

God Protects Daniel in Lion's Den

Performance Objectives:

1. Children will expect God to protect them in specific situations.
2. Children will see God's protection in specific situations.
3. Children will praise God for his protection in specific situations.

Materials Needed:

Verse Visuals for Lamentations 3:23b and Isaiah 41:13
Song visual for "God will Take Care of You"
Facts about and pictures of lions
Evaluation sheet

Opening Activities:

Quote theme verse Lamentations 3:23b

Ask children if they have any situations where they need God's protection.

Sequence of Activities: (Instructional Procedures)

- A. Focusing event-Sing "God Will Take Care of You"
- B. Instruction (content of the lesson)-on separate sheet
- C. Tying the net-on separate sheet
- D. Teaching the memory verse (guided practice)-Isaiah 41:13-Explain and go over a couple of times with visuals.
- E. Independent activity (worksheet, review)-Search out facts about and pictures of lions and share them with the children.

Evaluation

- A. Of the students
 1. Are the students expecting God to protect them in specific situations?
 2. Are the students seeing God's protection in specific situations?
 3. Are the students praising God for his protection in specific situations?
- B. Of the teaching session
 1. Do the students understand that the character in the Bible story expected God to protect him?
 2. Do students realize that that the character was protected by God?
 3. Do students recognize that someone in the story praised God for His protection?
 4. Do students understand the meaning of the memory verse?
 5. Do students understand the power and danger of a lion?

God Protects Three Men in Fire

Performance Objectives:

1. Children will expect God to protect them in specific situations.
2. Children will see God's protection in specific situations.
3. Children will praise God for his protection in specific situations.

Materials Needed:

Verse visual for Lamentations 3:23b
Song visual for "God Will Take Care of You"
Missionary story
A few props and costumes for re-enactment of story
Evaluation sheet

Opening Activities:

Quote theme verse Lamentations 3:23b
Tell short story of how God protected a missionary.

Sequence of Activities: (Instructional Procedures)

- A. Focusing event- Sing "God Will Take Care of You"
- B. Instruction (content of the lesson)-on separate sheet
- C. Tying the net-on separate sheet
- D. Teaching the memory verse (guided practice)-Isaiah 41:13-Go over using hand motions to aid memory.
- E. Independent activity (worksheet, review)-Have children help re-enact the story for review

Evaluation

- A. Of the students
 1. Are the students expecting God to protect them in specific situations?
 2. Are the students seeing God's protection in specific situations?
 3. Are the students praising God for his protection in specific situations?
- B. Of the teaching session
 1. Do the students understand that the character in the Bible story expected God to protect him?
 2. Do students realize that that the character was protected by God?
 3. Do students recognize that someone in the story praised God for His protection?
 4. Are students able to quote verse using hand motions?
 5. Are students able to successfully re-enact the Bible story?

God Protects David from Goliath

Performance Objectives:

1. Children will expect God to protect them in specific situations.
2. Children will see God's protection in specific situations.
3. Children will praise God for his protection in specific situations.

Materials Needed:

Verse visual for Lamentations 3:23b

Song visuals for "Only a Boy Named David" and "God Will Take Care of You"

Dry-erase board and markers

Tape measure and fifteen pound weight to demonstrate spear tip

Evaluation sheet

Opening Activities:

Quote theme verse Lamentations 3:23b

Sing "Only a Boy Named David"

Sequence of Activities: (Instructional Procedures)

- A. Focusing event- Sing "God Will Take Care of You"
- B. Instruction (content of the lesson)-on separate sheet
- C. Tying the net-on separate sheet
- D. Teaching the memory verse (guided practice)- Isaiah 41:13-Play hangman using verse.
- E. Independent activity (worksheet, review)-Measure out Goliath's height with the students and show size and weight of his armor. Show David's approximate size in proportion.

Evaluation

- A. Of the students
 1. Are the students expecting God to protect them in specific situations?
 2. Are the students seeing God's protection in specific situations?
 3. Are the students praising God for his protection in specific situations?
- B. Of the teaching session
 1. Do the students understand that the character in the Bible story expected God to protect him?
 2. Do students realize that that the character was protected by God?
 3. Do students recognize that someone in the story praised God for His protection?
 4. Were students able to remember entire verse, even before completing hangman?
 5. So students understand the immensity of Goliath and his power in comparison with David?

