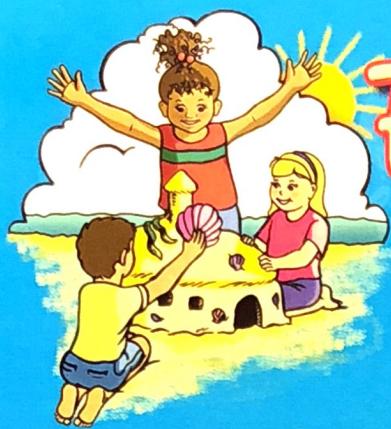




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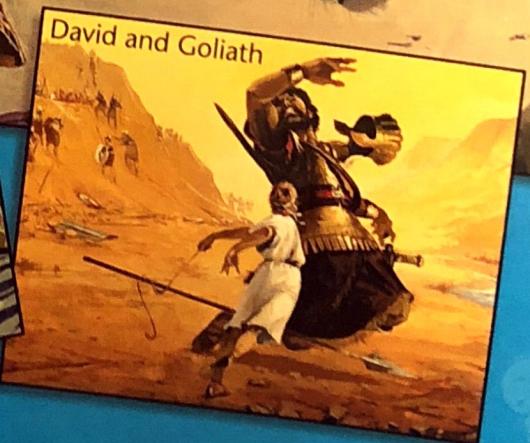
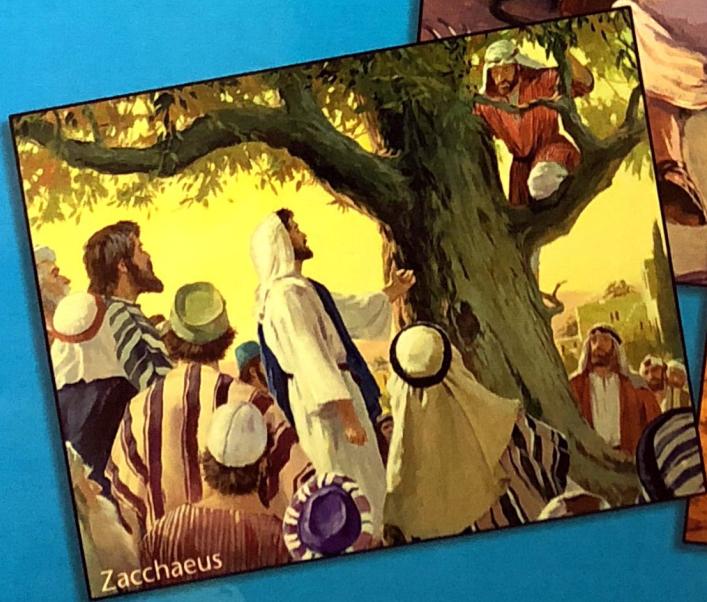
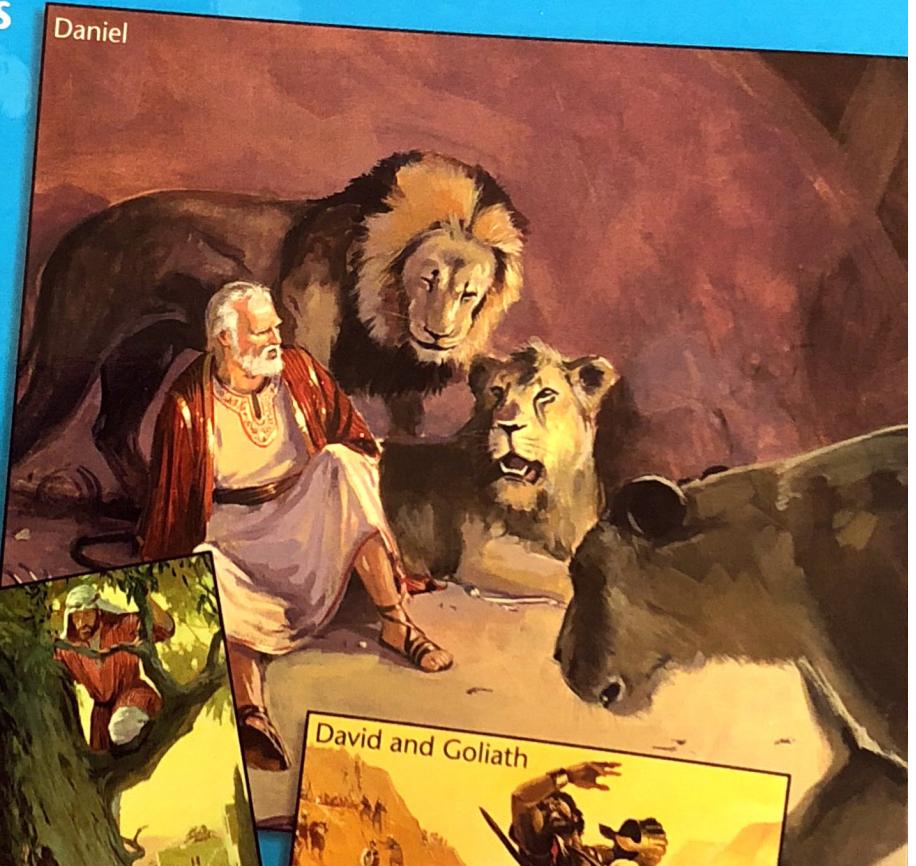
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Teacher Instruction

Before presenting a lesson to the children, read it over three or four times until you know it well enough to recall the main points from memory. Then practice aloud several times, holding each Flash-a-Card in sequence as you tell the story with feeling and animation appropriate to the age group.

Lesson 1

Lions Cannot Hurt Daniel—Part 1

Daniel 1:1–15; 6:1–9

Introduction

Have you ever seen a lion in the zoo? Lions are big and strong and scary animals, aren't they? Our Bible story is about some lions and a man named Daniel. Daniel knew that God is stronger and greater than anything or anyone else in the world. Daniel loved and obeyed God.

Card FS 1

Daniel and His Friends Obey God

When Daniel was a boy, he and some other boys had been taken to a faraway land where they were to work for the king. The very first thing the king told them to do was to eat some food. This was a problem for Daniel and his friends, because they knew the kind of food the king ate was not what God wanted His people to eat. So Daniel talked with the king's servant

who was in charge of them. Daniel asked if he could obey God. God caused the servant to allow Daniel and his three friends to obey God and eat only the



kind of food their people were supposed to eat. When they obeyed, God made Daniel and his friends healthier and stronger than all the boys who ate the king's food.

Daniel learned over and over that it is always best to obey God. When he grew up, Daniel became a very important man. He

worked for King Darius. Only King Darius himself was more important than Daniel in the land.

