

He Protects Me

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Lesson Text

1 Samuel 17:34-36

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Psalm 139:14

Lesson Plan

Greeting and Registration

Preclass Activity: Lions and Bears

Welcome and Singing

Centers:

Bible Story: Be Brave

Life Application: Who's Who?

Craft: Stand-up Sheep

NOTE: Be sure to allow sufficient time for a snack.



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Lesson 2

Lions and Bears

The children will make the props for the Bible story.

Materials

For each child:

- 2 small paper plates
- markers or crayons
- glue stick

For the teacher:

- yarn, yellow and brown
- tape
- glue

Reproducible Pages:

- Page A, 1 copy for each child

Preparation

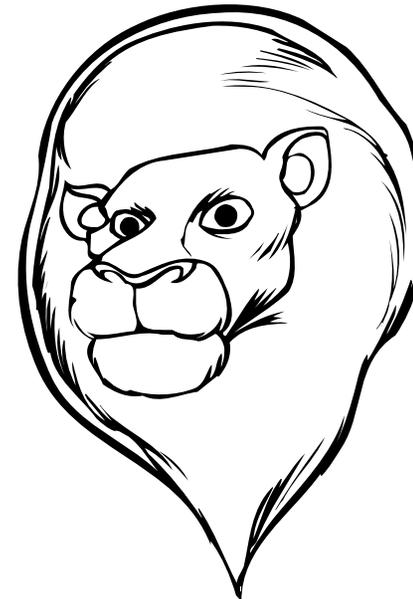
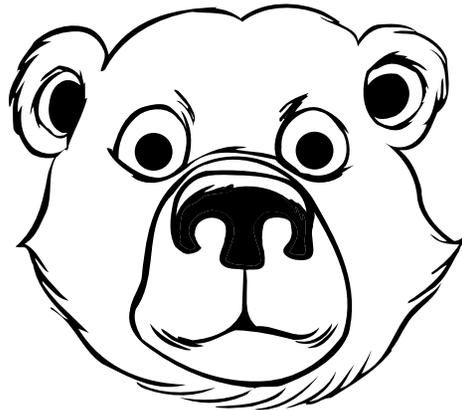
1. Cut out the lion and bear faces from the copies of Reproducible Page A.
2. Cut the yellow yarn into 3" pieces. Cut twenty pieces for each child.
3. Cut the brown yarn into 1" pieces. Cut twenty pieces for each child.

Instructions

1. Give each child two paper plates, a bear face and a lion face. Have the children glue the lion face to one plate and the bear face to the other plate.
2. Have the children color the plates.
3. Give each child twenty pieces of brown yarn to glue around the bear plate as fur.
4. Give each child twenty pieces of yellow yarn to glue around the lion plate as a mane.
5. Help the children write their names on their animal plates.
6. Give the animal plates to the Bible story teacher.

Conclusion

Explain to the children that they will be learning about David and how he saved his sheep from a lion and a bear.



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Be Brave

The children will learn that God knows and loves them and knows when they need help.

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1 Samuel 17:34-36

Materials

For the teacher:

- animal plates from the Preclass Activity

Preparation

Familiarize yourself with the story.

The Lion and the Bear

Give each child their lion and bear plates from the Preclass Activity. Hold the plates quietly until I mention lions and bears in the story. Then, when you hear me say lions or bears, hold up whichever animal I mention. OK? Ready? Listen carefully for when I say lion or bear.

Today we are going to learn about a boy named David. David was a very brave boy. He trusted that God was taking care of him, and he was very obedient to God and his family.

David's father was a shepherd. Do you know what a shepherd is? Yes, it is a person who takes care of sheep.

As David grew up, his father let him take care of the sheep. What do you think David did to take care of the sheep? Yes, he probably took them where there was a lot of green grass and water. While the sheep were eating and drinking, David would watch for dangerous animals that might harm the sheep, animals like lions and bears. (Instruct the children to hold up their lions and bears.) While David watched over the sheep, guess who watched over David? That's right, God watched over David.

