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## **Lesson Overview**

In today's lesson, we're going to learn more about David. Do you remember David from a previous story? David had become famous for killing the big giant, Goliath, using a sling shot and a rock! David was brave in that situation because he knew that God was with him. Well, after that great defeat, David became super famous. People even wrote songs about him! But, King Saul didn't like that. He wanted to be the most famous person and he hated that David was getting all the attention. So, King Saul decided to try to get rid of David. He tried several times to put David in dangerous situations that should've killed him, but every time David got away. You know why? Because God was on David's side and he protected him. Saul was no match for God! We need to remember this in our lives. We may face dangerous situations, or even a bully who wants to hurt us, but God will protect us. God is bigger and stronger than any situation or person we might face. So, let's be brave like David!

#### Big Idea

When God is on your side, not even a big bully can beat you.

#### **Key Question**

How does God protect us?

## **Memory Verse**

1 Samuel 18:14 "David continued to succeed in everything he did, for the Lord was with him."

#### Classroom Agenda

- 1. (5 min) Let kids start working on Activity Page #1.
- 2. (5 min) **WARM UP: Share a time you had to be brave.** (Tip: Maybe you started at a new school, stood up for a friend, or told the truth even though you knew you'd get in trouble. God will help us to brave!)
- 3. (5 min) PREVIEW: Write out the Big Idea, Memory Verse, and Key Question on a whiteboard. Have the kids copy it down on Activity Page #1 (if applicable).
- 4. (20 min) LARGE GROUP: Gather for songs and videos with other kids. Then return to class to finish this guide.
- 5. (2 min) RECAP: Read the Lesson Overview (see above).
- 6. (3 min) **KQ:** Answer the Key Question. (Answer: He gives us peace and shows us the way to go. (The Bible says that God will never leave us or forget about us. So, when we're faced with something scary or hard, we need to turn to God and ask for help. He will give us peace, confidence, and he will show us the way to go to get out of danger. God is stronger and smarter than anyone we'll ever face so we can be brave like David.)
  - **Bonus Questions:** What does the Bible say God will never do? How does God help us when we're faced with hard stuff? **4-5th** How can you show bravery like David with something you're facing?
- 7. (5 min) EXPLORE: Read <u>Psalm 121</u>. Identify all that this chapter says about God and what he does for us. Why don't we ever need to be afraid? (Answer: The God who made heaven and everything on Earth loves us! He will help us when we're scared. He watches over us every second of every day. He doesn't sleep or take a vacation and forget about us! He will protect us and keep us safe. That's why we don't ever have to be afraid!)
- 8. (10 min) PLAY: Choose a group activity from Activity Page #2.
- 9. (5 min) **CLOSE: Share prayer requests and pray as a class.** Encourage kids to use the Family Guide at home with their parents and remind them to go online to pursueGODkids.org to find this week's lesson video.

**Teacher instructions:** Choose an activity for your classroom.

# OPTION 1: DAVID'S HARP CRAFT

#### Instructions:

- Give each kid a Harp template (page 5). Give each kid a half piece of construction paper and some pieces of yarn.
- Have the kids color and decorate their harp. Then, have them glue it to the middle of their construction paper. Have them cut pieces of yarn and glue those on to the harp to be the strings. Then, have them glue the statement at the top of the paper and the memory verse at the bottom.
- As they work, review the story of David and Saul. David was famous for killing the big giant and Saul didn't like that. Saul tried many times to get rid of David but God protected David every time. We can be brave like David, too. God will protect us, too.

**Supplies needed:** Harp template (pg. 5, pre cut, 1 set per kid), 1/2 sheets of construction paper (1 per kid), Yarn, Scissors, Crayons, Glue

# OPTION 2: HIT THE TARGET LESSON REVIEW

#### Instructions:

- Before playing, tape two lines on the floor and place 3 paper plates (with point values 10, 20, 30 assigned to a plate) at varying distances from the lines. Divide the class into two teams.
- Have the teams line up behind the lines and give the first kid in each line a bean bag. Ask a question from below. First to raise their hand gets a chance to answer. If they get it right, they get to throw the bean bag trying to hit a plate. If they do, their team gets the points from that plate. Keep track of each team's points. Have two new kids play each round. Continue playing until all the questions have been asked. Team with the most points, wins.

#### **Questions:**

- Who were the main characters in the story today? (Saul and David)
- 2. How did David get famous? (Defeated Goliath)
- **3.** What instrument did David play? (Harp)

- **4.** T or F: Saul was the king. (T)
- 5. Is our story from the OT or NT? (OT)
- **6.** Why was Saul jealous of David? (More famous)
- **7.** Why was Saul afraid of David? (He knew God was on his side)
- 8. Tor F: Saul threw a rock at David. (F, spear)
- 9. Who will help us to be brave? (God)
- 10. From what book is our memory verse found? (1 Samuel)

**Supplies needed:** Tape, 3 paper plates, Marker, Bean bags

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## **Key Points:**

•	When young David got	famous, King Saul got	·	
•	When David became a		, King Saul got scared.	
•	King Saul tried to		_ David while he was playing his harp	ე.
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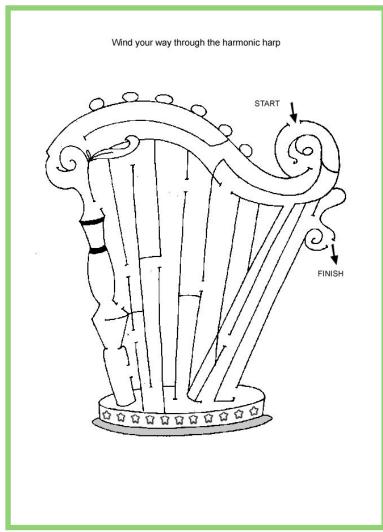
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## Talk About It

- 1. What's your favorite part of the video? What's one thing you learned from it?
- 2. Share a time you had to be brave. (started a new school, stood up for a friend, told the truth even though you knew you'd be in trouble)
- 3. What had David done to become so famous? Why was Saul jealous of David?
- 4. What did Saul throw at David? Who protected David?
- 5. Read Psalm 121. Identify all that this chapter says about God and what he does for us. Why don't we ever need to be afraid?
- 6. How will you apply this lesson to your life this week?

**Instructions:** Solve the puzzle and color the picture.

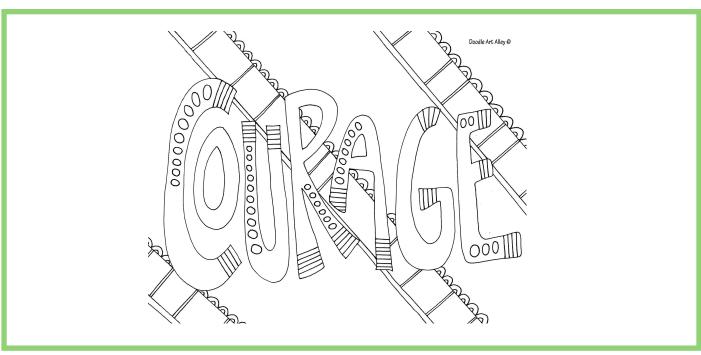


# Big Idea

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