

## Protector - Family Lesson I

**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

Today, our Bible lesson comes from 1 Samuel 16. (Open your Bible.) A long time ago, before Jesus

was born and before Saul became Paul, there was another man named Saul. Saul was the king of Israel. He had started out as a fine king, but then he began to disobey the Lord. Saul began to follow his own desires rather than the Lord's.

So, the Lord speaks to the prophet Samuel and says, "I am very sorry I have made Saul King. He has turned away from me. He has not done what I told him to do." Then the Lord tells Samuel to go to a man named Jesse in Bethlehem. He tells Samuel that he is going to choose a new king from one of Jesse's sons.

At first, Samuel is afraid to go and do what the Lord asked because he is worried that King Saul will find out he is choosing a new king. Samuel knows this will make Saul very angry. The Lord has a plan to keep Samuel safe. The Lord tells him, "Tell Jesse and his sons you are there to offer a sacrifice to the Lord and invite them to go with you. Then I will show you what to do."

So Samuel obeys the Lord, knowing God will protect him, and he goes to find Jesse and his sons in Bethlehem. When he gets there, he invites them to go with him to sacrifice for the Lord. When Samuel sees the oldest of Jesse's sons, he thinks, "This has to be the one the Lord wants me to anoint as the new king for Him." On the outside, he looks like a fine king; he is handsome, tall, and strong.

But the Lord says to Samuel, "Do not consider how good-looking or tall he is. I have not chosen him. I do not look at the things that people look at. Man looks at how someone looks on the outside. But I look at what is in the heart."

Jesse has seven of his sons walk in front of Samuel, but none of them is the one God has chosen. God isn't looking for someone who is big, strong, and good-looking on the outside. God is looking for a person with a heart who wants to

obey him. He is looking to find someone who wants to honor God and not himself. So Samuel asks Jesse, "Are these the only sons you have?"

Jesse answers, "No. My youngest son is taking care of the sheep."

So Samuel asks Jesse to send for his youngest son, David, and Jesse has him brought in from taking care of the sheep. When David comes in, the Lord speaks to Samuel and tells him, "Get up and anoint him. He is the one." David is also good-looking, but that is not why God chooses him. God chooses David because he loves God with all his heart.

Samuel pours oil on David's head and anoints him in front of his brothers. David will one day become the new king! From that day on, the Spirit of the Lord is with David. That means that God gives David the power to do God's work.

David isn't the biggest and mightiest of his brothers. He isn't the most likely to be picked to be a king if you just look at him on the outside. But God can see what is on the inside. David doesn't need to be big and strong on his own because he has the Spirit of God with him. He has God's power, and there is no one stronger!

## Prayer

Dear God, thank you for loving us and looking at our hearts. You know everything about us on the outside and on the inside. Thank you for promising to protect us and help us to rely on 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. **Why did God want to choose another king besides Saul?** (Because Saul was disobeying God and pleasing himself first.)
2. **Samuel was afraid to go choose the new king because he didn't want to make Saul mad. What did God do?** (He gave him a safe plan and protected him.)
3. **Did God tell Samuel to pick the best looking son and only look at the outside appearance?** (No! God told Samuel that God looks at the heart and not what is on the outside.)
4. **Where was the son that Samuel wanted to see after seeing all the rest of Jesse's sons?** (He was caring for the sheep.)
5. **Who would one day be the new king?** (David.)
6. **What does it mean that the Spirit of the Lord was on David?** (God gave David the power to do his work.)

## Optional Additional Activities

### Decorate Memory Verse Bookmarks

Supplies

Bible

Piece of paper

Crayons

Stickers (optional)

Give your child a piece of paper with 2 Samuel 22:2 written on it. Let your child decorate the paper using crayons and stickers to make a bookmark. You may want to give them some direction on what to draw, based on the attribute/lesson.