One day while David was watching over the sheep, a lion (instruct the children to hold up their lions) came and took one of David's sheep. A lion is very big and strong and makes a loud scary noise. Can you roar like a lion? (roar with the children) Then the Bible tells us that a big bear came after David's sheep. (have the children hold up the bear) Can anyone growl like a bear? (growl with the children) How do you think that David felt? Yes, he was probably very scared. But the Bible says that David was bold and

very brave. He trusted God and knew that God would help him to rescue the sheep from the lion and the bear. So that is just what David did. He fought the bear and the lion and rescued his sheep. David was very brave because he knew that God was right there helping him.

Conclusion

What was the name of the man that fought the lion and the bear? Yes, it was David. What was David's job? Yes, he was a shepherd. He took care of his family's sheep.

David was bold and strong and protected the sheep. He was brave because he knew that God loved him and always took care of him.

God wants you to trust him just like David did. God will protect you and take care of you. He loves you just like he loved David. God is our shepherd, he watches over all of his children, just like David was a shepherd and watched over his sheep.

Teacher Tips

- Dress up as a shepherd to enhance the story.
- Make sheep for the story out of cotton balls and draw in eyes with a black marker.



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Who's Who?

The children will be reminded that David was a shepherd and that his sheep knew him by his voice.

Scripture Memory Verse

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Psalm 139:14

Materials

For the teacher:

- tape recorder
- blank tape

Preparation

1. Be sure that the tape recorder works well and will record and play back your voice.
2. Make a list of commands that the children can act out: hug a friend, sing a song, touch your toes, etc.

Instructions

1. Play the recording of your voice to the children. *Whose voice is that? Yes it is my voice. How did you know that was my voice? Yes, because you hear my voice a lot and remember what I sound like. David was a shepherd and his sheep knew his voice. The sheep would hear David and obey him and go where he told them to go. The sheep knew that David was there to protect them and keep them safe. We are just like the sheep. If we know who God is and listen to what he tells us then he can keep us safe too.*
2. Explain that the children will listen to one another's voices on the tape recorder and guess whose voice it is.
3. Choose one child to leave the group and cover their ears.
4. Choose another child to speak a command into the tape recorder.
5. Have the first child return to the group. Play the recording and have the child guess whose voice it is. Have the child act out the command.
6. Continue until each child has had a turn to record their voice.

Scripture Memory Activity

Use the tape recorder to review the memory verse. Record the memory verse together and then play it back. Record each child reciting the verse and then play it back to them.

Conclusion

Remind the children of how powerful God is. *God is so powerful, he gave each one of us a different voice and he knows who's who by the sound of our voice.*

Your friends who do not come to Bible class don't know that God made them and that he loves them. You can invite them to come to Bible class with you to learn about God.

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Teacher Tips

- If the children are having a hard time guessing the recorded voice, give them hints. For example, ask: "Who has a red shirt on?"



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Stand-up Sheep

The children will make sheep reminding them of how David was a shepherd boy.

Materials

For each child:

- poster board, 7" x 4"
- glue stick
- 20 cotton balls
- 2 spring style clothespins
- black marker

For the teacher:

- scissors
- pencil

Reproducible Pages:

- Page B, 1 copy for the teacher

Preparation

1. Cut out the sheep stencil from the copy of Reproducible Page B.
2. Trace and cut out one sheep for each child from poster board.
3. Make a model of the craft following the instructions.