Card FS 2

Wicked Men Plan to Kill Daniel

Some of the other leaders under King Darius became jealous of Daniel. "It's not fair!" they said. "Why does the king like Daniel so much?" They wanted to be more important than Daniel, and they began to hate him. They watched what Daniel did at work and tried to find anything that he did wrong. They planned to run and tell the king the bad thing he had done. But no matter how closely they watched, they could never find Daniel doing anything wrong. Because Daniel loved and obeyed God, he never lied to people or to the king, and he was a good, kind man.

The men decided they would have to find another way to get rid of Daniel. They knew one thing that made Daniel different from most other people in the kingdom—Daniel worshiped God. Three times every day Daniel went to an upstairs room in his home. There he would open a window that faced toward the city of Jerusalem, which was far, far away. Daniel had not forgotten the land where he had come from. In Jerusalem was the Temple where the people went to worship God. Daniel would get down on his knees and pray to God three times every day.

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The bad men came up with a wicked plan. They hurried off to see King Darius.



"Oh, king," they said, "we hope you live forever! All of the important people who work for you have gotten together and agreed to a wonderful plan! We

want you to make a law that for the next thirty days, anyone who prays to any man or to any god except to you, oh, king, will be thrown into a den of hungry lions."

Now when King Darius heard this, he was very proud. He thought this meant that the

people thought he was more powerful and wonderful than anything or anyone else. Right away King Darius had the law written down, just as the men had asked. The wicked men knew that in this country, once a law was written down, no one could change it, not even the king himself.

It wasn't long before Daniel heard about the new law. He knew that his enemies were trying to get him into trouble. He knew that if he went up to his window the way he always had before, the men would be watching for him to pray. Daniel knew that if he prayed, he would be sent to the lions' den. What do you think he did? We'll find out in the next story about Daniel.

Review Questions:

1. Did Daniel and his friends eat the king's food? *No, God said they shouldn't.*
2. What did Daniel do three times a day? *He prayed to God.*
3. What did the king's new law say? *People could ask only the king for things for the next 30 days.*

Lesson 2

Lions Cannot Hurt Daniel—Part 2

Daniel 6:10-23

Introduction

Daniel was a man who believed in God, and he always tried to do what was right. Some bad men wanted to get Daniel into trouble; so they had King Darius make a law that anyone who prayed to anyone or anything except King Darius would be thrown into a den of hungry lions.

Card FS 3

Daniel Continues to Pray

Before the law was made, Daniel had gone to his home three times every day to pray. He had gone upstairs to a room that had a window

that looked toward Jerusalem where God's temple was. And there at the open window Daniel had prayed to God. Anyone passing by could see him, but Daniel did not care. He would do what he knew was right.



But now what would Daniel do? The new law said that he shouldn't pray to God! If he went upstairs to pray by the open window, the men who were watching him

would see it and tell the king. Do you think Daniel would keep the window closed so that no one could see him pray? Do you think he would say, "Well, it's only for thirty days. I'll just pray quietly so that no one will hear me until after the law is over"? No, that's not what Daniel did!

After he heard about the new law, Daniel walked right upstairs to the window in his house, opened it wide, and began to pray.

The bad men were watching outside Daniel's house. As soon as they saw him kneeling down and praying to his God, they hurried off to the king.

"King Darius," they said, "didn't you make a law that for thirty days anyone who prays to anyone or anything except you will be thrown into the lions' den?"

"Yes, I did," King Darius replied. "I made a law that cannot be changed."

"But we saw Daniel," they told him. "He paid no attention to you, King Darius, or to your law. He still prays three times a day to his God."

Suddenly King Darius knew why the men had wanted the law. He knew that the law was just to get Daniel into trouble. King Darius wondered what he could do to save Daniel. For the rest of the day he tried to find any way he could to save Daniel from being thrown to the lions.

The bad men came to King Darius again. "Remember, oh, king," they said firmly, "that none of the laws of this land can be changed."

King Darius knew they were right. Sadly he gave the order to have Daniel arrested and thrown into the den of lions.

Card FS 4

Daniel Is Thrown into the Lions' Den



The lions were kept in an opening in the ground, like a cave or a basement. The soldiers brought Daniel and took him right to the opening

and dropped him into the den. King Darius called to his friend Daniel, "May your God whom you serve keep you safe from the lions."

A big stone was rolled over the opening to the lions' den, and the king pressed the top of his ring into some mud or wax so that it left the king's own sign on the rock. Anyone who moved the rock would have to answer to the king. No one would be able to help Daniel escape.

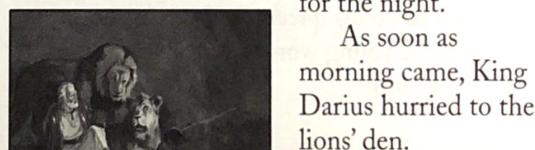
And what do you suppose happened next? Did the lions growl and bite and eat Daniel for supper?

Card FS 5

God Keeps Daniel Safe

No! Daniel had obeyed God, and now God took care of Daniel. The lions came close to Daniel, but they didn't roar, and they didn't bite. They acted just as tame and friendly as your pet cat or kitten! How could this be? God, who loved Daniel, had sent His angel to watch over him and close the lions' mouths. Daniel smiled as he curled up next to the lions to go to sleep

for the night.



As soon as morning came, King Darius hurried to the lions' den.

In a voice filled with fear, the king called, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God been able to keep you safe?"

From down inside the den came Daniel's voice. "Oh, king, live forever. My God sent His angel last night to shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me at all."

How happy the king was to know that his friend was safe! He ordered his soldiers to move the stone and lift Daniel up out of the lions' den. Daniel did not have a scratch on him! Daniel had trusted and obeyed God, and God had kept him safe.

Review Questions:

1. Did Daniel obey King Darius's law? *No, he prayed to God three times a day as he had before.*
2. Did the lions hurt Daniel? *No, God shut their mouths.*

Lesson 3

Queen Esther—Part 1

Esther 2:2-4:1

Introduction

Once there was a very beautiful girl named Esther. Esther was one of God's people, the Jews. Esther's parents had died, and she lived with her cousin Mordecai in a land far away from Israel.

At this time, the Jews did not all live in their own country and have their own king. The king of another country ruled over them. The king's name was Ahasuerus. King Ahasuerus wanted to have the most wonderful girl in his whole kingdom to be his queen; so the most beautiful of all the young women of the land were brought to him.

Card FS 6

Esther Is Chosen Queen

When Esther was taken with the other young women, her cousin Mordecai warned her to be careful. "There are many people who do not like our people, the Jews," Mordecai told Esther. "It would be best if you do not tell anyone that you are a Jew."

Esther obeyed Mordecai, who had been like a father to her. She went to a special palace to get ready to go before the king. Each day Mordecai walked outside the palace and made sure

everything was all right with Esther.

