



SMALL GROUP GUIDE

God Protects Us

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ask God to protect us

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Leader Guide

Engage:

Write each of the following on slips of paper: school, playground, beach, mountains. Add more locations as you think of them, making sure to have one per kid. You can duplicate them. Place the slips in a bag or small container. Give each kid a piece of paper and crayons. Ask the kids to take a slip of paper and make a drawing of the scene. Remind the kids that God always protects them everywhere they go.

Discuss:

**Have the kids open up their Bibles and read together
Daniel 3**

As you are reading the Bible story, have the kids each choose a part and act it out. Talk to the kids about how the three young men loved God and wanted to please Him by obeying His commands. They trusted that God was with them and could protect them.

- When was a time that God protected you?
- On a scale of 1 to 10, how much courage did the three young men have? Explain.
- What people in the Bible story were surprised? How?
- We all need God's protection. When have you asked God to protect you?

Response:

Have Psalm 139:7-12 written on a white board. Read the verse out loud to the kids, and talk about how God is with them everywhere they go. Have the kids spend some time reading the verse and highlighting words or drawing pictures of what this verse means to them. How does knowing that God is always with you help you in life?

Memorize: **I can never escape from your Spirit! I can never get away from your presence! (Psalm 139:7, NLT)**

Repeat the memory verse a few times with the kids and have them say the verse out loud.

Assign each child a number. Place a t-shirt in the middle of the room. The kids will line up in a straight line. When you call their number, they have to run to the center of the room and attempt to grab the shirt. The child who grabs the shirt first has to say the memory verse out loud. If they need help, make sure to help them out!

Create:

Give each kid an image of a shield. Ask them to write in BIG letters "God Protects Us!" Give the kids craft supplies to decorate their shields.

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What was the Big Idea?
We can _____
ask God to _____ us

In what ways has God protected
you and your family?

Memory Verse:

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I can never get away from your presence!
Psalm 139:7 (NLT)