GOD IS OUR STRENGTH

WHEN WE ARE ALONE

LESSON POINTS

Bible Story | Shepherd David Kills the Bear and Lion

1 Samuel 17:34-37

- As a boy David's job was to take care of his father's sheep.
- David spent many long hours all alone with the sheep.
- He told about the times when a lion or a bear would come to take one of his lambs.
- David would kill them, saving the lamb.
- The lion and the bear would even try to attack him, and David would catch them by their fur, hit them, and kill them.
- God gave David the Strength to protect the sheep and himself when no one else was around.

MINISTRY IDEA

Hearing God's Voice

Pass out paper and pens. Ask the children to take a moment to listen to God speaking to them and write down what He tells them. Have them ask God specific questions like, "God, do you love me?"

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. What kinds of things did David learn when he was out taking care of his father's sheep?
- 2. How do you think David felt when the bear or lion attacked?
- 3. How do you think David felt when God gave him strength?
- 4. What do you need to accomplish in your life that will require God's strength?

DRAMA SYNOPSIS #38

Speezmaker has been accepted as a finalist to NASA's Young Astronaut's Science Competition. He is having difficulty coming up with an invention. Speezmaker turns to God who dwells in him to give him strength. Speezmaker then comes up with a worthy invention.

ACTIVITY IDEAS

David/Bear/Lion

This is a variation of Gorilla/Man/Gun. Have the children pair up and stand back to back. On three, the children jump around and perform the sign for David, the Bear, or the Lion. David kills the bear. The bear kills the lion. And the lion barely scratches David but still wins.

Spiritual Dumbbells

Have the kids make two "Bibles" out of construction paper with the memory verse written inside. Then give each kid an empty roll of toilet paper. Have the kids attach their "Bibles" to the ends of the roll. Now they can spiritually get stronger by spending time exercising with the Bible.

LESSON OBJECTIVE

Children will learn that God is our Strength when we are alone.

LIFE APPLICATION

Through learning that God is our Strength, children will learn that God's strength helps us out even when no one is around.

MEMORY VERSE

The LORD protects my life. So why should I be afraid?

Psalms 27:1b