When the king saw how beautiful and good Esther was, he loved her more than any of the



other young women he had seen. Everyone in the kingdom celebrated when the king married Esther and made her his queen.

Card FS 7

Mordecai Helps the King

One day when Mordecai was around the king's courts, he heard two men planning to hurt the king. Right away Mordecai told Esther about it.



"You must warn the king," Mordecai said to Esther.

Esther told the king what Mordecai heard. The king caught the two evil men and had them punished. The king wrote Mordecai's name in a special book that told of people who helped the king.

Card FS 8

Haman Plans to Hurt the Jews



One of King Ahasuerus's helpers was a bad man named Haman. Haman was very proud that he was so important to the king. Haman wanted everyone to bow down when he walked by. He wanted people to think how important he was.

When Haman walked by Mordecai, Mordecai did not bow down to him. This made Haman so angry that he wanted to hurt Mordecai.

When Haman found out that Mordecai was a Jew, he thought up a very wicked plan to hurt the Jews. He took his plan to King Ahasuerus.

Card FS 9

Haman Tells the King His Plan

"Oh, King," Haman said. "You have some people living in your kingdom who are troublemakers. They do not obey your laws because they say they have their own laws. Don't you think it would be a good idea to get rid of all those people?"

The king agreed to Haman's plan. The king did not know that his own queen, Esther, was a Jew. King Ahasuerus gave Haman permission to write a law that on a certain day, the people of the kingdom could fight against the Jews and take away everything they owned. Right away Haman had the message sent all over the kingdom.

As soon as Mordecai heard the terrible news, he became very sad. What could he do to save his people?



Review Questions:

1. Who did King Ahasuerus pick to be Queen? *Esther*
2. How did Mordecai help the king? *He told him about some men who were planning to hurt him.*
3. Who was the man who wanted to hurt the Jews? *Haman*

Lesson 4

Queen Esther—Part 2

Esther 4:1–8:17

Introduction

Do you remember that beautiful Esther became the queen when she married King Ahasuerus? Her cousin Mordecai found out that wicked Haman told King Ahasuerus to let God's people, the Jews, be hurt.

Card FS 10

Mordecai Asks Queen Esther to Help

Mordecai sent a message to Queen Esther, telling her of Haman's plan to hurt the Jews. Mordecai's message said, "You must go to the king and ask him to help your people, the Jews."

Esther sent a message back to Mordecai. "I cannot go to the king if he hasn't called for me. The law says that anyone who goes before the king without being sent for will be put to death unless the king holds out his golden scepter to him."

Mordecai sent another message to Esther. "Don't you think that maybe this is the reason you have become queen, so that you could save your people?"

Mordecai knew that God would not allow His people, the Jews, all to be killed. Mordecai thought perhaps God had let Esther become queen to save her people, the Jews.

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Esther made her decision. Even though it would be dangerous to go to King Ahasuerus when he had not called for her, she would go anyway. She would do whatever she could to save her people. She asked Mordecai to tell all the Jews to pray for her. She and her servants prayed, too.

Esther Goes to the King

Esther dressed in her best clothes and went to the court where King Ahasuerus sat on his throne. When the king saw how beautiful Queen Esther was, he held out his golden scepter to her to show that she was welcome. The king asked Esther what she had come for. Instead of



asking the king right away to help her people, Queen Esther invited him to a special banquet, or dinner party. She also invited Haman, the wicked man who wanted to hurt all the Jews.

Haman was very proud to have been invited to the queen's palace for a fancy dinner. He thought, "Now everyone will know what an important man I am!"

Card FS 11

Mordecai Is Rewarded for Helping the King

The night before the banquet, King Ahasuerus could not sleep. He called for one of his servants to read to him from the special book of



people who helped the king. Soon the servant read about Mordecai saving the king by catching the two evil men who planned to hurt the king.

The king asked, "What has been done to reward the man who saved the king?"

"Nothing was done," the servant answered.

"Well, this must be taken care of at once," King Ahasuerus said.

He called for Haman to come give him advice.

"What should I do to reward a man who has served me very well?" the king asked Haman.

Haman thought, "Who could the king want to reward? It must be me!"

Haman told the king, "A man would be very happy if he were allowed to ride on the king's own horse and wear the king's own robe and have one of the king's men lead the horse and cry out to all the people, 'This is a man the king is very happy with.'"

The king liked this idea. He told Haman, "Go and do all that you have said—for Mordecai."

Haman couldn't believe his ears! He would have to lead around and say good things about the man he disliked more than anyone else—Mordecai! But Haman knew he had to obey King Ahasuerus.

Card FS 12

Haman Is Punished

That night Haman went to the banquet with the king and queen. This time when King Ahasuerus asked



Queen Esther what she wanted, she told him, "I want only to save my life and the lives of my people. It has been ordered that we be killed."

"Who is trying to kill you and your people?" the king demanded.

"This wicked man—Haman!" Esther replied.

Haman suddenly became very afraid. He had not known that Queen Esther was a Jew.

The king ordered that Haman be punished and that Mordecai should take his place as the one in charge of all the princes of the land. A new law was sent to all the people of the kingdom saying that the Jews would be allowed to stand up against anyone who tried to take away

what belonged to them. God's people were saved! God used Queen Esther to help save

her people. How thankful she and all of God's people were to God for taking care of them!

Review Questions:

1. Who did Esther invite to dinner? *King Abasuerus and Haman*
2. Who was rewarded for saving the king? *Mordecai*
3. Who was punished? *Haman*

Lesson 5

The Woman at the Well

John 4:3-42

Introduction

When you are hot and tired and thirsty, what is one thing you want more than anything else? Water! Water is a wonderful gift from God for satisfying our thirst. For us, we get a glass, go to the sink, turn on the faucet, and have a cool glass of water to drink. Long ago, in Jesus' day, it wasn't that easy. Someone had to go to a well and bring water up from the well in a bucket and then fill a jug with the water and carry it home. Usually women did this work.

Card FS 13

Jesus Meets a Samaritan Woman

One day Jesus and His disciples had been walking for a long time. Jesus sat down beside a well near a town in Samaria. Jesus rested by the well while His disciples went into the town to buy food.

As Jesus sat there, a Samaritan woman came to the well with her water jug to get water. Usually a Jewish man would not even speak to a Samaritan woman, because the Jews did not like Samaritans. Jesus was different.



He asked the woman, "Would you please give Me a drink of water?"

Jesus Offers Her Living Water

The woman was surprised! "You are a Jew and I'm a Samaritan," she said. "Why would You ask me for a drink?"

"If you really knew who I am," Jesus said, "you would ask Me for a drink, and I would give you living water."

The woman did not understand. She thought Jesus was saying He could give her water from the well.

