws it at David while he plays** (7) the harp.

Saul almost kills David, but God is with David. **God protects David** (8) and helps him as **David runs away** (9) and escapes. David is winning battles because God is with him. This makes Saul afraid of David because he knows David has God's protection. Saul tries to think of other ways to harm David. He tells his son Jonathan and his other helpers to go and kill David, but Jonathan and David are very close friends.

God is with David and protects him many times. God will be our protector, too, when we go to him and rely on him to be our strength.

Key Point: God is always with us!

Review Questions

- 1. How does Saul feel about David?**
(Jealous, angry.)
- 2. Why was Saul jealous of David?**
(Everyone liked David more than Saul and said he was better than Saul.)
- 3. What was David doing when Saul got angry and threw a spear at him?**
(Playing the harp for Saul.)
- 4. Why didn't the spear injure David?**
(God protected him.)
- 5. Was David able to escape from Saul and find safety because of his own strength?**
(No. He was safe because God was protecting him.)

ACTIVITY:

David's Harp

Supplies

- Sturdy box with no top (one per child)
- Stickers (three per child)
- Rubber bands of various widths and colors (four per child)
- Crayons
- Tape

Let the children decorate their boxes. Wrap four rubber bands (of various sizes) around the box (secure them with tape on the bottom to prevent slipping, if necessary). Show the children how they can play their new "harps." Remind the children that David played the harp to calm King Saul and that God protected David again when Saul got even angrier and tried to throw his spear at David.

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.