

Week 3: "God is My Protector"

Lesson Overview

Today's Point: God protects us from harm and danger.

Key Verse: Philippians 4:19 (CSB)

And my God will supply all your needs according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

Bible Story: Daniel in the Lion's Den (Daniel 6)

Story Video: <https://youtu.be/GY0pARvYcyw?si=Lng6glBgrz0Nxx0T>

Songs:

Mighty Name of Jesus

<https://youtu.be/nacyxLqWjO8?si=a0cR09U0Hbu069t1>

Here is a second song that you can use if you would like to:

I Thank God: <https://youtu.be/tay5kChzkDQ?si=xE3Z2F8jES1mQ2b3>

Life Connection: Just as God protected Daniel from the lions, He protects us from harm and fear. We can trust Him in all circumstances.

Gospel Connection: Jesus' sacrifice protects us from the ultimate consequence of sin. By believing in Him, we have eternal life and can confidently share His protection with others.

Schedule:

Warm Up Question (3 min.):

If you could eat anything you wanted for 10 days, what would it be?

Review Classroom Rules (3 min.)

Review giving and collect offerings (2 min.)

Review point and Key verse: (5 min.)

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Play this month's songs (3-6 minutes)

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Activity (5-7 minutes)

Say: Good morning, everyone! It's so great to see all of you here today.

Over the past couple of weeks, we've learned that God is our helper and our provider. Today, we're going to learn about how God is our protector.

We'll hear an amazing story about a man named Daniel who was thrown into a den of lions but was kept safe by God. Let's play a fun game to get us thinking about protection and how God keeps us safe.

Supplies:

A large open space (like a classroom or outdoor area)

Cones, chairs, or other objects to create a simple obstacle course

Blindfolds (one for each child or a few to take turns)

Instructions:

1. **Set Up:** Use the cones, chairs, or other objects to create an obstacle course in the open space. Divide the children into pairs.
2. **Game Play:** In each pair, one child will be blindfolded, and the other will guide them through the obstacle course using only their voice.
3. The guiding partner should give clear and calm instructions to help their blindfolded partner navigate through the course safely. Once they reach the end, they can switch roles and go back through the course.
4. **Debrief:** After everyone has had a turn, gather the children together.
Ask: How did it feel to be guided by someone else? Did you trust them to keep you safe?

Relate their answers to how God guides and protects us, just like they guided each other through the obstacle course.

Say: Great job, everyone! Now that we've thought about what it means to be protected and guided, let's sit down and get ready to hear an incredible story from the Bible about how God protected Daniel in the lion's den.

Teach Bible Lesson: (10-15 minutes)

Say: Alright, everyone! Today, we will hear an amazing story about how God is our protector. We've learned that God helps us and provides for us, and today, we'll see how He keeps us safe even in the scariest situations. Our story is about a man named Daniel who trusted God, and God protected him from a den of lions. Let's get started!

Konnect: Have the kids get out Bibles and look up Daniel 6. (Consider having one of the older kids read the passages.)

READ: Daniel 6:1-5

In Babylon, there was a wise man named Daniel who was loved by the king and prayed to God every day. Jealous leaders tried to find fault with him, but couldn't.

Imagine being so good at what you do that others get jealous! Have you ever felt jealous of someone else? Maybe a friend who's really good at sports or school? It's important to remember that jealousy isn't good, and we should be happy for others' successes.

READ: Daniel 6:6-10

The jealous leaders knew that Daniel prayed to God, so they tricked the king into making a law that said anyone who prayed to anyone other than the king would be thrown into a den of lions. Daniel heard about the new law, but he kept praying to God, just as he always did. He trusted that God would protect him.

Daniel showed great courage and faith by continuing to pray. Let's all pretend to kneel down and pray like Daniel did. Have you ever had to stand up for what you believe in, even when it was hard? Daniel trusted God no matter what.

READ: Daniel 6:11-16

The jealous leaders caught Daniel praying and reported him to the king. The king, despite liking Daniel, had to follow the law and threw him into the den of lions. The king sealed the den with his ring, hoping that Daniel's God would rescue him.

Imagine being thrown into a dark den full of lions! Let's all make our best lion roar. Daniel was in a very scary situation, but he trusted that God would protect him.

READ: Daniel 6:19-23

Wow! God protected Daniel from the lions! Let's all cheer for Daniel's safety. Just like Daniel trusted God to protect him, we can trust God to keep us safe too. Have you ever felt scared and needed to trust that God would help you?

Play Bible Story Video (5 minutes):

Story Video: <https://youtu.be/GY0pARvYcyw?si=Lng6glBgrz0Nxx0T>

Discussion Questions & Prayer

Say: You all did an amazing job listening to the story of Daniel in the lion's den today. I could see how focused and engaged you were.

Discussion Questions:

1. Why do you think Daniel continued to pray to God even when it was against the law?
2. How do you think Daniel felt when he was thrown into the lion's den?
3. What helps you trust God when things are tough?
4. Have you ever felt scared or worried about something? How did you handle it?
5. Can you think of a time when you felt God protecting you or helping you feel safe? How did it make you feel to know that God was with you?

GOSPEL CONNECTION: Just as God protected Daniel from the lions, He protects us from the consequences of our sins through Jesus. Jesus came to save us by dying on the cross and rising again, giving us eternal life and a relationship with God. When we trust in Jesus, we are safe in God's hands forever. **Review the Gospel ABC's with the students.**

Konnect Bible Verse Review:

Have the kids work in pairs and practice saying the Bible verse to each

other.

Crosstown Bible Verse Review:

Have the kids say the verse with you a few times.

Ideas for time remaining:

Coloring sheet - talk to the kids about the lesson again

Sword Drills

Free play

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Questions to Discuss With Your Child:

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