



Protector – Lesson 5

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 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).

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) 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.

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.

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Review Questions

1. **Who was David’s friend who protected him?** (Jonathan.)
2. **What did Jonathan do to protect David?** (Warned him by shooting arrows.)
3. **Does God want us to be friends who protect?** (Yes!)
4. **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.)

ACTIVITY:

Jonathan Protects David Coloring Sheet

Supplies

- Coloring Sheet (One per child)