



Mustard Seed Children's Lesson Summary for November 21, 2010
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"God Delivers and Protects"

Lesson Text: Psalm 91:1-6, 9-16

Background Scripture: Psalm 91:1-16

Memory Verse: "I will set him on high, because he hath known my name" (Psalm 91:14).

Psalm 91

- 1 He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
- 2 I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.
- 3 Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.
- 4 He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.
- 5 Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day;
6. Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.
- 7 A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; [but] it shall not come nigh thee.
- 8 Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.
- 9 Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation;
- 10 There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.
- 11 For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.
- 12 They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.
- 13 Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.
- 14 Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.
- 15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him.
- 16 With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.

TEACHER'S NOTES

In an increasingly dangerous world filled with unfathomable kinds of evils, the message that God protects and delivers His people is welcome news, indeed!

The dangers we face may be different from those mentioned in this psalm, but the reality is the same. Just as God protected His people from the worst that could happen in Bible times, so He protects and delivers us today as we walk in His will.

Do not be afraid to *appropriately* share with the children some of the dangers, trials, and troubles you have. Let them join in prayer and in trusting God in these situations.

May this lesson help both you and your students gain a deep level of trust in God. No evil can touch His children unless He allows it in His plan for our good and His glory.

THE OBJECT IN VIEW:

Teach the children that God protects and delivers His people, so we need not be afraid of any trouble.

TRUTH TO STRESS:

1. God protects His people in times of trouble and danger.
2. We can trust God to take care of us.
3. We can even praise God in times of trouble and danger.

PLANNING VISUAL AIDS

For Helping to Remember, cut empty paper towel tubes into 2-inch sections, making one for each child. Make a 3-inch circle pattern. Bring paper, safety scissors (blunt tip), and markers.

For the lesson activity, make a copy of the Word Search for each student (located at the end of this lesson).

BEGINNING THE LESSON

Samantha pulled the covers over her head and shivered. "This dark old house scares me," she told her mother. "I hate it!"

Samantha's mother sat down on the edge of the bed and hugged Samantha close. "I am right close by in the next room," Mother assured her, "I will not let anything hurt you."

That made Samantha feel better, she sighed, a big smile on her face. "I feel safe now that I know you will protect me." And Samantha enjoyed a good night's sleep.

There are many things we can be afraid of, and there are plenty of bad things that happen in life.

TELLING THE LESSON

Psalm 91 teaches that God is always there to protect His people. It is as if we are living in a secret place with our Loving Father, protected from all problems

around us. We have already learned that God is our protection and hiding place in times of trouble. Because of that, we can trust in Him.

Like a mother hen that takes her chicks under her wings to protect them in times of danger, God protects us, His people. We can feel as safe as the chick nuzzled safely under its loving mother's wings.

Psalm 91 says God will keep us out of traps. What kinds of traps might we fall into? (Let the children respond.) Satan, God's enemy, is always planning traps to get God's people in trouble. Sometimes other people may try to trap us too and get us into trouble. We have no need to fear. God has promised to deliver His people out of all those traps.

Whether danger comes to us under the cover of darkness or in broad daylight, God will protect us and deliver us from trouble. We will not be afraid of the dark or of sounds in the night. We know that God is with us in the night, just as He is during the day.

Nothing evil can come near us unless God allows it. If He allows, He has a good plan in it. If He allows it, it will be good for us. It might cause us to grow stronger or to come close to God.

God's people are protected by His good angels. We cannot see them, but they are all around us, keeping us from harm, keeping us from getting hurt. God has sent His angels to protect us and to help us.

When we feel we are in trouble, we can always call on God. God will hear us and help us. He will not let us die before His plan for us is finished. He will give us His salvation. After this life is over, we will be with Him in heaven forever. In heaven we will never have any troubles again.

It is a wonderful thing to be a child of God, our great Protector and Deliverer.

