

## Protector - Family Lesson 4

**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 18)

**For the past couple of weeks, our Bible lessons have shown us that God is a protector. Does anyone remember whom God has been protecting in our Bible lessons? (David.) That’s right—we have learned that God protected David. How did God protect David when he was a shepherd? (God saved David from the lions and bears as he protected the sheep.) How did God protect David when he faced Goliath? (He was with David and helped him kill Goliath with only one stone!)**

**You guys have great memories! Let’s open the Bible and take a look at how God protects David in our Bible lesson today! (Open the Bible to 1 Samuel 18:6.) After David killed Goliath, King Saul was so impressed with David that he invited David to come live with him. He put David over the army and David won many battles.**

**One day, when David and King Saul are returning from battle, the people are standing 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. This makes King Saul very, very angry. He becomes very jealous of David.**

**Have you ever gotten jealous of someone because he or she was better than you at something? Maybe he/she could run faster than you. Did it make you mad? (Allow your child to answer.) Well, that was kind of how King Saul felt. The people think that David is better, and King Saul doesn’t like it. King Saul wants the people to cheer for him more than they do for David. This causes Saul to become very angry.**

**King Saul has David come and play a harp for him to help him calm down and not be so mad. However, as David plays, it just makes King Saul**

even madder. Can you make a mad face? (Allow your child to show you a mad face.) **Yes, that's just how King Saul feels. He gets so mad that he takes his spear and throws it at David while he plays the harp. Oh no! Is that how God wants you to act when you're angry? (No.) Does God want you to hurt others in anger? (No!) What would have been a better way for King Saul to act if he was mad?** (Pray for God to calm his heart; he could have asked David to leave until he was no longer feeling angry, etc.)

**Saul almost kills David, but God is with David. God protects him and helps him run away and escape. David is winning battles because God is with him. This makes Saul afraid of David because he knows David had God's protection. Saul tries to think of other ways to harm David. He even tells his son Jonathan and his other helpers to go and kill David, but Jonathan and David are very close friends.**

**God was with David and protected him many times. David could not fight bears, giants, and kings on his own. He knew God was the one protecting him. God will be our protector, too, when we go to him and rely on him to be our strength.**

## **Prayer**

**Dear God, thank you for showing us in the Bible that you are our protector. Help us to rely on you for our strength. Help us to give you the glory as you protect us. 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. 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.)