"Sir," the woman said, "You don't have anything to get water out of this deep well. How do you expect to get living water to give me?"

Jesus replied, "Everyone who drinks the water from this well is going to get thirsty again. But whoever drinks living water will never get thirsty again."

Still the woman did not understand. She thought Jesus was talking about water to drink. "Sir, give me this living water so I won't get thirsty anymore. Then I'll never have to come back and draw water from this well again!"

Jesus knew that the woman did not understand about living water. To help her understand, Jesus told her some of the bad things

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she did, that she did not think He knew about. The woman was very surprised that He knew all about her. She knew He must be a special person from God to know all those things.

The woman said, "I know that one day God is going to send a Savior to explain everything to us."

"I am that Savior that God promised," Jesus told her.

The Woman Believes in Jesus

Though this woman had done bad things, Jesus still loved her. And He knows when you do bad things, too. It makes God very sad, and He is disappointed, but He still loves you. When the woman at the well heard that Jesus was the Savior, she believed Him. And because she believed Him, He forgave all the bad things that she had done. She drank of the living water He had told her about. She was so excited that she wanted all her friends to know Jesus, too.

The woman left her water jug at the well and ran into the town and told all the people,

"Come meet a Man who told me everything about my life. He is truly the Savior that God promised to send."

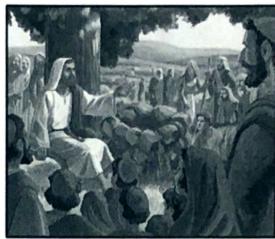
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Jesus Teaches the Samaritans

Because she told them that, many Samaritan people came to the well to meet Jesus. For two days Jesus stayed in their town and taught them about God. Many of the Samaritans believed that Jesus is the Savior, and they also

drank of the living water that gives eternal life.

Aren't you glad that Jesus took time to talk to that Samaritan woman? And aren't you glad she told her friends about Him, too? Jesus loves everyone, and He wants to give living water to all people so they can live in heaven with Him forever.



Review Questions:

1. Who did Jesus tell the woman He was? *the Savior God promised to send*
2. What did Jesus tell the woman? *He told her about all the bad things she had done.*
3. After she had listened to Jesus, what did she do? *She believed in Him and was forgiven.*

Lesson 6

Feeding the Five Thousand

Matthew 14:14–21; Mark 6:33–44; Luke 9:11–17; John 6:2–13

Introduction

Do you like picnics? Isn't it fun to take a lunch outside and eat on a picnic table or spread a blanket and have a picnic on the ground?

Card FS 15

Jesus Teaches the People

Once Jesus had a picnic lunch, but it was a strange picnic. You see, no one knew it was going to be a picnic, so they didn't bring any food for the picnic!

It happened one day when many people were following Jesus as He left their town.



They kept following Jesus until they were a long, long way from their homes. Jesus came to a hillside, and there all the people gathered around about Him to listen to Him teach.

All day long they listened and listened as

He taught them about God, about heaven, and how they should live. They liked to listen to Jesus and all the things He had to say. They even forgot about eating lunch. But late in the afternoon, they began to be hungry. But they were far away from their homes, and there were no restaurants and no grocery stores to get food anywhere.

Card FS 16

The People Get Hungry

Jesus knew the people were hungry and too far away from their homes to get food, so He said to one of His disciples, "Philip, where should we buy bread for these people to eat?"

Philip said, "It would take more money than we have to feed all these people."

Some of Jesus' disciples said, "You should send these people away so they can go home to get some food to eat."

Jesus said, "They are too far away from their homes, and they are hungry. You give them something to eat."



The disciples asked, "How can we? We don't have any food."

"How much bread is there?" Jesus asked.
"Go out into the crowd and find out if anybody brought anything to eat

with them."

One of Jesus' disciples, Andrew, came back with a young boy and said, "We found a little boy who brought a lunch with him. But his lunch is only five small pieces of bread and two little fish. What good is that little bit of food among all these people?"

Jesus asked the boy for his lunch.

Card FS 17

A Boy Gives Jesus His Lunch

What do you think the boy thought when the disciples told him Jesus wanted his lunch? Do you think he wanted to keep his lunch to



eat himself? His mother had made the lunch for him to eat, not for him to give away. But he decided he would rather give his lunch to Jesus than keep it

for himself. He was happy to share his lunch with Jesus. God is pleased when we share with others the things we have.

Jesus Prays for the Food

Jesus told His disciples to tell all the people to sit down on the grass. The people sat down on the grass and waited. Jesus then looked up to heaven and thanked God for the food. Do

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you pray at your house before you eat? We should always remember to tell God “thank you” for the food we eat.

Card FS 18 Jesus Feeds the People

Jesus took the five little pieces of bread and the two little fish and began to break the



bread into pieces. He gave pieces of bread to His disciples to give to the people. Jesus also broke the fish into pieces and gave the fish to the disciples to pass around to the people. Jesus kept breaking more and more pieces of bread and fish, but there was always more bread and more fish for Him to break. The

bread and the fish never ran out! The more pieces they broke off, the more there was left. There was enough bread and enough fish for everyone in the great big crowd to eat! It was a miracle! Jesus had taken the little boy's lunch and had fed the whole big crowd of people. What a picnic they had that day.

After everyone had eaten as much as he wanted, Jesus told His disciples to take baskets into the crowd to gather up all the leftover food. And can you believe it, there were twelve baskets full of bread and fish left over from the boy's five pieces of bread and the two fish.

Jesus had performed a wonderful miracle. Only God can do miracles. Jesus showed all the people that He had power to do what people cannot do. Aren't you glad that Jesus is God and can do wonderful miracles and that He cares about people?

Review Questions:

1. Who shared his food? *a little boy*
2. What was in the little boy's lunch? *five pieces of bread and two fish*
3. Who gave everyone food to eat? *Jesus; He did a miracle, something only God can do!*

Lesson 7

Jesus Walks on the Water

Matthew 14:22–23; Mark 6:45–51; John 6:16–21

Introduction

Jesus was alone on a mountain above the Sea of Galilee. He had talked to crowds of people all day long, and He fed them with the miracle lunch. Now everyone needed to rest. The crowds of people started home walking along the shore.

“Get into the boat,” Jesus had told His disciples, “and sail to the other side of the sea.” The disciples got into their boat and started across the Sea of Galilee. Jesus stayed behind to pray.

Card FS 19

Jesus Talks with His Father

Jesus is God the Son, and He wanted to talk to God the Father, so He prayed. Many, many times He talked to God the Father in prayer. Jesus prayed in the daytime, and He prayed at night.



If Jesus thinks it is important to pray, do you think it is important for us to pray, also? Yes, we should pray to God every day. We can thank God for what He has given us. We can tell God we are sorry for the bad things we do.

