



Grace Church Preschool

Tree House

Protector - Family Lesson 2

Divine Attribute: God is Protector

Heart Response: Rely on him

Memory Verse: 2 Samuel 22:2 GNT "The LORD is my protector; he is my strong fortress."

Points of Emphasis:

1. God is always with us.
2. We can trust God to take care of us.
3. We can rely on God to protect us and keep us safe.
4. God wants us to be friends who protect each other.

Family Worship

Gather your family and play the [worship video](#) found on the curriculum resource page! Have fun, sing loud, and follow along with the motions!

Memory Verse

Supplies:

[Memory verse video](#)

Optional printed memory verse poster

Open your Bible to 2 Samuel 2:22. Show your child that this is where we find today's verse in the Bible. Watch the memory verse video together. If you printed the memory verse poster, display it for your child to see. Practice the verse and motions with the video. Then, practice it as a family. Consider saying it in funny voices or as you stand, hop, or do other fun motions. Maybe even try making it a song!

Bible Lesson

***Note to - the lesson is written to be read like a story. Read the bold words aloud. The words in parenthesis give direction to pause, allow for response, or read Scripture.*

Supplies:

Bible (1 Samuel 17:34-37)

Last week, we learned about a small boy named David and how he would one day become a king.

Before David became King, he was a shepherd. Do you know what a shepherd does? (Allow your child to answer) Shepherds take care of sheep and guide them out in the fields.

Shepherds also protect the sheep from any wild animals that may want to hurt them. Coyotes, lions, and bears would love to carry the sheep off for food. The shepherd must watch them very carefully for any signs of danger. The shepherd always stays with the sheep and never leaves them.

The sheep look to the shepherd to provide them with food and protection. Sheep can't survive on their own very long; they need the help and protection of the shepherd. Even at night, the shepherd sleeps as close to his flock as possible in case of any danger.

David took care of the sheep and protected them. The Bible tells us (1 Samuel 17:34-37) that sometimes when David would be taking care of his father's sheep, a lion or bear would come and carry off the sheep from the flock. Can you make a noise like a lion? (Roar.) What about a bear? (Growl.)

What do you think the lion or bear wanted to do? (Let your child answer.) That's right. The bear or lion wanted to eat the sheep!

But David did not want that to happen. So he trusted God. He was brave when he protected the sheep. He would go after the lion or bear and use a heavy stick to hit it and save the sheep from its mouth. If the lion or bear turned around to attack David, he would grab a hold of its hair and strike it down.

God protected David many times and saved him from lions and bears. David had faith in God and knew that God would protect him. God knew everything David needed, and he took care of

him. God was a shepherd to David just like David was a shepherd to his sheep.

God loved David and protected him and kept him safe. Do you think God takes care of you and protects you? (Help your child say, “Yes! God is Protector!) Do you think God loves you and is with you all of the time? (Yes!) That is right! God loves each of you so much! He created each of us and knows what we need at all times. He wants us to rely on him and trust him to protect us.

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for loving us. Thank you for taking care of us and being our shepherd. Protect us and keep us close. We love you! Amen.

Coloring Sheet

Supplies:

Coloring sheet (found on [Kids Resource Page](#))
Crayons

Have your child color the picture. They can cut
Have your child color the picture. While your child is coloring, consider asking them the review questions below. These questions can also be saved for conversations over dinner or while driving.

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.)

Optional Additional Activities

Decorate Memory Verse Bookmarks

Supplies

Bag of cotton balls

Scatter cotton balls around the room. Then have your child 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.”

