

Small Group Experience

LESSON 1 - “God, I Need Help!”



Watt's Up:

“I Will Call On God For Help!”



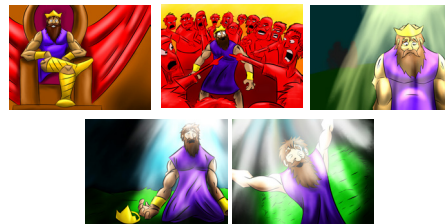
Power Verse:

“But I will call on God, and the LORD will rescue me.” - **Psalm 55:16**

Retelling The Bible Story

SUPPLY LIST:

- * Bible
- * Bible Story pics (*printouts provided; print one set of pics per team*)



TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS:

Divide the group into teams. Give each team a set of the Bible Story Pictures and 1 ½ minutes to put the pictures in order based on the events of King David's day.

Say - “King David was having a lousy, bad, awful day! These are pictures of things that happened during King David's bad day. I have mixed up the pictures and I need your help to put them back in their correct order. You have 1 ½ minutes to complete the task.”

TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS:

Use the completed time line of pictures from the activity as you retell the Bible story. Ask questions as you go through the pictures. Allow the kids time to answer, then fill in whatever parts are missing from the story line.

Ask - “Which picture did you choose to be first? Who can tell me what happened during this part of the story?”

Ask - “Which picture did you choose to be second? Who can tell me what happened during this part of the story?”

Ask - “Which picture did you choose to be third? Who can tell me what happened during this part of the story?”

Ask - “Which picture did you choose to be last? Who can tell me what happened during this part of the story?”

Ask - “How do you think David felt when he realized everyone was against him?”

Ask - “Was David alone during his lousy, very bad, awful day?”

Ask - “How did David reach out for help?”

Say - “David must have felt very alone, betrayed, and hurt when he realized that everyone had decided to be his enemy. David's feeling of helplessness is what led him to cry out for help. David cried out to God with all his hurt and sadness. God immediately heard David's need and came to his rescue!”

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Game/Activity**SUPPLY LIST:**

- * Beach Scene print out; *(several per small group)*
- * Answer key print out *(one per person)*
- * Blue crayons or markers *(one per person)*

TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS:

Group kids together in teams of 2 or 3. Give each group a beach print out, answer key print out, and a blue crayon or marker.

Say - “The person on your page is nice and dry, for now! It is your goal to keep them that way. I am going to ask some questions. Write your answer on the answer key. For each **WRONG** answer you must color in a dotted line.”

- Q. What kind of day was King David having?
A. Bad day
- Q. Why was King David having a bad day?
A. He felt like everyone was against him
- Q. True or False, King David said, “The floodwaters are up to my knees.”
A. False, it was neck
- Q. King David said, “I have more enemies than I have _____?”
A. Hairs on his head
- Q. Who did King David call on for HELP?
A. God
- Q. True or False, Patty Praymore thought that bigger words make you sound important?
A. True
- Q. What three simple words did King David say when he cried out for help?
A. “Save me, God”
- Q. True or False, God did not hear King David’s prayer because he was busy helping someone else?
A. False
- Q. What kind of cell phone does God want you to use when you call him?
A. You don’t need a phone to call God
- Q. What happens when we call on God?
A. He hears our prayers

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Group Sharing

SUPPLY LIST:

- * A cell phone
- * Bible (*one per person, or they can share*)

TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS:

Place the kids in groups of two or three. Have them look up the scripture and read it together and discuss. After they have a few minutes of small group discussion begin large group sharing time.

Say - “Read Psalm 54:17-18 and talk about it with your group.”

Ask - “What did these verses mean to you?”

Say - “I have a cell phone. I use this to keep in touch with people. I can call, text, or video chat with my friends and family just about anywhere and anytime. It’s a pretty awesome tool to have. Prayer is a gift that God has given us. It’s a tool he wants us to use to keep in touch with him. It’s like having a cell phone that connects you directly to God anywhere and anytime. Prayer isn’t supposed to be fancy words. Prayer is simply telling God what is on your mind. You can tell God anything. He can take it! The good, the bad, the sad, and the mistakes are all parts of communicating with God. God wants to hear everything you have to say. I am going to pass this phone to someone. If you are comfortable sharing tell the group about a situation in your life that you need to call on God for, or did call on God for. When you are done pass the phone to someone else so they can share.”

Ask - “What did our scripture say that God does for those who call on Him?”

Say - “God hears your prayers! That is a guarantee. But if you want God to hear your needs, if you want God to help you, you have to PRAY! If I don’t hit send on my text message it won’t be delivered. If I don’t hit connect on my video chat I won’t see the person or hear them. Praying is your chance to, “hit send” or “push to connect” with God. You pray, he hears, connection successful!