God is our Heavenly Father. We can't see Him but we can talk to Him any time. We can ask Him to help us to obey and to do good things.

Card FS 20

The Disciples Are Caught in a Storm

(Cover the left half of this picture with paper until it is time to reveal Jesus.)

While Jesus was praying, the disciples went far out on the water in their boat. Suddenly a big storm started. It rained, and the waves got bigger and higher. As the storm grew stronger, the boat tossed back and forth. The disciples rowed the boat, pulling on the oars as hard as they could, but, because of the strong wind and the high waves, they could not get very far. The disciples were scared! Would the boat tip over? Would they all drown?

Even though Jesus was far away on the mountain, He knew what was happening. He knew the disciples were rowing as hard as they could, but they weren't getting any closer to shore. The storm was too strong for them. Jesus knew He must go to them.

How would Jesus get way out onto the sea where the boat was? Remember, Jesus is God the Son. He can do things that people cannot do. He can do miracles.

Jesus Walks on the Water

(Uncover the card; reveal Jesus walking on the water.)

Jesus stepped right onto the water and began to walk on the top of the water, just as if it were land! Could you do that? No—but Jesus could—because He is God.

When the disciples saw Jesus walking toward them on



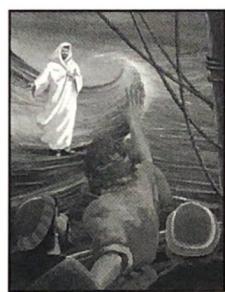
top of the water, they did not recognize Him. It was very dark, and they had never seen anyone walk on water before. Now they were *really* scared. What or Who was that on the water?

Jesus spoke to them. "Don't be afraid. It is I."

Card FS 21

Peter Comes to Jesus on the Water

Peter, one of Jesus' disciples, recognized Jesus' voice, but Peter still could not see Jesus clearly. "Lord," Peter called out, "if it really is You, tell me to come to You on the water." Peter knew that if he could walk on the water, then it had to be Jesus who was helping him.



"Come," Jesus said.

Peter stepped out of the boat onto the water, trusting that Jesus would take care of him. The water held him up! Peter took a step toward Jesus, and another, and another. Peter also was walking on

water just as if it were land! Peter was looking at Jesus while he walked on the water. But Peter began to look around at the waves and the storm. He saw the waves rolling up high all around him.

Card FS 22

Jesus Helps Peter

Peter heard the wind roaring, and he saw how terrible the storm was all around him. When Peter stopped looking at Jesus, he stopped trusting Jesus to help him walk on the water. Peter began thinking how bad the storm was. When Peter stopped trusting Jesus, he began to sink into the water.



"Lord, save me!" Peter cried out.

And what do you think Jesus did? Immediately, Jesus reached out His hand and caught Peter, helping him up. "Why did you stop trusting

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Me?" Jesus asked. "Why did you doubt that I would keep you safe?"

Jesus helped Peter get to the boat and climb back into the boat. When they were both in the boat, the storm suddenly died down. The disciples knew that a man could not walk on water; only Jesus, because He was God, could do that. The disciples said to Jesus, "You certainly are the Son of God."

Sometimes we are like Peter. We believe God will take care of us, and then we start looking around and get scared. Can God take care of you, even when your room is dark? Yes, He can. You can trust Him even though you can't see Him. He will take care of you. Jesus knows where you are every minute of the day or night. Remember, Jesus said, "Fear not, for I am with thee" (Gen. 26:24).

Review Questions:

1. Why did Jesus go to the mountain? *to pray to God the Father*
2. How did Jesus get to the disciples' boat? *He walked on the water.*
3. Who wanted to walk on the water with Jesus? *Peter*
4. Who saved Peter when he started to sink? *Jesus*

Lesson 8

The Good Samaritan

Luke 10:25-37

Card FS 23

Jesus Teaches with a Story

Who is Jesus? Yes, Jesus is God the Son. Many years ago, Jesus came to earth to teach people about God's love and to make a way for them to live one day with Him in heaven. While Jesus was teaching, He sometimes told stories.

One day a man asked Jesus a question. "The Bible says that I should love my neighbor like I love myself, but just who is my neighbor?"

Jesus knew that this man was not kind to the people he did not like. He was kind only to the people who were kind to him.

Jesus wanted people to be kind and loving to everyone, so He told this story:



Card FS 24

A Man Is Hurt by Thieves

Once there was a man who was traveling along a road by himself. Suddenly a gang of robbers jumped out and began to hurt him. The robbers beat the man and stole his clothes and everything he had. They left him badly hurt, lying along the side of the road.

Two Men Pass By

After the robbers ran away, a priest came walking down the same road. Priests were men who taught people about God and worked in the Temple, where the people worshiped God. Priests were supposed to be loving and kind, but this priest did not care about the hurt man. He just walked away—to the other side of the road—to keep from getting near the hurt man.



Then he kept on walking down the road. He showed no love nor kindness to the hurt man.

Later another man came walking down the road. This man was a Levite. A Levite was supposed to do things that pleased God. Do you think it would have pleased God for the Levite to help the man who was hurt? Yes, that would have pleased God. But that is not what the Levite did. Just like the priest, the Levite walked to the other side of the road and kept on walking. He did not want to help the hurt man. He did not show any love or kindness to the hurt man.

The poor hurt man wondered if anyone cared enough to stop and help him. If not, he would die alongside the road with no one to help him!

Card FS 25

A Samaritan Stops and Helps

The hurt man finally heard the sound of a donkey coming—clip-clop, clip-clop—along the road toward him. A man was riding the donkey. The man was from a place called Samaria. The people of Samaria and the people of Israel were not friendly to each other. No one would ever think that a person from Samaria would stop and help a person from Israel.

But this man from Samaria was different. He saw the hurt man along the road and



felt very sorry for him. It didn't bother the Samaritan that the hurt man was from Israel. The Samaritan stopped his donkey, got down off his donkey, and

went over to the hurt man. He poured oil on the hurts to help him not hurt so much. The Samaritan picked up the hurt man and put him on his own donkey. He walked alongside the donkey, comforting the hurt man. This showed that the Samaritan was a very kind man.

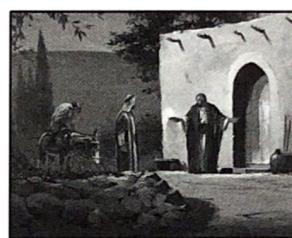
If someone falls down on the playground, do you laugh and make fun, or do you try to help him? You can kindly ask if he is all right and

tell the teacher if he needs help. Jesus wants us to be kind to other people, just as the Samaritan showed kindness to the injured man.

