

## Bible Lessons for Children

Learning to Know the Triune God through His Holy Word

### Primary Lesson One Hundred Twenty-seven: David Remains Righteous

- Overview** Bible Facts & Songs: Bible Drill  
Bible Reading & Discussion: Exodus 22:28; I Samuel 24:1-22; Psalm 57  
Bible Memory & Craft: Psalm 23  
Learning Objectives: (1) Saul took 3,000 men to seek for David. (2) When Saul went into the same cave as David and his men, David cut off a corner of Saul's robe but would not attack Saul because he was the Lord's anointed. (3) David showed himself to Saul and proved that he was not Saul's enemy because he did not kill Saul when he had the opportunity. (4) David relied upon the Lord to judge and sentence Saul. (5) Saul acknowledged David's righteousness and that he would be king. (6) David swore to Saul that he would not cut off Saul's offspring. (7) David believed that God would fulfill his purpose for David. (8) David trusted God for his salvation.
- Opening** Get students' attention by using a pre-planned silence signal.  
Have students sit in rows or a semi-circle facing you.  
Open in prayer asking God's blessing upon the time.
- Bible Facts** Materials: Bibles for students to use  
5-10 minutes Strategies: Bible Drill  
Instructions: Students hold closed Bibles up over head. The leader then calls out a Scripture reference – the book, the chapter and the verse. When the leader says, "Charge," the students look for the reference in their Bibles. When the reference is found, students stand and read it.
- Bible Reading** Materials: Bibles for students to use  
15 minutes Strategies: Impromptu Retelling  
Scripture: Exodus 22:28; I Samuel 24:1-22; Psalm 57  
Instructions: After Scripture has been read, students perform roles by pantomiming actions and repeating lines from the reading. Leader prompts students as needed.
- Bible Discussion** Materials: Number Cards  
10 minutes Strategy: Count Down  
Instructions: Have students sit in a fellowship circle. Numbers are written on small cards and handed out randomly to students. The leader asks questions and students answer in numerical order (1,2,3), reverse order (10,9,8), &/or by type (even, odd, divisible by three, etc.).  
Questions:
- David had about 400 men with him. How many did Saul take to seek David? (3,000)
  - When Saul came into the same cave as David, what did David do? (Cut a corner from Saul's robe)
  - When David's men wanted to attack Saul, David said, "The Lord forbid that I should do this thing to...the Lord's blank..." (Anointed)
  - After Saul left the cave, David came out and did what to pay homage? (Bowed)
  - David showed Saul the corner of the robe proving that he was not Saul's enemy because he did not kill Saul when he had the opportunity. David said to Saul, "I have not blank against you, though you hunt my life to take it." (Sinned)
  - Who did David say should judge between himself and Saul? (The Lord)
  - God's law for Israel said, "You shall not revile God, nor curse a ruler of your people." Did David obey this law? (Yes)
  - Saul said to David, "You are more blank than I, for you have repaid me good, whereas I have repaid you evil." (Righteous)
  - David wrote Psalm 57 when he was hiding in the cave. What word pictures did he use to describe the dangers around him? (Lions, fiery beasts, spears, arrows, swords)
  - David said, "I cry out to blank Most High, to blank who fulfills his purpose for me." (God)
  - Saul said to David, "I know that you shall surely be blank..." (King)

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- What did David swear to Saul? (He would not cut off Saul's offspring nor destroy Saul's name)
- Who did David believe would "put to shame him who tramples on me"? (God)

Transitional Thought: When David was in danger, when his soul was bowed down, David trusted God to save him, to show him mercy, to fulfill His purpose for him. David sang praises to God for His steadfast love and faithfulness. God shows this same love and faithfulness to those that believe in Jesus Christ for their salvation. As David trusted, so must believers trust in God's goodness and mercy which saves them from eternal death to eternal life.

**Group Prayer** Through prayer, praise God for Who He is, for His mercy, love, and faithfulness that saves unworthy sinners.

**Bible Memory** Materials: White board with markers and eraser

10-15 minutes Strategy: Hand Motions

Instructions: Have students sit in a semi-circle or rows facing a white board with the following passage written on it:

*"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever." Psalm 23:6*

Simple hand motions are chosen to represent most words in the passage. Students repeat the passage a few times using words and hand motions from memory.

**Bible Craft** Materials: Murals from past lesson, glue, glitter, paper, markers, sample project

As time allows Activity: 3D Mural representing Psalm 23

Note: Each student will make his/her own 3D mural representing Psalm 23. It will be completed during several lessons. New images will be added each lesson until the mural is finished.

Instructions: Have students sit at tables. Today students will add a glitter sunburst at the end of the path. Give each student his/her mural. Have each student use bright markers to color a sunburst at the end of the path. Show students how to put glue on the sunburst and sprinkle it with glitter. Students may take home completed murals.

Have students repeat Psalm 23 that they have learned, "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever." Psalm 23:1-6

**Closing** Have students assist with clean-up.

Remind students to practice their memory work throughout the week.

Close in prayer & dismiss.

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### Psalm 23

Verse 1: "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want."

3D Mural Craft: Cotton ball sheep

Verse 2: "He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside the still waters."

3D Mural Craft: Green grass, blue cellophane water

Verse 3: "He restores my soul. He leads me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake."

3D Mural Craft: Brown dirt path

Verse 4: "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me."

3D Mural Craft: Crumpled-paper mountain with lion, bear, &/or wolf cutouts

Verse 5: "You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows."

3D Mural Craft: Flat-rock table with rod & staff leaning against it and oil flask upon it

Verse 6: "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

3D Mural Craft: Glitter sunburst at end of path