Prayer Time

Say - “Today we shared situations in our lives that need help from God. We are going to pray together knowing that when we pray we are immediately connected to our caring, loving, listening God. Hold hands with the person next to you. First, we will pray for our own needs, and then I want you to pray for the person next to you.”
(PRAY)

Closing

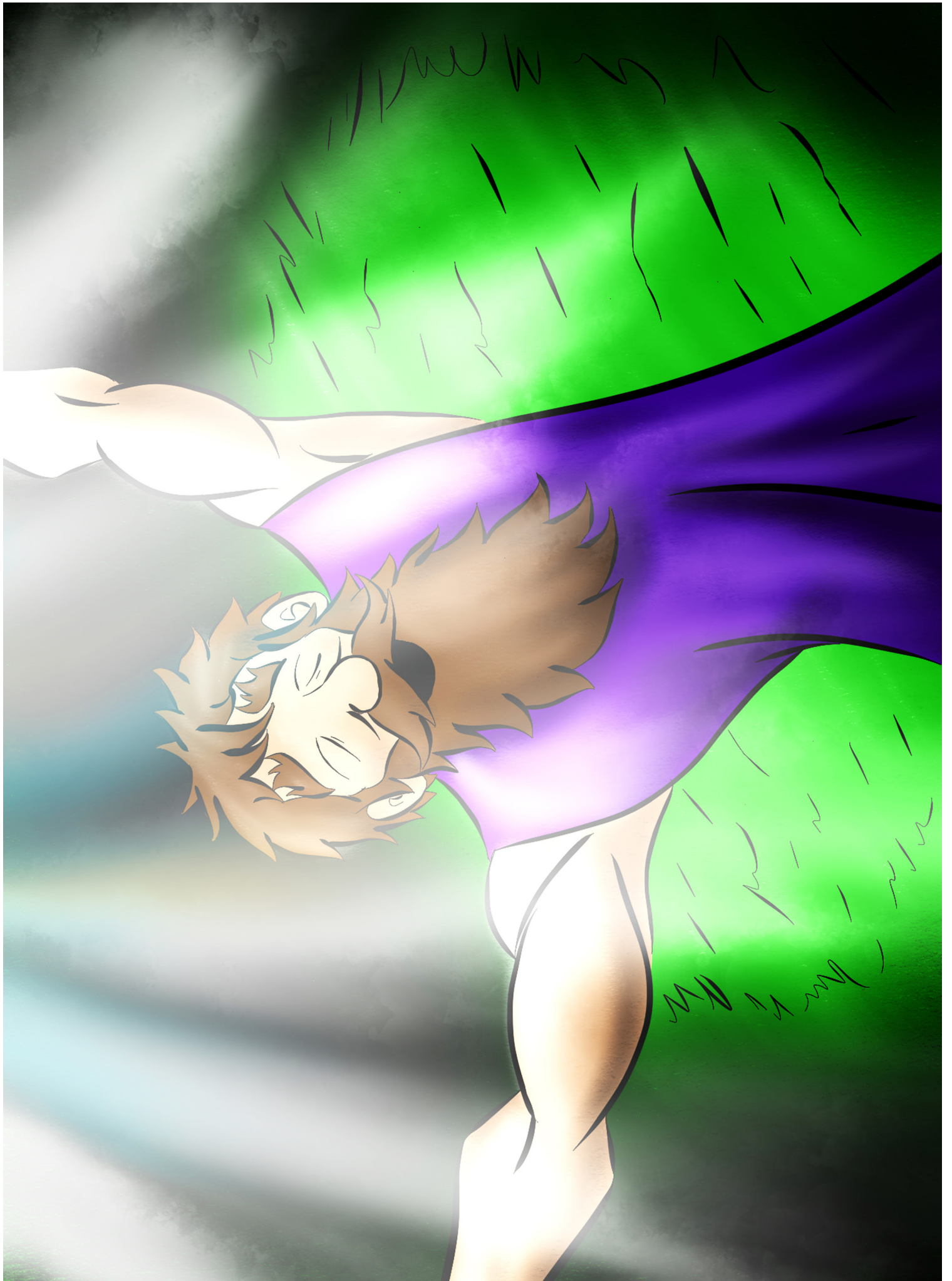
Say - “God loves you so much. He cares for every need in your life. From the smallest issue to the huge problems, God cares. He wants to connect with you every day. King David is a great example for us to follow. He had a need and he prayed and he cried out to God. King David knew that calling on God FIRST is key. You can be sure that when you pray you are connected to a God who is listening. Call on Him FIRST when you have a need, you will always be glad you did!”











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