Card FS 26

The Samaritan Goes to an Inn

The Samaritan with his donkey carrying the hurt man came to an inn, a place where travelers stay. There the Samaritan got a room where the injured man could lie down and rest.



The next morning, the Samaritan had to go on his way. He gave the innkeeper money for the hurt man. This money would pay for anything the man needed until he was well enough to travel.

"Please look after this man," the Samaritan said to the innkeeper. "I will come back later and pay you for any extra cost in taking care of him."

When Jesus finished telling this story, He asked, "Which one of the three men—the priest, the Levite, or the Samaritan—do you think was a neighbor to the man hurt by the robbers?" The answer was—the good Samaritan.

Jesus wants us to do good to everyone and treat people the way we would like to be treated. We should be kind to all people, even if they look or talk differently from us. Though Samaritans and Israelites did not like each other, Jesus taught that they should show kindness to each other.

Let's pretend that a person is not very nice to you or says mean things to you. One day you see him hurt or crying. If no one else is around, how could you be a good neighbor to him? You could help him or go get someone to help him. Even if the person has never been nice to you, you could be nice to him. Do you think that would please God? Yes, it would please God very much. And that person might become your friend so that you would have many fun times together. Wouldn't that be good?

Review Questions:

1. How did the man get hurt? *Some robbers beat him and stole his clothes and everything he had.*
2. Who helped the hurt man? *the Samaritan*
3. What did he do? *He put oil on his sores and took him to an inn and cared for him.*

Lesson 9

Beside the Pool

John 5:1-16

Introduction

Have you ever had an earache or sore throat and had to go to the doctor? What happens when you and your mother get to the doctor's office? You have to wait. Why do you have to wait? To take your turn. Today our story is about a man who had to wait his turn. He had to wait a very, very long time. Listen and you'll find out why.

Card FS 27

The Man Waits by the Pool

Inside the city of Jerusalem was a big pool called Bethesda. It had five porches around it



and every day these porches were filled with sick people. Mothers, fathers, grandmothers, grandfathers, aunts, uncles, and boys and girls. Some of the

people could not walk, could not see, and could not hear. We know that they were all sick or they would not have been by the pool.

Why had all these sick people gone to the pool? What were they waiting for?

They were waiting for the water in the pool to move. People believed that at a special time during the day an angel would come down and move the water, making it bubble up. They

believed that the first person to get into the moving water would be healed of all their sickness. No wonder so many sick people came to wait for the moving of the water! The porches were so full that they looked like the waiting room in a doctor's office.

Many of the people were too sick to move quickly even when they saw the water move. Some got so tired watching that they did not see the water when it first started moving. Some of the people could not move by themselves to get into the water. Only if a friend came and helped them did they have any chance at all. Since only the first person in was to be made well, many would always be sad and disappointed.

One day a man lay there who had been unable to walk for a long time. If only he had a friend who could come and help him get into the water, he knew he could walk. How sad! Would you have been his friend? Would you help him if you could?

Card FS 28

Jesus Heals the Man

One day Jesus went to the pool of Bethesda. There He saw all the people who had come to be made well. There He saw the man who could not walk. Jesus knew all about this man. He knew he had been coming to the pool for

many years. Jesus knew he did not have a friend to help him. He looked down at the man and said, "Would you like to be made well?"

"Oh," said the crippled man, "I could walk if I could get into the pool when it bubbles, but I don't have a friend to help me. When I try to crawl down to the water, it takes me so long that someone else gets in before me."



Jesus knew how much the man wanted to be well. He knew this man needed a friend, someone to care about him, someone to help him. Jesus

was just that friend. He loved that man and He said to him, "Stand up, roll up your mat, and walk." And just like that the man was healed! He was well! Jesus had made him well. The man did exactly what Jesus told him to do. He stood up, rolled up his mat, and walked home. How happy he was!

Did Jesus put the man in the pool when it started to move? No, Jesus just spoke, and the man was made well. It was a miracle. A miracle is something only God can do. Jesus can do miracles, because Jesus is God.

Card FS 29

Jesus Forgives the Man

The sick man did not go looking for Jesus; he did not ask Jesus to heal him. How wonderful to know that God looks after us, and takes care of us when we need help.

A little later, Jesus looked for the man He had healed. He found him in the Temple worshiping God. Jesus talked to him and forgave the man's sins.

The man knew then it was Jesus who had made him well that day at the pool. He felt so happy and thankful that he told everyone how



Jesus had healed him at the pool. Some of the people who heard this good news were not happy. Instead of being glad the man could walk, they were angry. They

were angry because Jesus healed the man on the Sabbath. The Sabbath was a special day people were to worship God and do nothing else. Jesus told the angry people that God always does good, and He was doing what His Father told Him to do. Do you think it was right for Jesus to heal the lame man? Yes, it was right! Jesus was the man's friend. Jesus loved him and wanted to help him, and He did.

Review Questions:

1. What kind of people waited beside the pool of Bethesda?
sick people
2. Who did Jesus heal? *a crippled man*
3. How did He heal him? *He spoke and told the man to roll up his mat and walk.*

Lesson 10

Zacchaeus

Luke 19:1-10

Card FS 30

Zacchaeus Wants to See Jesus

There was excitement in the city of Jericho! "Jesus is here!" people were saying. "Jesus just entered through the gates into the city!"

"There He is!" someone cried, and throngs of people crowded around the Lord Jesus.

But one man in the crowd was troubled because he couldn't see Jesus. Was he blind?



No—he was just too short to see over the heads of the other people. This short little man had a long name—Zacchaeus. Can you say his name with me? Zacchaeus.

Zacchaeus lived in a big, beautiful home in

Jericho. He wore expensive clothes and had lots of nice things, but he had few friends because he was not an honest, truthful man.

Zacchaeus was a tax collector who usually collected more taxes from the people than he should have. He secretly kept the extra money for himself. He really stole their money from them, and the people knew it. Therefore, they hated Zacchaeus because he was not honest. Because he was not honest and was a thief, he became very rich. But down inside his heart, Zacchaeus was not happy. He knew he did wrong.

When Zacchaeus heard that Jesus was coming to town, Zacchaeus wanted very much to see Jesus. He had heard that Jesus made sick people well and that He fed a crowd of people with only a small lunch.

The crowds kept gathering along the road following Jesus. Zacchaeus knew he would never be able to see over the heads of all the people following Jesus. He felt the same way you have, in a crowd with a lot of big people around you.

Card FS 31

Zacchaeus Climbs up a Tree

Zacchaeus wanted so much to see Jesus that he ran down the road ahead of the crowd. He ran till he came to a large sycamore tree. Then he climbed up into the tree and sat on a limb waiting for Jesus and the crowd to come down the road. Sitting in the tree, Zacchaeus would easily be able to see Jesus.

