



# David Becomes King

2 Samuel 5:1-5; Psalm 37

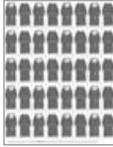
First- and second-graders are rapidly developing many skills for self-reliance. “Let me do it” is one of their favorite responses to parents used to doing things for them. Sometimes that makes sense, such as tying their shoes. Sometimes it doesn’t, such as running a power lawnmower. Although we want to encourage self-reliance in our children, kids must also learn to rely on God. Help your kids understand that because of our faith, we can rely on God even when things don’t seem to be going in the right direction.



► **Bible Point**  
We can rely on God.

**Key Verse**  
“God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble” (Psalm 46:1).

**Weaving Faith Into Life**  
Kids will rely on God, who never fails.

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
<b>1</b> Getting Started	<b>Toilet-Paper Failure</b> <i>(about 10 min.)</i> Run a relay to see that things can fail.	2 rolls of toilet paper, assorted items from your room	
<b>2</b> Bible Exploration	<b>Finger-Puppet King</b> <i>(about 20 min.)</i> Create a puppet to help learn the Bible passage.	Bible, paper, scissors, clear tape, fine-tipped markers, CD player <b>Teacher Pack:</b> “Finger-Puppet” patterns, CD: “He’s the King” (track 2)	Cut paper into 1x2-inch strips.  Punch out the “Finger-Puppet” patterns. 
	<b>God Never Fails</b> <i>(about 10 min.)</i> Use finger puppets to learn what David said in Psalm 37.	finger puppets from the “Finger-Puppet King” activity	
	<b>God Is Our Refuge</b> <i>(about 5 min.)</i> Learn and discuss the Key Verse.	Bibles for all kids	





LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
<b>3</b> Weaving Faith Into Life	<b>Reliance Stories</b> <i>(about 15 min.)</i> Use pictures to create stories about relying on God.	My Bible Fun, pencils	Tear out the Lesson 1 pages from each My Bible Fun student book.
<b>4</b> Lasting Impressions	<b>Daily Challenges</b> <i>(about 5 min.)</i> Choose a Daily Challenge to apply God's Word.	My Bible Fun	
	<b>Weaving Faith at Home</b> <i>(about 2 min.)</i> Talk about how to share what they learned with their families.	My Bible Fun	Tear out the letter to parents from the back of each My Bible Fun student book.







### Toilet-Paper Failure Supplies

2 rolls of toilet paper  
assorted items from  
your room

## 1 GETTING STARTED

# Toilet-Paper Failure

### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Welcome kids warmly as they arrive, and ask them how their week went.

Have children form two teams. Give each team a roll of toilet paper. Tell kids to make a “stretcher” from the toilet paper, about 2 feet long.

When teams have made their stretchers, have two people on each team hold their team’s stretcher. Place an item on each stretcher (the two items should be the same or similar in weight). Some items you may want to use are building blocks, toys, office supplies, kitchen utensils, or books. When you say go, teams will race to carry their stretchers to the other end of the room and back. When a pair returns, they hand off their stretcher to the next pair on the team. Before that pair races to the other end of the room and back, place another item on the stretcher. Eventually load items that are heavy enough to break the toilet-paper stretchers.

Continue in this manner until the stretchers break.

### Talk With Kids ■■■■

Have kids answer the following questions with their teams. After each question, invite willing children to share their answers with the rest of the group.

Ask:

- Why wasn’t the toilet paper reliable?
- What does it mean to rely on something or someone?

Say: **To rely on someone or something means that we count on that person or thing not to fail or let us down. We rely on things, and they sometimes fail. Even people sometimes fail. But we can always rely on God because God never fails. Today we’ll talk about why ► WE CAN RELY ON GOD.**





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BIBLE  
EXPLORATION

# Finger-Puppet King

## What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Say: **Today's Bible passage tells us about someone who relied on God. In 2 Samuel 5:1-5, the Bible tells us that David became king over Israel.** Open your Bible, and show the passage to the group. **David used to be a simple shepherd boy, but God chose him to be king over the whole nation. So he became king. Let's make something fun to help us remember our Bible passage.**

Give each child a paper strip. Have kids each loop it and then tape it around the forefinger on their non-dominant hand. Have kids tape one of the "Finger-Puppet" patterns to the paper loop.

Set out fine-tipped markers for kids to share. Have each child draw tiny facial features on their finger for the puppet's face. As kids are working, softly play "He's the King" (track 2 on the CD).

Give kids a few minutes to finish their finger puppets, offering help as needed. Tell kids they'll use their finger puppets in the next activity.

## Talk With Kids ■■■■

Ask:

- What does a new king need to know?
- Who could a new king rely on for help?
- In what ways can we rely on God for help?

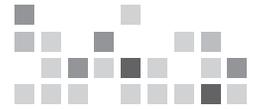
Say: **David knew being king was a big job, and he knew he could fail. So he chose to rely on God to help him be a good king. In fact, David wrote a song to tell why he relied on God. The words to the song are in the Bible in Psalm 37. Let's learn about the song he wrote.**

# God Never Fails

## What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Say: **I'm going to tell you some of the things David wrote in his song, Psalm 37. After each one, use your finger puppets of King David to say, "God never fails!"** Have kids practice using their finger puppets to say, "God never fails!"

Say: **David chose to rely on God, because...**(Prompt children to respond, "God never fails!")



## Finger-Puppet King Supplies

- Bible
- paper
- scissors
- clear tape
- fine-tipped markers
- CD player
- Teacher Pack**
- "Finger-Puppet" patterns
- CD: "He's the King" (track 2)

## Finger-Puppet King Easy Prep

Cut paper into 1x2-inch strips.

Punch out the "Finger-Puppet" patterns.