God Protects Israelites While They Pass through Red Sea

Performance Objectives:

1. Children will expect God to protect them in specific situations.
2. Children will see God's protection in specific situations.
3. Children will praise God for his protection in specific situations.

Materials Needed:

Verse visuals for Lamentations 3:23b and Isaiah 41:13

Song visual for "God Will Take Care of You"

Materials for review game

Evaluation sheet

Opening Activities:

Quote theme verse Lamentations 3:23b

Tell short story of when God protected you.

Sequence of Activities: (Instructional Procedures)

- A. Focusing event- Sing "God Will Take Care of You"
- B. Instruction (content of the lesson)-on separate sheet
- C. Tying the net-on separate sheet
- D. Teaching the memory verse (guided practice)- Isaiah 41:13-Split class into two sections. Have first section say first half and second half say second half, then switch around.
- E. Independent activity (worksheet, review)-Play review game asking questions from the lesson and giving each child a chance to answer questions.

Evaluation

- A. Of the students
 1. Are the students expecting God to protect them in specific situations?
 2. Are the students seeing God's protection in specific situations?
 3. Are the students praising God for his protection in specific situations?
- B. Of the teaching session
 1. Do the students understand that the character in the Bible story expected God to protect him?
 2. Do students realize that that the character was protected by God?
 3. Do students recognize that someone in the story praised God for His protection?
 4. Are both groups able to successfully recite both sections of the verse?
 5. Are the students able to answer the review questions?

God Protects Jews through Esther

Performance Objectives:

1. Children will expect God to protect them in specific situations.
2. Children will see God's protection in specific situations.
3. Children will praise God for his protection in specific situations.

Materials Needed:

Verse visual for Lamentations 3:23b

Song visual for "God Will Take Care of You"

Dry-erase board and markers

Posters for each child

Markers, paint, crayons, or colored pencils for writing and coloring on posters

Evaluation sheet

Opening Activities:

Quote theme verse Lamentations 3:23b

Have children tell stories of how God protected them these past in the past few weeks.

Sequence of Activities: (Instructional Procedures)

- A. Focusing event- Sing "God Will Take Care of You"
- B. Instruction (content of the lesson)-on separate sheet
- C. Tying the net-on separate sheet
- D. Teaching the memory verse (guided practice)- Isaiah 41:13-Write verse on board and erase one word at a time until students can say verse without the cards at all.
- E. Independent activity (worksheet, review)-Have each child make a poster with a hand and "Fear not; I will help thee" to remind them to trust God for protection.

Evaluation

- A. Of the students
 1. Are the students expecting God to protect them in specific situations?
 2. Are the students seeing God's protection in specific situations?
 3. Are the students praising God for his protection in specific situations?
- B. Of the teaching session
 1. Do the students understand that the character in the Bible story expected God to protect him?
 2. Do students realize that that the character was protected by God?
 3. Do students recognize that someone in the story praised God for His protection?
 4. Can students quote memory verse without words on the board?
 5. Do the students understand the purpose of their poster?

God Protects Daniel in Lion's Den (Daniel 6)

Introduction

Have you ever seen a lion at the zoo? What did it look like? Would you want to be in a cage with a lion? What about a cave full of lions? The man in our story was told that if he prayed to God that he would be thrown into a den full of lions. What would you do if someone told you that?