Slowly Jesus and the crowd moved down the road. With the many people all around him, Jesus walked toward the sycamore tree.

Jesus Talks to Zacchaeus

When Jesus got right under the sycamore tree, He stopped. He looked up in the tree at Zacchaeus and said, "Zacchaeus, come down. Today I must stay at your house!"



Zacchaeus was surprised! Jesus was going to his house! This was more than Zacchaeus could have wished for. Zacchaeus hurriedly climbed down out of

the tree. How glad he was that Jesus would go to his house.

People began whispering to each other, "Zacchaeus is a bad man" and "Jesus should not go to Zacchaeus's house." "Zacchaeus steals money from us." "He makes us pay too much taxes."

The people could not see Zacchaeus's heart, and that he really did not want to be a thief and steal people's money. Though Jesus knew that Zacchaeus was a bad man, He also knew that Zacchaeus wanted to do right and to love God and to have his sins forgiven.

Card FS 32

Zacchaeus Believes in Jesus

Jesus sat in Zacchaeus's home and talked. While Jesus talked, Zacchaeus became very

sorry for all the bad things he had done. He said to Jesus, "Lord, if I've cheated anyone, I will pay him back four times as much as I took from him, and I've decided I am going to give half of everything that I own to poor people." Zacchaeus was saying that he would pay back much more money than he had taken



from anyone. That day, Zacchaeus believed in Jesus as his Savior, and that day Jesus forgave Zacchaeus for all the bad things he had done.

Isn't it good to know that Jesus loves everybody, even bad people like Zacchaeus? Jesus wants to forgive everyone. When a person believes in Jesus and says he is sorry for the bad things he has done, God forgives him. Then, like Zacchaeus, Jesus can help him do what is right. We can believe in Jesus and ask Him to help us to do what is right.

Invitation

Let's bow our heads and close our eyes for prayer. If you want to trust the Lord Jesus right now, will you raise your hand. Those who raised your hand, please come forward and face me.

(Now speak only to those who are facing you.)

I am going to ask you **3 questions:**

Are you willing to tell God that you have done bad things?

Get a response—either "Yes" or nod of head.

Do you believe that Jesus is God and that He died on Calvary's cross for you?

Get response.

Do you want to ask the Lord Jesus to come into your heart?

Get response.

If the responses are positive, then say

You need to tell God what you've told me.

So **pray** after me. Say—

(Wait for them to repeat each part of the prayer after you.)

Dear God, *(they repeat)*

Please forgive me for all the bad things I've done. *(they repeat)*

I believe Jesus is God. *(they repeat)*

I believe He took my eternal punishment in my place. *(they repeat)*

Please come into my heart and save me. *(they repeat)*

Thank you, God. *(they repeat)*

You pray similar to this:

Thank you, God, that You heard their prayer, and that You have forgiven their sins and have come to live in their heart. Now help them to live for you. Amen.

Give them an assurance verse.

If you meant your prayer to God, then the Lord Jesus has saved you. God says in His Word—"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved"—Acts 16:31.

Or you could **quote** John 3:16 or John 1:12.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life"—John 3:16.

"As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name"—John 1:12.

Note: If you give an invitation, do not ask review questions after this lesson. If no invitation is given, use questions on p. 23.

Lesson 11 The Younger Brother, the Prodigal Son

Luke 15:11-27

Introduction

Do you have an older brother or sister? That makes you a younger brother or sister. Jesus once told this story about a younger brother:

There once was a man with two sons. They lived on a good farm with many servants. The younger son should have been happy, but he wasn't. He wanted to live his life his own way instead of doing what his father wanted.

The younger son knew that someday his father would die and everything his father owned would be given to him and to his brother. The younger son did not want to wait. He wanted to have his share right then.

Card FS 33

The Younger Brother Leaves Home

The younger son said to his father, "Father, give me my money now."

The father did as his son asked and gave him the money that was his share. The



young brother packed his clothes and left home.

The younger brother went to a faraway city and began to spend the money his father

had given him. He gave big parties and made lots of new friends. As long as the young man had money, many people were his friends, but these friends were not good people.

After a while, the younger brother ran out of money. Now no one wanted to be his friend. They no longer liked him when he had no money.

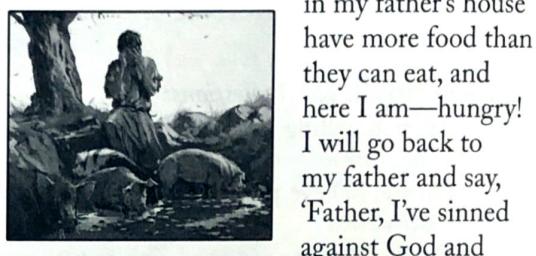
Card FS 34

The Younger Brother Feels Sorry

Then a famine came to the country where the young man was living. A famine is a time

when there is not enough food for the people to eat. The young man became very hungry, so he decided to find a job to earn some money. Finally he found a man who would pay him to feed pigs. The young man was so hungry that as he fed the pigs, their food started to look good to him. He was so hungry that he was willing to eat pigs' food!

The young man finally realized how wrong he had been. He said to himself, "The servants



in my father's house have more food than they can eat, and here I am—hungry! I will go back to my father and say, 'Father, I've sinned against God and

against you. I'm not worthy to be your son anymore, but I'd like to be one of your servants.'

The Younger Brother Returns Home

The young man left the pigs and started going home. He did not have nice, fancy clothes anymore. He had on dirty, ragged clothes from working with the pigs. He did not look like the rich, young man he had been when he left home.

After a long, long walk, the younger son got close to home. He looked toward his house and saw something very strange. His father had left the house and was running to meet him!

Card FS 35

His Father Welcomes the Younger Brother

The younger son thought his father would hate him for what he had done, but his father came running up to him, threw his arms around him, and kissed him!

The son said, "Oh, Father, I have sinned against God and against you. I'm not worthy to be your son anymore."



Before he could finish, his father called out to the servants, "Quickly, bring the best robe in the house and put it on my son! Get a ring for his hand and sandals for his feet. Go fix a wonderful meal, and let's celebrate! My son was lost, but now he is found!"

The celebration began. There was so much noise with the music and laughter that the

older brother, who had been out working in the field, heard it. He called one of the servants and asked, "What's going on?"

"Your brother has come home!" the servant answered. "Your father has made a great celebration because he has come home safely."

Jesus told this story to teach an important lesson. God loves every person, even when they have done wrong, like the younger son. God is like the father. God loves us and forgives us when we are sorry for doing wrong.

