

**MAIN POINT:**

Follow God: He Protects

**MEMORY VERSE:**

*"I will guide you and teach you the way you should go. I will give you good advice and watch over you."*  
Psalm 32:8

**BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:**

Saul wasn't a good king. He didn't listen to what God said to do. God loved His people, so He anointed David to be the king instead of Saul. David started out as a shepherd, but he was also a musician, and he was brought to King Saul's courts to play beautiful music. Though God had anointed David to be king, he wasn't made the king right away. Saul got so jealous of David that he even tried to kill him! David was friends with Saul's son Jonathan. Because Jonathan loved David, he helped David by sending him a signal to let him know he was in danger. God protected David through Jonathan.

**WATCH IT**

Find the lesson video on our website: <https://cchurch.ca/childrens-online>

**DO IT → DECODERS**

**Supplies:**

- Decoder template (1 per child, see last page)
- Brads/Brass fasteners (1 per child)
- Pencil
- Blank paper
- Scissors
- Pencil crayons

**Activity Instructions:**

- Have your child cut out the decoder around the outer edge, making sure to cut out the notch.
- Colour as desired.
- Have them stack their decoders, and insert a brad through the centre.
- Now they can choose a number to work with and write a secret code.
- Use the blank paper to write messages.

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### TALK ABOUT IT:

Do this section with your child while they are assembling their decoder.

1. **God protects us in all sorts of ways. It may not be our physical body that needs protecting. He can protect our minds and our hearts as well. He does this when He gives us wise people who help us know what is or isn't good for us. What wise people are in your life? (Parents, grandparents, teachers, neighbours, friend's parents, leaders at church.)**
2. **These people help us make wise choices in lots of areas of our life. Can you think of ways that God uses the wise people in our lives to help protect us? (They help us choose appropriate TV shows, music, and other media. They can help us to figure out sticky situations with friends.)**
3. **Even though David faced a lot of trouble, he knew that he could always turn to God and find safety in Him. Read Psalm 32:7–8 aloud. What did you notice in these verses? How can these verses encourage you when you feel you need protection? (God is a place of safety, God protects us, we can always turn to Him.)**

### FAMILY PRAYER:

**Dear God, thank You that You are our place of safety, and You give us strength. Thank You that You are always there to help us, and You protect us. In Jesus' name, amen.**

### OFFERING:

Our offering for the months of July to September is going to a partner church in SE Asia to help farmers with micro-farming of chickens and frogs.

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