Instruction-Content of the Lesson

Darius the King of Babylon made Daniel one of three presidents over the princes and the rest of the people in the kingdom. (v 1-2)

The King grew to like Daniel better than anyone because he had a wonderful attitude. (v 3)

The other presidents and princes became jealous of Daniel, so they began to look for him to do something wrong that they could accuse him of, but they could find nothing because Daniel was faithful. (v 4)

Finally, they determined they would not be able to find anything to accuse him of, unless it had something to do with worshipping his God. (v 5)

So the presidents and princes went to Darius and told him they had an idea. They wanted Darius to make a decree that anyone who prayed to any other god or man beside him for thirty days would be thrown into a den of lions. (v 6-7)

The decree would be signed according to a special law that could not be changed once it was signed. (v 8)

King Darius signed the decree. (v 9)

When Daniel found out about the decree, he continued to kneel in the direction of Jerusalem and pray to God three times a day as he always had. (v 10)

1. Daniel expected God to protect him if he obeyed Him.

The men who had convinced King Darius to make the decree found Daniel praying. (v 11)

The men went and reminded King Darius of his decree and King Darius agreed that he had made it. (v 12)

The men told King Darius that Daniel had broken the decree and prayed to God. (v 13)

Then the King became very upset because he liked Daniel and did not want anything to happen to him, so he tried to keep Daniel from being thrown into the den of lions. (v 14)

The men came and reminded the King that according to the law of the land, if he made a decree it could not be changed. (v 15)

So the King told the men to throw Daniel into the lion's den. (v 16a)

The King reminded Daniel that his God was able to deliver him. (v 16b)

A stone was brought and laid over the mouth of the den and the king placed his stamp on it. (v 17)

The king fasted all night and did not sleep. (v 18)

The king got up very early and went to the den. (v 19)

The king cried out to Daniel and asked him if his God was able to deliver him. (v 20)

Daniel replied that God had sent an angel to shut the lions' mouths and that they had not hurt him because he had done no wrong. (v 21-22)

The king was extremely happy to find Daniel unharmed and had him taken up from the den. (v 23a)

Daniel was absolutely unhurt because he had believed in God. (v 23b)

2. God protected Daniel because he obeyed God.

Then the king called for the men who had wanted Daniel cast into the lions' den and had them and their families thrown into the dens. The lions devoured the people and all of their bones were broken before they ever reached the floor of the den. (v 24)

Then King Darius made a decree that everyone worship only Daniel's God because He was able to deliver Daniel from the lions' den. (v 25-27)

3. Darius praised God because he protected Daniel.

After this Daniel prospered in Babylon during Darius' reign. (v 28)

Conclusion-Tying the Net

Daniel trusted God to protect him if he obeyed God, so he continued to pray even though he knew the punishment would be being thrown into a den of lions. God was faithful to protect Daniel because Daniel faithfully obeyed him. When God protected Daniel, God was praised for what He had done.

If you have trusted in Jesus to save you, you should trust God to protect you if you obey Him. Maybe you are afraid that if you pray and thank God for your lunch at school, people will make fun of you or you are afraid that if you tell others about Jesus they will not want to have you around. You can expect God to take care of you if you do what is right.

When you expect God to take care of you and you do what God wants you to, you should see God's protection. Sometimes it may seem that God should not let something happen to you, but He is the one who determines whether what happens will help or hurt you. He will protect you.

When God does protect you, praise God for it. Thank Him for what He has done and tell other people how God has protected you. He deserves all of the praise.

So if you have trusted Jesus to save you, you should expect God to protect you, experience God's protection, and praise God for it.

If you have not trusted Jesus to save you, you should not expect God to protect you, because you are not yet His child. God wants you to ask Him to save you from your sins, so that He can make you His child and be your protecting Father. If you would like to know more about how you can trust Jesus to save you, please talk to me after the lesson is over.

God Protects Three Men in Fire (Daniel 3)

Introduction

Have you ever been burned? It hurt pretty bad didn't it. Just imagine your whole body being thrown into a burning hot fire with a heavy coat on. Do you think you would survive? Could God protect someone in the middle of burning fiery furnace?