Review Questions:

1. What did the younger brother ask his father? *if he could have the money now that would be his after his father died*
2. When the younger brother ran out of money, what kind of work did he do? *He fed a farmer's pigs.*
3. Did his father forgive him and let him come back home? *Yes, he forgave him, just as God forgives us when we ask Him to.*

Lesson 12

David the Shepherd

I Samuel 17:34–37

Card FS 36

David Cares for the Sheep

Long ago when the people of the Bible lived, there was a boy named David. David had a very important job to do; he took care of the family's sheep. David took the sheep where there was cool water to drink, green grass to eat, and shade to lie down to sleep. David played his harp and sang while he took care of the sheep.



Card FS 37

David Kills the Lion and the Bear

One day while David watched the sheep, a lion crept up and grabbed a sheep in its mouth. Immediately David began to run after the lion. David had no gun to shoot the lion. He had only a slingshot and some stones. But David knew that God would help him save his sheep.

David ran after the lion and grabbed the lamb from its mouth. The lion turned on David, and he caught it by its beard and killed it. Then he took up the little lamb. He checked the lamb all over to make sure it was not hurt and put it back with the others.

Another time a bear stole a sheep from David's flock, and once again David went after

Lesson 13



the wild animal and saved the sheep. David knew that both times, God had given him the strength and courage to go after the lion and bear. David did

not brag of how brave and strong he was, but instead, he told how wonderful God was to take care of him. We have the same wonderful God

that David had. And does He take care of you and me? Yes!

David's job as a shepherd boy may not have seemed very important to a lot of people, but David did the very best job he could. God is always pleased when we do our very best, no matter how big or small our job may be. God also knew that David loved Him with all his heart. David wanted to please God more than anything else.

Review Questions:

1. What animals did David take care of? *sheep*
2. What two animals came to hurt the sheep? *a lion and a bear*
3. Who helped David go after the lion and the bear? *God*

Lesson 13

David and Goliath

I Samuel 17:1-50

Introduction (*Use Card 36 again.*)

What job did David have? He was a shepherd who took care of sheep. What animals



tried to steal sheep from David? Yes, a lion and a bear each took a sheep from David's flock, but David fought the lion and the bear and took his sheep

away from them. Fighting a lion and a bear is not easy to do, but God helped David to be strong and to know just what to do. One day David would have an even bigger enemy to fight!

Card FS 38 David Finds His Brothers

David's father, Jesse, sent David to see his three big brothers who were soldiers in the

Israelite army. When David arrived at the Israelites' camp, all the soldiers were lined up, ready to fight their enemy, the Philistines. David went to his brothers to talk with them.

Card FS 39 Goliath Challenges the Israelites

As they talked, Goliath stepped forward from the Philistines' line on their hillside. Goliath was a giant. He was much taller than most men. Goliath called out to the Israelites, "Send someone over to



fight me!" The Israelite soldiers were afraid and ran away.

David was surprised. He asked some of the soldiers near him, "Who is this Philistine who wants to fight the armies of the living God?" David knew that no one should be allowed to talk about God the way that Goliath did. David knew that God could help him fight the evil giant.

Card FS 40

David Decides to Fight Goliath

Someone told King Saul that David wanted to fight Goliath. Right away King Saul sent for



David. David said to the king, "No one needs to be afraid because of Goliath. I will go fight him."

"But you're only a boy," King Saul replied. "You can't

fight Goliath. He is bigger than you are. He's been fighting since he was young. He knows how to fight like a soldier."

David told King Saul about the lion and the bear he had killed while watching the sheep. "The Lord helped me beat the lion and the bear, and He'll help me fight this Philistine, too."

"All right," King Saul said. "Go, and the Lord be with you."

Card FS 39 (*Use again.*)

Goliath Challenges David

When Goliath saw who was coming to fight him, he became angry. "Am I a dog that you come out here to fight me with sticks? I'll feed you to the birds and animals!"

David replied, "You have come to fight me with a sword and a spear, but I come to fight you in the name of the mighty God of Israel.



Today I will beat you, and everyone will know that the true God is with Israel. God will win this battle." David knew that God was stronger than any enemy.

David knew that God would help him fight Goliath.

Card FS 41

David Kills Goliath

David ran toward Goliath, took a stone out of his bag, and put it into the sling. David swung the sling around his head and let the



stone fly straight toward Goliath. The stone hit Goliath right in the middle of the forehead, where he had no armor. Goliath fell right down on his face.

David had won!

God's power is far greater than any power of man or animal or anything else. God gave David victory over Goliath.

Do you have to be a grownup like your parents or teacher for God to help you? No, David was a boy, and God helped him. Remember that God says, "Fear not, for I am with thee" (Gen. 26:24). God was with David when he fought Goliath. God will help you, too.

Review Questions:

1. Who was the Philistine giant? *Goliath*
2. Who helped David fight him? *God gave David the power he needed to fight Goliath.*

Review Questions Lessons 1–13

Use these questions on days when a Bible story is reviewed.

Lesson 1 Lions Cannot Hurt Daniel (Part 1)

1. Did Daniel and his friends eat the king's food? *No, God said they shouldn't.*
2. What did Daniel do three times a day? *He prayed to God.*
2. What did the king's new law say? *People could ask only the king for things for the next 30 days.*

Lesson 2 Lions Cannot Hurt Daniel (Part 2)

1. Did Daniel obey King Darius's law? *No, he prayed to God three times a day as he had before.*
2. Did the lions hurt Daniel? *No, God shut their mouths.*

Lesson 3 Queen Esther (Part 1)

1. Who did King Ahasuerus pick to be queen? *Esther*
2. How did Mordecai help the King? *He told him about some men who were planning to hurt him.*
3. Who was the man who wanted to hurt the Jews? *Haman*

Lesson 4 Queen Esther (Part 2)

1. Who did Esther invite to dinner? *King Ahasuerus and Haman*
2. Who was rewarded for saving the King? *Mordecai*
3. Who was punished? *Haman*

Lesson 5 The Woman at the Well

1. Who did Jesus tell the woman He was? *the Savior God promised to send*
2. What did Jesus tell the woman? *He told her about all the bad things she had done.*
3. After she had listened to Jesus, what did she do? *She believed in Him and was forgiven.*

Lesson 6 Feeding the Five Thousand

1. Who shared his food? *a little boy*
2. What was in the little boy's lunch? *five pieces of bread and two fish*
3. Who gave everyone food to eat? *Jesus; he did a miracle, something only God can do!*

Lesson 7 Jesus Walks on the Water

1. Why did Jesus go to the mountain? *to pray to God the Father*
2. How did Jesus get to the disciples' boat? *He walked on the water.*
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Review Questions (cont.)

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Lesson 10 *Zacchaeus*

1. What was the name of the little man who wanted to see Jesus? *Zacchaeus*
2. What did Zacchaeus do so that he would be able to see Jesus? *climbed a sycamore tree*
3. Where did Jesus go that day? *to Zacchaeus's house*

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