

Lesson 13: God is Our Protector!

Objectives: Students will...

- 1) Define “protector” and determine that God is our protector by looking at Bible verses
- 2) Do activities to help reinforce the idea
- 3) Create a “God is our Protector” banner to help remember all the ways God is our protector.

Supplies:

Teacher Materials (provided in classroom)

- Bible(s)
- Markers/Pencil Crayons/Crayons
- Pencils
- Attendance Chart
- Stickers for Attendance
- God is Our Protector Verse and Color Page – one per child
- Banner Paper (11 x 17 computer copy paper or large construction paper) - one per child
- Banner Template for God is Protector
- Scissors – to share
- Glue or Glue Sticks –to share
- Chalkboard or Easel to write down ideas for all to see

Optional

- Pillow Cases – pre washed white or light colors – one per child
- Colored Permanent Markers or Fabric Markers – to share
- Cardboard insert big enough to fit in pillow case to protect markers from going through to other side of pillow while coloring – one for each child
- Blank sheets of 8 1/2 X 11 paper

Dictionary: to define words that are discussed in commandments, Bible verses etc.

Snack:

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| - Your Choice | enough per child |
| - Napkins for snack | one per child |
| - Juice or water and cup | one per child |

Lesson:

1) Introduction to lesson

5-10 minutes

As students enter welcome them and help find a chair to sit at. Thank them for coming.

Have children put a sticker beside their name for this week on their attendance chart.

Once children are seated say;

What have we learned about God so far? (God is Love, worthy of praise, faithful, fair and just, our provider, merciful, holy, righteous, and Spirit, never changes, and is personal) **Today we are going to learn that God is also our protector. This is the last characteristic we are going to study about God in this series. Next week we will look at how we should ask for help in response to God’s characteristic of being our protector and then we will move on to a new series.**

WHAT IS A PROTECTOR?

Can anyone tell me what a protector is? Raise your hand if you know. (Encourage children to raise hands and tell you what they think it is. Examples may be – someone who takes care of someone, keeps them safe from harm, etc.)

The word protector in relation to God means: that he protects; He is a defender or guardian to us.

Can you help me name some people that have jobs to protect us? (Firemen, Policemen, Doctors.)

How does each of these people help protect us? (Fire, Bad Guys, Sickness.)

Would it be scary if we didn't have people to protect us? (Allow for answers.)

Our best help and protection comes from our heavenly Father. God protects those who love and follow Him. With God protecting us we never have to worry.

God watches over His children and protects them. He can protect us when we sleep and when we are awake.

Today we will learn that God protects those who love Him. He covers them with a blanket of protection and His favor is like a mighty shield that surrounds His children.

If you have a Bible, turn to Psalm 5:11-12. Hand out bibles to those who did not bring any and help them find the verse. Read it aloud:

But let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy.

Spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may rejoice in you.

Surely, LORD, you bless the righteous; you surround them with your favor as with a shield.

Discussion Questions:

1. What do you think refuge means? (Shelter, protection, place of safety)

2. According to these verses, what should we do now that we know God protects His children? (Be glad and sing for joy)

3. What does the scripture say that God spreads over those who love Him? (Protection like a blanket)

4. God surrounds us with His favor like a _____? (Shield)

5. What is another word that we can use for favor? (Kindness, support)

6. Is there anyone or anything that can protect us better than God can? (No)

2) God is our Protector Verse and Color Page

10-15 minutes

Hand out one sheet per child along with pencil crayons. Read the instructions aloud and read each word on the right side of the page for children who have trouble reading. Let them try and fill in the slide with the right words. To check if they are right, have them turn to Zephaniah 3:17a to read the right answer. When finished that, if time, allow them to color the page.

3) God is Personal Banner Craft

15-20 minutes

Hand out one piece of construction paper or large copy paper to each child for their banner. Tell kids to write their name on the back of the paper. Hand out one template page as well. Then hand out markers, crayons or pencil crayons for each child along with scissors and glue to share.

“Each week that we study a characteristic about God we will make a banner. This will help us remember that God is many things and all of them amazing! This week we will add to our banner for the last time and make a God is Our Protector page!

On the template page is a picture of a blanket and a shield and the verse we read earlier Psalm 5:11-12. Let’s turn their again and read it aloud.

Why are we going to color the blanket? Because God is like a blanket in how He protects us.
Why do we have a shield? Because God is our shield.

Let’s color and decorate our blanket and shield – you may want to draw pictures in each blanket square to show all the ways you know that God protects you. Decorate and color your shield to show how God protects you as well.

You can go through your activity sheets for words or ideas of things that remind you of how God is our protector. You can also draw pictures of things that remind you. Remember to fill up the whole banner with things and ways that show God is our Protector.

Go ahead and start and if you need help or have any questions feel free to ask!

Make sure students have access to their bibles and activity pages for ideas and if necessary help them with cutting, gluing, verse look ups, or other things. Ensure kids clean up before leaving. If banners are dry kids can take them home or you can collect them and then hand them out to each child at the end with all banners the child will make stapled together to make one huge rolled up banner!

4) Optional: God is Our Protector Morning and Night Pillow Craft

15 minutes

Before class: Wash new pillow cases and ensure they are wrinkle free. Also prepare cardboard pieces in advance – ones that fit inside pillowcase to protect the other side of pillow from being marked up by markers when coloring.

Tell the children: Today we are going to make a reminder that God protects us all the time morning and evening. We are going to make pillowcases just for us that remind us about God’s protection.

To start insert the piece of cardboard into the pillowcase; this will keep the marker from going through to the other side of the pillow.

Hand out blank sheets of paper so children can practice their design first before going ahead and doing it on pillow as pillow will be permanent!

Draw a large picture of a sunrise with the sun smiling. Below that write the words, “Give glory to God who protects me every morning!” *Remember to tell the children that the pillowcases need to be laid length wise so that it would be as if you were sleeping on it, don’t put it vertically.

Once complete, flip the pillowcase over and let them draw a picture of a rainbow. Help the children write, **"Watch over me as I sleep, Lord Jesus."**

Have these phrases written somewhere so children know how to write them.

Each morning when you wake up, turn your pillow over to the side that says "Give glory to God who protects me every morning!" This will remind us to give God thanks each day. When you get ready to go to sleep turn the pillow over to the side that says, "Watch over me as I sleep, Lord Jesus." With God watching us, we know that we will have a good night's sleep!

5) Optional - Snack: Your choice!

5 minutes

Hand out snack along with a glass of water or juice to each child. Have a napkin for children to clean their hands. Discuss questions and examples of how God is our protector while snacking!

6) Close in prayer

Thank you God for loving us, protecting us, and allowing to see all the wonderful characteristics you possess including being our protector. Help us to trust in you, count on you, pray to you, study your word and go to Sunday school so we can continue to learn more about you and follow you all the days of our lives. Thank you for caring for our pets, families, friends, church members and others and pray you will help those who are not well today and those you are struggling. Pray that others may see Jesus in our lives. (Take time to pray for any needs the class may have as well.) In Jesus' name we pray this, Amen.

Thank you for serving Christ in this way!