TELLING HOW TO LIVE

What do you do when you are afraid? What will you do differently now that you know that God is always with you? (Allow the children to respond.)

Is there anything of which you have been afraid? (Let the children respond.) What have you learned that will help you not to be afraid? (Teacher, if appropriate, lead in a time of prayer, putting the children's fears in God's hands.)

HELPING TO REMEMBER

Give each child a tube section. Have him decorate it to represent himself. He can use markers to draw a face, hair, and clothing. Then let each child trace a circle on paper and cut it out. Help them fold it to make a cone. The cone can be placed over the doll to show that God protects and delivers His people. The children can pretend that danger is ahead and cover the doll to protect it.

EXPLAINING THE MEMORY VERSE

“I will set him on high, because he hath known my name” (Psalm 91:14).

As God’s children who know and love and honor His name, we will never be crushed beneath the problems of life. God has good things in store for us. He will set us “on high.” He will keep us above all the problems of life. We will live above our problems. Because we know God’s name, we will not be crushed by them. We know He is good and strong. We know He can and will help in any problem or danger.

To set on high means to be protected. God promises to reveal Himself as the Protector of those who have no other protection. These people do not rely on the protections of this material world, such as money, weapons, or bodyguards; they rely on God to show Himself mighty in the rescue of those who trust in Him alone.

To know God’s name, of course, means much more than merely knowing His name; it means that we trust in Him.

CONCLUSION

Lead the children in singing praises to God for his divine protection and deliverance.

PRAYER

Dear God, we thank You for protecting and delivering us from danger and harm. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

ANTICIPATING THE NEXT LESSON

Next week’ lesson is “**God Knows Everything.**” We should see that God knows everything about us - every thought, every word, and every action. Study Psalm 139:1-6, 13-16, 23-24.

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WORD SEARCH

"God Delivers and Protects" (Psalm 91:1-6, 9-16)

Find each of the following keywords from the lesson:

ABIDE	ALMIGHTY	ANSWER
BEFALL	BUCKLER	DELIVERS
DESTRUCTION	EVILS	FEATHERS
FORTRESS	GOD	HABITATION
HIDING	HIGHT	HONOUR
MOST	NOISOME	PESTILENCE
PLACE	REFUGE	SALVATION
SECRET	SHADOW	SHIELD
SNARE	TERROR	TREAD
TRUST	WINGS	

T P A S T S R A A J R F N S T
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G U O S F E M A L S I U A L R
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I R T A B H R E E E L A U I S
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T N O I S O M E S C O L T N E
H S S E R T R O F Z E O C T H
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H R E H S M P R L S G N I W F
K T E N O P G L M T H J A O T

29 words were placed into the puzzle.

SOLUTION TO WORD SEARCH

"God Delivers and Protects" (Psalm 91:1-6, 9-16)

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D E + H O U L U L D W F R T R
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(Over, Down, Direction)

ABIDE (13, 3, SW)
ALMIGHTY (9, 1, SW)
ANSWER (8, 1, SE)
BEFALL (12, 4, S)
BUCKLER (5, 7, NE)
DELIVERS (11, 8, NW)
DESTRUCTION (3, 11, NE)
EVILS (7, 13, W)
FEATHERS (15, 14, N)
FORTRESS (9, 10, W)
GOD (3, 8, E)
HABITATION (4, 12, E)
HIDING (1, 8, N)
HIGHT (1, 13, N)
HONOUR (6, 7, NW)
MOST (2, 4, NE)
NOISOME (2, 9, E)
PESTILENCE (2, 1, SE)
PLACE (7, 14, NE)
REFUGE (7, 1, SW)
SALVATION (14, 1, S)
SECRET (8, 11, E)
SHADOW (6, 1, SE)
SHIELD (8, 11, W)
SNARE (9, 13, E)
TERROR (15, 1, S)
TREAD (2, 15, N)
TRUST (13, 5, S)
WINGS (14, 14, W)

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