## God Never Fails Supplies

finger puppets from the "Finger-Puppet King" activity





**Trust in the Lord and do good, because...**(Prompt children to respond.)

**God will reward those who follow his ways, because...**(Prompt children to respond.)

**Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him, because...**(Prompt children to respond.)

**Don't get angry when people do bad things; God will help you deal with them, because...**(Prompt children to respond.)

**God takes care of his children, because...**(Prompt children to respond.)

### Talk With Kids ■■■■

Say: **Now I'm going to ask you some questions about the Bible passage and about relying on God. Turn to a partner and get ready to use your puppets to answer some questions.**

Ask:

- Why did David need to rely on God?
- Why can we rely on God?

Say: **God never fails. David may have felt scared of the big job of ruling a whole country. But he knew he could rely on God to help him. Sometimes things get scary for us, but we can remember that ► WE CAN RELY ON GOD. Use your puppet to talk to your partner about these questions.**

Ask:

- When have *you* had a big job to do that seemed scary?
- What can you do to rely on God when you have a big job to do?

Say: **When we feel afraid—as David may have— ► WE CAN RELY ON GOD to help us. God helped David, and God will help us.**

## God Is Our Refuge

### What You'll Do ■■■■

Say: **Our Key Verse today is about how God helps us when we rely on him.**

Open your Bible to Psalm 46:1, and show it to the children. Tell kids that this is God's book. Then read the verse: **"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble" (Psalm 46:1).** Have kids repeat it with you until they can say it by themselves.

Say: **This verse can be hard to understand, so let's talk about what it means. *Refuge* means protection from something that's scary or dangerous. God protects us from the things that scare us. *Ever-present* means God will always be there, no matter what.**

God Is Our Refuge  
Supplies

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Bibles for all kids





Give each child a Bible. If you don't have a Bible for each child, have kids use their hands for the following activity.

Say: **Let's practice a way of remembering that God is our refuge and ever-present help in times of trouble. When I say, "God is our refuge," place the Bible over your head as if you're using it to protect yourself. When I say, "God is an ever-present help in trouble," hold the Bible close to your heart and hug it. Here we go.**

When kids seem able, ask them to repeat the phrases after you say them and as they're doing the actions.

Collect the Bibles.

### Talk With Kids ■■■■

Ask:

- What does it mean for God to be our refuge?
- What does it mean for God to help us when we're in trouble?
- When has God helped you?

Say: **Our Key Verse promises that God will protect us when we're scared or in danger. It also promises that God will help us be strong and will always be here to help us. ► WE CAN RELY ON GOD because God never fails. Let's think about what it means to rely on God.**

## 3 WEAVING FAITH INTO LIFE

# Reliance Stories

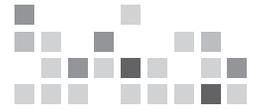
### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Give each child a pencil. Direct children's attention to the "Story Pictures" section of today's My Bible Fun page. Tell kids that they'll use the pictures to come up with stories about relying on God.

Say: **Each of you must use at least three of the pictures to come up with a story about what it means to rely on God. It can be a true event or a make-believe story. For example, you might want to make up a story about a person who needed help and who relied on God for that help. Or you might want to tell about a time you were sick and relied on God to help you get better.**

**Circle the pictures you're going to use in your story. Then either draw or write your story in the space below the pictures.**

As kids are working, go around the room to offer help as needed. When kids have finished with their stories, have them form pairs and tell their stories to their partners.



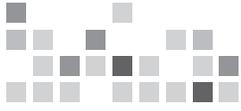
### Reliance Stories Supplies

My Bible Fun pencils

### Reliance Stories Easy Prep

Tear out the Lesson 1 pages from each My Bible Fun student book.





Then have kids answer the following questions in their pairs. After each question, invite kids to share the stories they wrote with the rest of the group.

### Talk With Kids

Ask:

- What are some ways God helps people?
- How can you show God that you rely on him?

Say: ► **WE CAN RELY ON GOD** because only God never fails. One way to show God we're relying on him is to pray and tell him about things we need help with, just as David asked for help in being king. Let's each choose a Daily Challenge to help us rely on God this week.

## **4** LASTING IMPRESSIONS

### Daily Challenges

#### What You'll Do

Say: Let's think about how ► **WE CAN RELY ON GOD** this week.

Direct kids to find this week's Daily Challenges in their My Bible Fun pages and choose one to do this week. They can choose one or more of these three options:

- Have a sleepover at your house, and teach your friends the Key Verse.
- Each night before you go to bed, thank God for taking care of you that day.
- Each morning, tell your parents that you'll rely on God to take care of your family that day.

Make sure you choose a Daily Challenge as well, and tell the kids what you chose. Kids will be more inclined to follow through on their commitments when they see you doing the same.

### Talk With Kids

Ask:

- What's a practical way you're going to do your Daily Challenge? Share a time, a place, or other ideas.

Say: ► **WE CAN RELY ON GOD** like David did. As we grow closer to God and rely on him, God becomes very real in our lives. Let's rely on God by following through with our Daily Challenges this week.

Daily Challenges  
Supplies

My Bible Fun





## Weaving Faith at Home

Send the letter to parents home with your kids or give it to parents when they pick up their children. This is a great way to show families they're important to your church and to support their role as spiritual leaders to their children.

Encourage kids to talk with their parents about the Daily Challenges they chose and what they learned about relying on God. Kids can also do the activities on the "HomeConnect" portion of their My Bible Fun pages with their families.

Talk to your Director about e-mailing the FREE FamilyConnect to all your church's families. Available at [group.com/digital](http://group.com/digital).

Take a couple of minutes to pray with your kids, asking for God's help to rely on him always.

Remind kids to take home their finger puppets so they can tell their families how King David relied on God.



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### Weaving Faith at Home Easy Prep

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