Instruction-Content of the Lesson

King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon made a huge golden statue. (v 1)

He sent for all of the important people to come to its dedication, so they came. (v 2-3)

The king commanded that at the sound of the instruments everyone was to bow down to his statue, and if anyone failed to bow down, they would be thrown into a burning fiery furnace. (v 4-6)

So at the sound of the music everyone bowed down to the statue. (v 7)

Three servants of God, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refused to bow down, so someone told the king about their failure to serve his gods and bow down to the statue. (v 8-12)

Nebuchadnezzar was very angry and sent for the three men. They came. (v 13)

Nebuchadnezzar asked them if it was true that they refused to worship his gods and bow down to his statue. (v 14)

He told them he would give them another chance and that at the sound of the music they must bow down. (v 15a)

He warned them that if they would not worship that they would be thrown into the fiery furnace and he questioned the ability of any God to rescue them. (v 15b)

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered the king that their God was able to deliver them from the fiery furnace, but even if He did not, they would not serve the king's gods or bow down to the golden statue. (v 16-18)

1. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego trusted God to protect them if they obeyed

Him.

The king became furious and demanded his servant to turn the furnace up seven times hotter than it normally was. (v 19)

Then he commanded his mightiest men to cast Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego into the furnace. (v 20)

They were bound up in their coats and hats and other extra clothes and thrown into the middle of the fiery furnace. (v 21)

Because the flame of the fire was so hot, it killed the men who threw Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego into the furnace. (v 22)

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego fell down in the middle of the furnace bound. (v 23)

All of a sudden, Nebuchadnezzar became astonished and asked if he had thrown three men bound into the furnace. His counselors assured him that this was right. (v 24)

Nebuchadnezzar replied that he now saw four men loosed in the middle of the fire, unharmed. The most astonishing part was that the fourth one was like the Son of God. (v 25)

Nebuchadnezzar went near to the fiery furnace and commanded the men, as servants of the Most High God to come out of the fire, so they came out. (v 26)

When they came out of the fire, not a hair on their head was singed, their clothes were not burned, and they did not even smell like fire. (v 27)

2. God protected Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego because they obeyed Him.

Then Nebuchadnezzar praised their God who was able to deliver his servants from the fire. (v 28)

3. Nebuchadnezzar praised God because He protected Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

Nebuchadnezzar made a decree that everyone should serve their God because no other God could deliver in that way. (v 29)

Then the king promoted them in Babylon. (v 30)

Conclusion-Tying the Net

Can you believe it? Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were thrown into the burning fiery furnace and not a hair on their head was burnt! They did not even smell like fire! God was able to protect them when they obeyed Him and God was praised as a result.

God can protect you too if you have trusted Jesus to save you. He can protect you even in a situation that seems impossible. Trust Him and when He does protect you, praise Him.

If you have not trusted Jesus, you should trust him now, because then you can know that He will protect you too. Those who want to know more, please talk to me after the lesson.

God Protects David from Goliath (I Samuel 17)

Introduction

Long, long ago a huge giant came to try to fight against the people....That sounds like a fairy tale doesn't it? But it is not. The Bible tells a true story of a giant nine feet tall who came to fight against God's people. Could God take care and protect His people from this wicked enemy?

Instruction-Content of the Lesson

The Israelites were at battle with the Philistines. (v 1-3)

The Philistines had a champion named Goliath who was over nine feet tall, had enormous armor, and had a spear with a head that weighed about 15 pounds. (v 4-7)

The champion cried for a man to come and fight him. He said that if that man defeated him, they would be Israel's servants, but if he defeated the man, the Israelites would be the Philistines' servants. (v 8-9)

He challenged the army of Israel. (v 10)

When King Saul and of the Israelites heard him, they were greatly afraid. (v 11)

David was the youngest son of Jesse, whose three eldest sons were in the Israelite army. (v 12-14)

David took care of his father's sheep. (v 15)

Goliath appeared before the Israelites every morning and evening for forty days. (v 16)

Jesse sent David on an errand to bring his brothers some food and see how they were doing. (v 17-18)

David went early in the morning, leaving his sheep with a keeper. (v 19-20a)

He arrived at the battleground just as Goliath appeared and challenged the Israelites. (v 20b-23)

When the Israelite army saw Goliath, they fled in fear. (v 24)

The Israelites asked David if he had seen Goliath before. They said that whoever killed Goliath would be awarded riches and the king's daughter as a reward. (v 25)

David asked what would be done for the man that killed the Philistine. He asked who Goliath was that he should challenge the army of the living God. (v 26)

