

October 22, 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

- Act It

Craft Time

- Sheep

Play Time

- Friend Play

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Bible Time

What You Need: Preschool Bible, staff, and plush lion

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. I’m going to pretend to be David. *(Hold staff.)* David was a shepherd and he took care of sheep. You can all be my sheep. Let’s see you act like 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. Come on, little sheep. Come over here and get some water. *(Lead the group to one side of the room to pretend to drink.)* Now, let’s go get some nice grass to eat. *(Lead the group to another side of the room to pretend to eat.)* Did you all get enough to eat and drink? Whew, being a shepherd is a hard job.

“David also protected the sheep by making sure they were safe. Are you safe, little sheep? Are you safe? *(Check on your sheep/children.)* One night the sheep were asleep and a BIG lion came. *(Have a Small Group Leader come toward the sheep holding the plush lion. She should roar.)* Oh, no! My little sheep, be careful. Here comes a lion. I will protect you. *(Stand between lion and sheep.)*

“The lion grabbed one of the sheep. *(Have the plush lion land on one of the sheep. Be sure to choose the child carefully.)* 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. *(Look right and left for someone to help. Then get an idea.)* I know! God will help me. God made David STRONG, and David saved the sheep! *(Push lion away, and the lion should run off.)* Yay! Let’s celebrate, sheep. The lion is gone. Everybody do the sheep dance. *(Dance party!)*

“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!
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Craft Time

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: “Sheep” Activity Page and black inkpad

What You Do:

During the Activity: Retell the Bible Truth as the children use their fingers for legs and fingertips for eyes to complete the sheep.

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 sheep? Our sheep is missing something! It doesn’t have any legs or eyes. Let’s use our fingers to make the legs. Great job. Now, you can use your fingers to make the eyes. Wow! What great sheep.” (*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: Large plastic container with holes cut in top, tape, large pom-poms

What You Do: Tape the edges of the holes in the container. Sit with one or two toddler friends and help them push the large pom-poms through the holes. Dump them out and do it again. Continue as long as there is interest.

What You Say: “Hi, [child’s name]. Do you want to come and play with me? We’re going to push these pom-poms through the holes. Can you help me do it? Thank you so much for helping me get these pom-poms through these holes. Do you know who can help you any time? God can help you.”