God Protects His Children!

Children's Sermon Object Lesson about God's Protection from Psalm 27, Psalm 63, Isaiah 55



God Protects His Children: Umbrella Object Lesson and Children's Sermon on God's Protection and Strength

Lesson Teaching Objective: There can be a great deal of fear and uncertainty in life, even for youngsters. However, God gives us beautiful promises to protect us and provide for us. In the Psalms, we constantly experience His comforting promises to surround us and keep us in His care, whatever else may happen. This message reminds children that God is always in control and will always guard us, even when life is scary. Like a fortified castle or a safe hiding place, God will always shelter us and keep us secure.

Law / Gospel Theme: God is in control and powerful, no matter what threatens our security and safety. Fears will assail us, but nothing defeats the Lord. We seek His face for courage. God's ways are higher and greater than ours, and we can trust in Him. We can take comfort knowing that God promises to rescue and support us. He has given us Jesus, and even if we struggle in this life, we have the resurrection hope of the life to come!

Optional Classroom Materials: Umbrella, jacket, pictures of fortified castle/stronghold, rocks, or a bird sheltering young under wing.

Bible Passage: Verses from Psalm 27, Psalm 63, Isaiah 55. See Bible verses on God's Strength

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God's Protection Children's Sermon Object Lesson (Psalm 27, Psalm 63, Isaiah 55) Umbrella Bible Object Lesson

Greet students, carrying an open umbrella.

Hello, children of God! You may be wondering why I'm carrying an umbrella. Well, there are probably a few possible reasons for me to need an umbrella. If it was raining outside, I might need an umbrella to protect myself from the rain. It would keep me from getting wet. If it was extra sunny outside, the umbrella could keep me protected from the bright sun. Now, I guess there's not much to be protected from inside, but you never know...I mean, sometimes life gets a little scary! You never know what could happen after all...

There are a lot of things we might have for protection. But how can we be protected from fear? How are we kept safe when there are so many uncertainties in life? We have some wonderful promises from God about this. The Bible is full of reminders that we are protected and covered by our Lord. He loves us and wants what is best for us, and He will always keep us safe in times of trouble. In the book of Psalms, we see this prominently. King David was a main author of Psalms. He was a great leader, but also went through a lot of challenges. People tried to chase him down and take his life. David went through deep fear and sorrow, but he still had hope in God. He knew that the Lord would be near Him and protect him, even when others were against him. He described this protection like a stronghold, like God set him above and beyond his enemies. (Show picture of fortified castle, rock, or bird.) This castle is set up on a high place, making it very challenging for someone to attack it. (Or describe hiddenness of rock cave or protection of mother bird's wing.) This is how the Psalmist describes our protection by God. The Lord will set us far from potential harm. He will give us comfort and peace. We don't need to fear, even when uncertainty threatens our security and everything seems crazy. The Lord's ways are higher than we can understand, but He is always in control. We don't need to fear when we face tough times, because God promises ultimate hope. He is our rock, stronghold, and hiding place. God wants us to seek Him, and promises His peace and strength when we do. When we love and cling to God, He will guard us in His care. God can do all things, and we do all things through His strength!

Why don't we say a prayer of trust and thanks now?

Children's Prayer:

(Have kids repeat each line, if desired) Dear God, Thank you for protecting us You are a stronghold and comforter. Thank you for lifting us up And sheltering us. Help us to always seek you and trust you We love you, God! In Jesus name, Amen

Bible Verses/story to Reference:

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

2 When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh,

my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.

3 Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;

though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

5 For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;

he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.

11 Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

12 Give me not up to the will of my adversaries; for false witnesses have risen against me,

and they breathe out violence.

13 I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living!

"Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near;

7 let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts;

let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord.

9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways

and my thoughts than your thoughts.-Isaiah 55:6-9

My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food, and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips,

6 when I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night;

7 for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy.

8 My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.- Psalm 63:5-8

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