The people told David what would be given the man who killed Goliath. (v 27)

David oldest brother, Eliab, heard what David was saying and became angry and asked David why he had come, supposing that he came to see the battle. (v 28)

David asked what he had done wrong. Did not the battle have a cause? (v 29)

David continued to ask people questions. (v 30)

When the Israelites heard what David was saying they told King Saul who sent for David. (v 31)

David told King Saul that the Israelites need not fear, that he would fight against Goliath. (v 32)

King Saul told David he was too young to fight an experienced soldier. (v 33)

David related to Saul how he had killed a lion and a bear bare-handed while taking care of his sheep. (v 34-36a)

David assured King Saul that Goliath would end up like the lion and the bear because he had challenged the army of the living God. (v 36b)

David told King Saul that God had delivered him from the hand of the lion and the bear and that God would also deliver him from Goliath's hand. (v 37a)

1. David trusted God to protect Him.

King Saul told David to go and the Lord be with Him. (v 37b)

King Saul gave David armor to wear, but David was not used to armor and decided not to wear it. (v 38-39)

David took his staff, chose five smooth stones from the brook in his bag, took his sling, and approached the Goliath. (v 40)

Goliath came near to David and looked down on him because he was so small and young. (v 41-42)

Goliath asked if they were making fun of him and cursed David. (v 43)

He said that he was going to give David's flesh to the birds and beasts. (v 44)

David replied that although Goliath was coming to him with a sword, a spear, and a shield, he was coming to Goliath in the name of the Lord. (v 45)

David told Goliath that the Lord would deliver him into his hand, and that he would cut off Goliath's head, so that all the world would know that Israel's God was the true God. They would realize that the battle was not determined by weapons, but rather by the Lord. (v 46-47)

When Goliath approached David ran to meet him and slung a stone out of his sling. The stone hit Goliath in his forehead. Goliath fell to the ground. (v 48-49)

Then David ran and took Goliath's sword and cut off Goliath's own head with it. (v 50-51a)

2. God protected David.

When the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled. (v 51b)

The Israelites chased after them and got the spoil from their tents. (v 52-53)

David took Goliath's head and brought it to Jerusalem and kept Goliath's armor. (v 54)

3. The Jews praised God that He had protected David and their armies.

Conclusion-Tying the Net

Who would have thought that a young teenager could kill a huge, mean giant? God was protecting David and that is why David could kill Goliath. If God is protecting you, you have no need to worry about being hurt.

If you have trusted Jesus to save you, he will protect you. If not, you need to trust Him soon. Then He will protect you. Talk to me if you want to know more. I will be here after the lesson.

God Protects Israelites While They Pass through Red Sea (Exodus 14:9-14:31)

Introduction

The Israelites had finally been freed from being slaves to the wicked Egyptians. They were traveling away to the wonderful land that God had promised them. The trip was long, but God guided them, until suddenly one day they came upon the Red Sea. The sea was wide and they saw no way across. To make things worse the Egyptians were now chasing them. They were stuck between the angry Egyptians and the watery Red Sea. What could they do? Only God could protect them in a situation like this.

Instruction-Content of the Lesson

The Israelites were camped beside the Red Sea and Egyptians came after them. (v 9)

The Israelites became very afraid when they saw the Egyptians chasing them. (v 10)

They asked Moses why they had brought them out into the wilderness to die. They thought it would have been better to stay in Egypt. (v 11-12)

Moses told them not to be afraid, but to just be still and see God's salvation. He said they would never again see the Egyptians. (v 13)

He told them God would fight for them. (v 14)

The Lord told Moses to stretch out his rod over the sea and that the sea would divide and dry ground would appear so that the Israelites could go forward. (v 15-16)

He told Moses that the Egyptians would try to follow them, but the Lord would do something that would get him glory and show the Egyptians that He was God. (v 17-18)

1. Moses trusted God to protect them.

The angel of God went behind Israel and cloud went between Israel and the Egyptians, so that the Egyptians had darkness, but the Israelites had light and the Egyptians could not get to them that night. (v 19-20)