Instructions

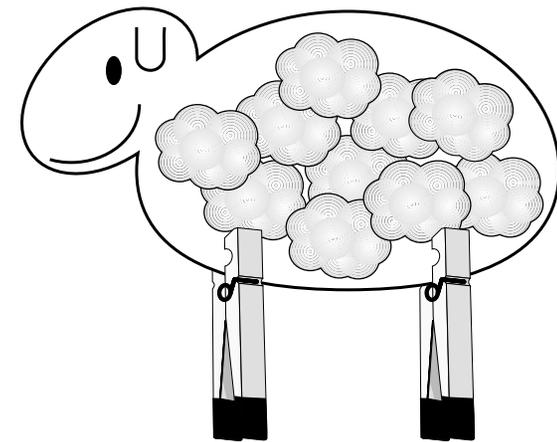
1. Introduce the craft as follows. Explain to the children that today's Bible story is about David. *When David was a boy he helped his father who was a shepherd. That means that David helped him look after the sheep. He helped take care of them and protect them. Today you are going to make your very own sheep that you can take care of and protect!* Show the children your model.
2. Give each child a sheep, cotton balls and a glue stick. Have them glue the cotton balls onto both sides of the sheep bodies.
3. Give each child a marker. Have the children draw a face on both sides of their sheep's heads. See Figure A.
4. Give each child two clothespins. Have the children color the bottoms of the clothespins black, as shown in Figure B.
5. Have the children attach their clothespins to their sheep bodies.
6. Write the children's names on one leg of the sheep.

Conclusion

Talk with the children about ways that God protects and takes care of them. Remind them that God knows all about them. He created them and always knows what they need. Talk about how God watches over and protects us as our shepherd.

Teacher Tips

- Have the children decorate only one side of the sheep. On the other side have them draw a picture of a way that God takes care of them.



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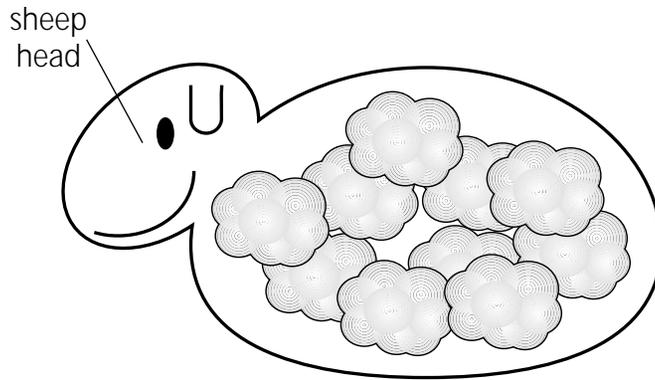


Figure A

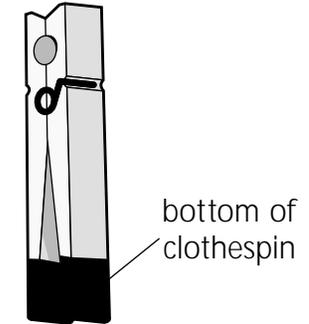
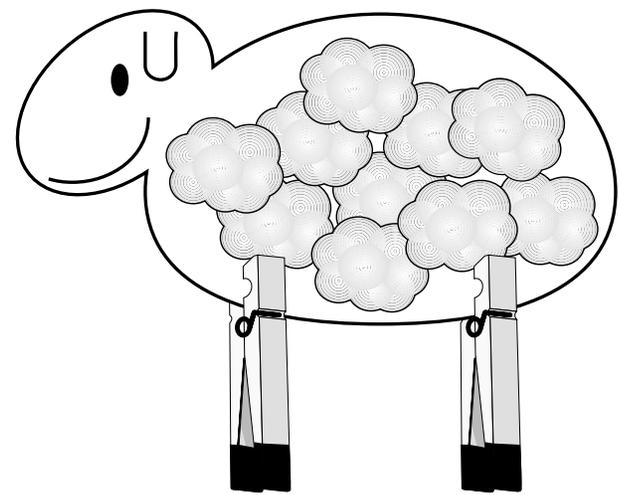


Figure B



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David's Strength

The children will be reminded of how God protected David and gave him strength to defeat the lion and the bear.

Materials

For each child:

- markers or crayons
- 2 pieces of construction paper
- glue stick

For the teacher:

- scissors

Reproducible Pages:

- Page C, 1 copy for each child

Preparation

Cut out the pictures from the copies of Reproducible Page C.

Lesson Plan

Greeting and Registration

Preclass Activity: David's Strength

Welcome and Singing

Centers:

Game: Find David

Craft: Lion Puppets

Life Application: Who's Who?

