

October 8, 2017

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David Protects the Sheep • 1 Samuel 17:34-37

Bottom Line: God can help me.

Basic Truth: God loves me.

The extended toddler curriculum provides older toddlers with the Bible Truth and craft element that some are ready to experience before they enter the twos. The same Bible Truth will be told in four (or five) different ways throughout the month allowing for the repetition toddlers need and crave.

Bible Time

- Show It

Craft Time

- Lion

Play Time

- Helping Song

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Gather children on a rug or in a specific area of the classroom to tell the Bible Truth. Some kids (especially the younger ones) may wander. That’s OK. They’re still listening and learning!

What You Need: Preschool Bible and “Bible Story Pictures” Activity Pages

What You Say:

“Come gather here with me. Today I want to tell you a super awesome TRUTH from the Bible about a boy named David. *(Hold up picture of David.)* David was a shepherd and he took care of sheep. *(Hold up picture of sheep.)* Can you all ‘baa’ like sheep? *(Demonstrate.)* David took care of the sheep by making sure they had plenty of grass to eat and water to drink. *(Hold up picture of field.)*

“David also protected the sheep by making sure they were safe. One night the sheep were asleep and a BIG lion came. *(Hold up picture of lion.)* Everyone make a big, powerful lion roar on the count of three. One, two, three! Roar!

“That lion grabbed one of the sheep. David knew he needed to save the sheep, but he needed help. Even though David couldn’t see anyone else with him in the field, he knew that God was with him and that God would help him. God made David STRONG, and David saved the sheep! Yay! *(Hold up picture of David with sheep.)*

“David saved the sheep with God’s help. God helped David, and you know what? He can help you too. He can help you at home. He can help you at the playground. He can help you when you’re in your bed and afraid of the dark. God can help you anywhere!

Who can help you? [Bottom Line] God can help me.”

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Gather small groups of children around you at a table for toddler craft time. Depending on the size of your group, you may lead the craft two or three times. Not every child may want to participate in craft time. That’s OK. Feel free to send home the craft materials for them to complete with their mom or dad.

What You Need: “Lion” Activity Page and dot markers

What You Do:

During the Activity: Retell the Bible Truth as the children use dot markers to fill in the lion’s mane.

What You Say:

During the Activity: “Today we heard about David. He was a shepherd and took care of sheep. David made sure his sheep had plenty of grass to eat and water to drink.

“David also protected the sheep by making sure they were safe. One night the sheep were asleep and a BIG lion came. The lion grabbed one of the sheep. David knew he needed to save the sheep, but he needed help. Even though David couldn’t see anyone else with him in the field, he knew that God was with him and that God would help him. God made David STRONG, and David saved the sheep!

“Look at your paper. Do you see the lion? David saved the sheep from a lion, didn’t he? We need to fill in this lion’s mane with these dot markers.” (*Do activity.*)

After the Activity: “David saved the sheep with God’s help. God helped David, and you know what? He can help you too. He can help you at home. He can help you at the playground. He can help you when you’re in your bed and afraid of the dark. God can help you anywhere! **Who can help you? [Bottom Line] God can help me.**”

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Playtime

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What You Need: Ball

What You Do: Sing the song below to the tune of "Mary Had a Little Lamb" while rolling a ball back and forth. Continue as long as there is interest.

What You Say: "Can you come and sing a fun song with me? We can roll the ball back and forth while we sing.

"God helps [child's name].

"Yes, He does. Yes, He does. Yes, He does.

God helps [child's name].

Yes, He does.

"He helps him/her every day.

"I'm so glad God helps us."