Moses then stretched his rod over the sea and it divided, so that the Israelites went through on dry ground. (v 21-22)

The Egyptians followed them and got to the middle of the sea. (v 23)

In the morning the Lord made the wheels of the Egyptians chariots to come off, so that they could not go forward and decided to flee. (v 24-25)

The Lord told Moses to put his rod back over the sea that the waters would go back over the Egyptians. (v 26)

So Moses stretched his rod back over the sea and the water covered the Egyptians and drowned them all. (v 27-28)

But the Israelites walked through on dry land. (v 29)

The Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians and the Israelites saw the dead Egyptians on the sea shore. (v 30)

2. God protected Moses and the Israelites.

When the Israelites saw God's great work, they feared God and believed Him. (v 31)

They sang a song praising the Lord. (15:1-21)

3. The Israelites praised God for protecting them.

Conclusion-Tying the Net

What would have happened to the Israelites if God had not protected them? They had no way to go. Maybe they would have been slaughtered by the Egyptians or drowned by the waters of the Red Sea. But God took care of them. Is he able to take of you too? What must you have done, if you want God to protect you? If you want to know more about how to do that I will be glad to answer your questions after the lesson.

God Protects Jews through Esther (Book of Esther)

Introduction

A queen who hides her secret identity, a man who chooses to obey God and serve Him only, another man who plots to wipe out a whole race, and a surprising turn of events. Here is a Bible story that truly shows God's ability to protect His own people who serve Him.

Instruction-Content of the Lesson

There was a King named Ahasuerus who ruled long ago. (1:1)

One day he had a feast and asked his wife, Queen Vashti, to come and appear before him (1:2-11)

Vashti refused to come and the king was very angry (1:12)

The King decided to get rid of Queen Vashti, because if he let her stay, other wives would think that they could disobey their husbands, so Vashti was sent from the kingdom and another would take her place. (1:13-22)

Officers were sent out to find all of the beautiful young women in the kingdom out of whom one would be chosen to be his wife. (2:1-4)

In the kingdom there was a Jew named Mordecai who was bringing up his cousin, Esther. Esther was a beautiful young woman. (2:5-7)

She was one of the ones brought to the king to be chosen, but she did not reveal that she was a Jew because Mordecai had told her not to. (2:8-10)

The king liked Esther and she was chosen as queen in Vashti's place. (2:11-20)

During that time two men plotted to kill the king, but Mordecai heard and let Esther know and the men were killed. The incident was written in the king's book of the chronicles. (2:21-23)

The king promoted Haman above all of the princes and everyone was to bow to him, but Mordecai refused to bow to him. (3:1-2)

Haman was angry at Mordecai and looked for an opportunity to kill Mordecai and all of the Jews. (3:3-6)

One day Haman went to the king and requested that he make a decree allowing them to destroy the Jews. He claimed them to disobey the king's laws. (3:7-9)

The king gave Haman permission and he made a decree that on a certain day everyone was allowed to kill the Jews. (3:10-15)

When Mordecai heard about this he rent his clothes and put on sackcloth and ashes, a sign of mourning, and cried bitterly. All of the rest of the Jews mourned, wept, and fasted as well. (4:1-3)

Esther's servants heard about it and told it to her. (4:4a)

When she heard it she was very grieved and sent someone to talk to Mordecai. (4:4b-6)

Mordecai told the servant about the decree and what Haman had done and gave him a copy of the decree to give to Esther. He told the servant to tell Esther to go before the king and plead for her people. (4:7-8)

The servant returned and told Esther what Mordecai had said. (4:9)

Esther told Mordecai through the servant that if anyone went before the king when he had not called them and he did not show his golden scepter, they would be put to death. She had not been called on by him for thirty days. (4:10-11)

Mordecai told Esther that if she did not do something, her people would be killed. He reminded her that maybe God had sent her to the kingdom for this specific time. (4:12-14)

Esther sent a reply to Mordecai telling him to gather all of the Jews in the palace and fast for three days. She and her servants would do the same and then she would appear before the king. She said she would go in and “If I perish, I perish.” (4:15-16)