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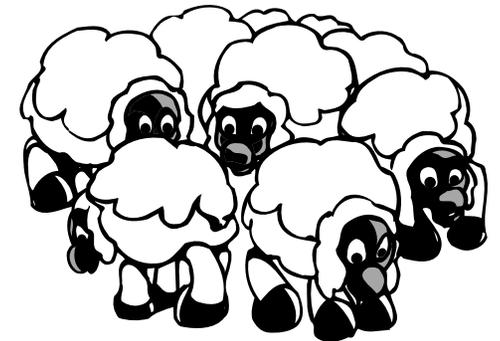
1. Give each child a picture to color.
2. Have the children glue their pictures onto a piece of construction paper as a frame.
3. Give each child another piece of paper. Have them draw a picture of themselves doing something brave that God gave them the strength to do.

Conclusion

Have the children tell you the story of David and the lion and the bear. Be sure to emphasize that God was the one who made David strong and brave.

Teacher Tips

- Ask each child to tell you about their drawings. Write their description on the bottom of their paper. Be sure to ask questions like, "Tell me about your picture," instead of, "What is it?"





Find David

The children will remember the strength that God gave to David to protect his sheep. God loved David and always knew where he was.

Materials

For the teacher:

- construction paper
- scissors
- glue stick
- crayons or markers

Reproducible Pages:

- Page D, 2 copies for the teacher



Preparation

1. Glue each copy of Reproducible Page D onto a piece of construction paper.
2. Color and cut out the cards. NOTE: Discard one of the pictures of David.

Instructions

1. Show the children the pictures on the cards. Ask the children to explain the pictures to you. Remind the children that God loved David and that he always knew where David was. *What was David? Yes, he was a shepherd. What does a shepherd do? Yes, he takes care of sheep.*
2. Turn the pictures face down and mix them up. *God always knew where David was. Do you know where David is now?*
3. Choose a child to go first. Have that child choose a card to turn over to see if it is David.
4. If it is not David, have another child take a turn.
5. Leave each card turned over until someone finds David.
6. After each child's turn, have the next child say; "God knows where David is."

Conclusion

Remind the children that they did not always know where David was, but God did. Explain that it is the same with us. God always knows where we are and what we need.

Teacher Tips

- Offer an animal cookie to any child that finds David. Be sure each child gets one by the end of the game. Ask the children if anyone got a lion, or a bear.
- IMPORTANT: Be sure that none of the children have allergies to any of the snacks you may serve during this activity. Ask the parents at registration if their child has any food intolerance or food allergies.





Lion Puppets

The children will make lion puppets reminding them that God helped David rescue his sheep from a lion.

Materials

For each child:

- 1 small brown paper bag
- colored markers
- glue

For the teacher:

- yellow, orange or brown yarn

Reproducible Pages:

- Page E, 1 copy for each child

Preparation

1. Cut out a lion's face, mouth and ears from the copies of Reproducible Page E.
2. Cut the yarn into 1½" pieces. Cut approximately thirty pieces for each child.
3. Make a model of the craft following the instructions.

Instructions

1. Show the children the model and remind them of the Bible story. *God was with David. He created David, and he knew everything that David needed. He even knew when David needed help to protect himself from a lion! Today you will make a lion puppet to help you remember that God helped David rescue his sheep from the lion.*
2. Give each child a lion's face, mouth, ears and some colored markers. Have the children color their lions.

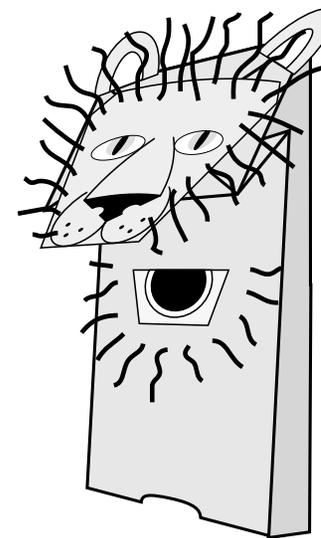
3. Help each child to glue a lion to the brown paper bag, see Figure A, as follows:
 - A. Lie the bag flat on the work surface.
 - B. Glue the lion's face to the bottom flap of the bag.
 - C. On the same flap, glue the lion's ears on the top of the face.
 - D. Glue the lion's mouth to the same side of the bag below the face.
4. Give each child thirty pieces of yarn. Have the children glue the yarn around the face, and underneath the mouth making a mane.

Conclusion

Have the children use their lion puppets to tell the story of David protecting his sheep and God protecting David.

Teacher Tips

- You may want to line up a few longer strands of yarn, and then cut several 1½" inch lengths at a time.



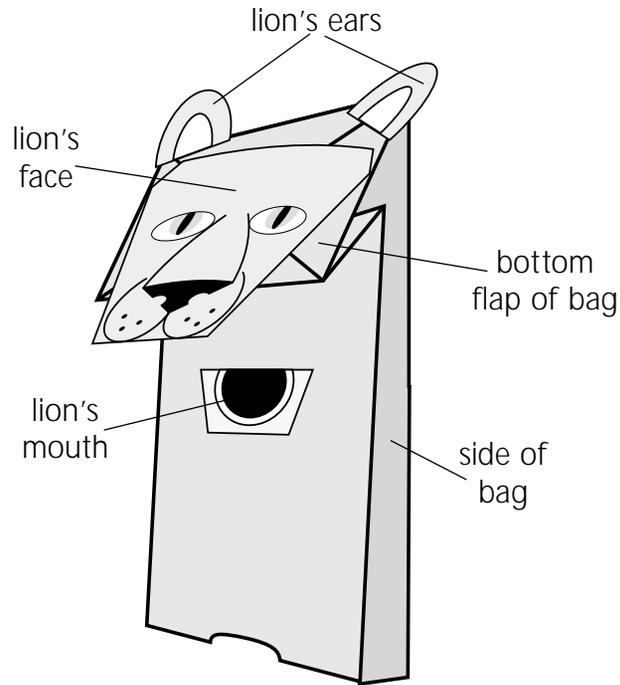
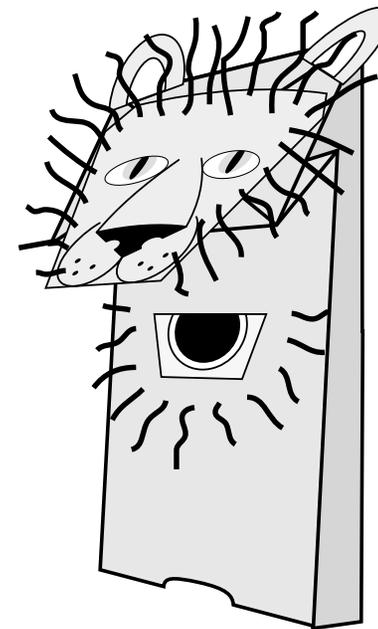


Figure A



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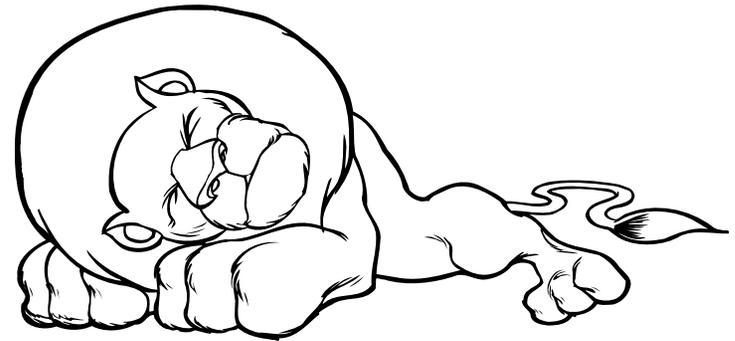
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Supplement/Preclass Activity

1 copy for each child

Read-Observe-Remember

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Supplement/Game

2 copies for the teacher

RECOGNITION

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