1. Esther trusted God to protect her if she did what was right.

Mordecai did what Esther asked him. (4:17)

On the third day of their fasting, Esther went before the king. (5:1)

When Esther appeared, the king held out his golden scepter to show his acceptance and asked Esther what she wanted. (5:2-3)

Esther asked that the king and Haman come to a banquet she had prepared. (5:4)

The king and Haman came. (5:5)

The king asked Esther what her request was. (5:6)

Esther asked he and Haman to come to another banquet the next day. (5:7-8)

Haman went home and boasted to his wife about how he had been promoted in the kingdom, but then he complained about his one problem, Mordecai, who would not bow to him. (5:9-13)

His wife told him to make a huge gallows and ask the king the next day to hang Mordecai. (5:14)

That night the king could not sleep, so he asked that the book of chronicles be read to him. (6:1)

As it was read, the incident of Mordecai saving the king’s life was read. (6:2)

The king asked what had been done for Mordecai in thankfulness for his deed and the servants told him that nothing had been done for him. (6:3)

So the king called for Haman and asked him what should be done for a person that the king wanted to honor. (6:4-6a)

Haman, thinking that the king wanted to honor him, said that the man should be clothed in the king’s apparel and crown, set on the king’s horse, and brought through the streets by one of the king’s most noble princes proclaiming his honor. (6:6b-9)

The king told Haman to go and do what he had just suggested to Mordecai, so Haman obeyed. (6:10-11)

Afterward Haman went home mourning and told everything that had happened. As they were talking, he was called to a banquet with Esther and the king. (6:12-14)

The king and Haman went to the banquet with Esther. (7:1)

The king proceeded to ask Esther what her request was again. (7:2)

Esther asked the king to save her life and the life of her people. (7:3-4)

The king asked who it was that wanted to kill her and her people. (7:5)

Esther replied that it was Haman. (7:6a)

Haman became very afraid. (7:6b)

The king in his anger went out into the palace garden. (7:7a)

When the king left Haman began to plead to Esther for his life. (7:7b)

When the king returned from the garden, Haman was laid on Esther’s bed pleading with her. (7:8a)

The king thought Haman was trying to hurt Esther, so the king’s men took Haman. (7:8b)

One of the king’s chamberlains told the king about the huge gallows Haman had made for Mordecai and the king told them to hang Mordecai on it. (7:9)

Haman was hanged on the gallows he had built for Mordecai and the king anger was pacified. (7:10)

Mordecai was then given Haman’s place in the kingdom. (8:1-2)

Esther then went before the king begging him to change the decree that had been made that Jews could be killed on a certain day. (8:3-6)

The king said that he was not able to go back on the decree he had made earlier because of the law, but that Esther could make whatever law she wanted and he would seal it with his permission. (8:7-8)

Esther made a decree that on the day of massacre Jews were allowed to gather together and fight back and the decree was posted throughout the palace. (8:9-14)

Mordecai went throughout the city telling the Jews and the Jews rejoiced and feasted. As a result of these happenings, many people became Jews, because they saw what the Lord had done. (8:15-17)

When the day of the supposed massacre came, the officials in the area sided with the Jews for fear of Mordecai and the Jews overcame their enemies and Haman's ten sons were killed. (9:1-16)

2. God protected Esther and the Jews because Esther did what was right.

The Jews rejoiced. (9:17-19)

The feast of Purim was established in remembrance of this time. (9:20-32)

3. The Jews praised God for protecting them.

Mordecai was second in rank to the king and prospered and helped his people the Jews. (10:1-3)

Conclusion-Tying the Net

At first it seemed like everything was going wrong, but God worked it all out and protected His people once again.

We have seen five different times when God protected His people. God protected Daniel in the lion's den; Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the fiery furnace; David from Goliath; the Israelites from the Egyptians or a watery grave; and Esther and the Jews from destruction. God was faithful to protect.

He will protect you too. Expect Him to protect you and then praise Him when He does, as these people in the Bible did.

If you have not asked Jesus to save you, He is willing to save you and become your protecting Heavenly Father. If you want to trust Jesus today or find out more, please talk to me at the end of the lesson today.