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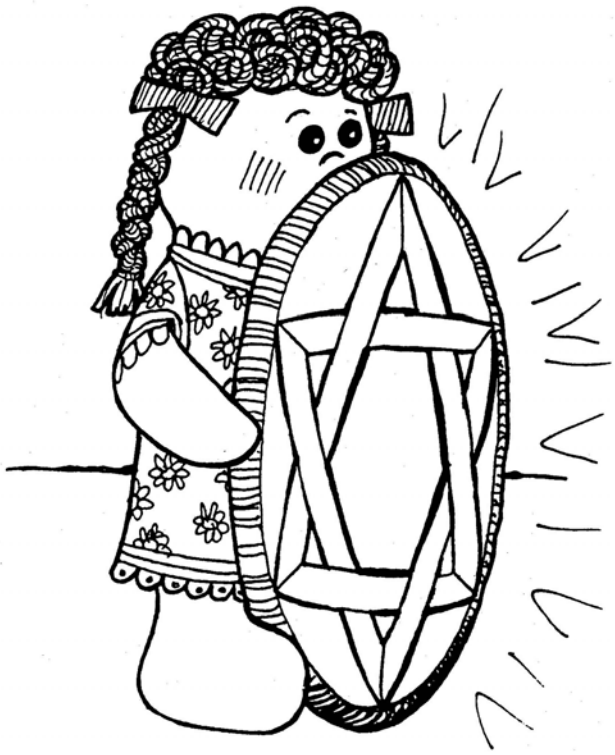

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Psalm 3:3

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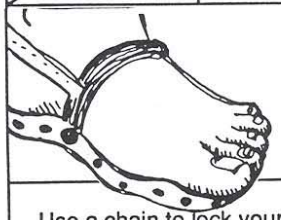
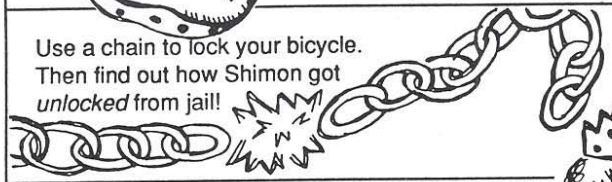
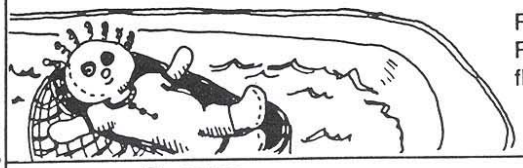
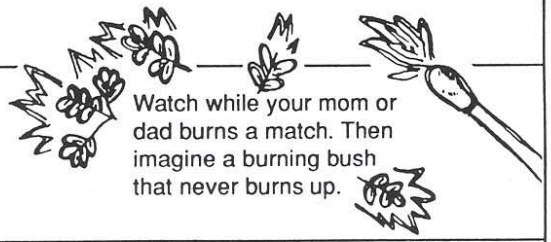
Adar begins _____ and ends _____. Celebrate Purim on the 15th. (If there are two months, celebrate in Adar 2.)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SHABBAT
	Act out the story of David and Goliath. Then talk about the giants in *your* life.					Before Shabbat dinner, pretend you are a hungry lion. Thank God for protecting Daniel.
Use a chain to lock your bicycle. Then find out how Shimon got *unlocked* from jail! 					Ask your parents to tell you about Sha'ul. Pray with your family for courage to speak up for Yeshua.	
Dress up like Queen Esther or Mordechai and listen to the megillah. Make lots of noise whenever they say **HAMAN!!**						
		Pretend your doll is Baby Moshe. Put him in a basket and let him float in your bathtub.			 Watch while your mom or dad burns a match. Then imagine a burning bush that never burns up.	
	Talk about the Bible people God protected. Thank God for protecting us, too!				Start thinking about Pesach! It comes next month.	

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Verse of the month: “ . . . *Lord, you are my shield. You are my wonderful God who gives me courage* ” *(Psalm 3:3).*

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Shalom, Mishpachah!

As we recall the Purim story this month, we can marvel once again at God's protection. But His faithfulness and watchcare are not limited to this single event. The stories of our favorite Bible heroes remind us over and over that God takes care of us. What a wonderful lesson for us to begin teaching our children! Take time this month to pray often for God's protection over your family. Take your fears to God, and He will supply courage to face them.

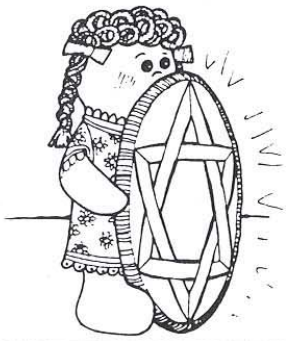
The stories listed below are just a few examples of God's protection. Enjoy reading them together from a children's Bible at home. These reminders will prepare us for Passover next month, when we recall how God delivered us with a mighty hand.

Our Unit Aim: To trust in God's protection.

Hebrew Fun: מ *(mem)* is for ***magen*** (shield).

Stories for Family Time:

- ❑ **1. God Shields David** (I Samuel 17:1-53)
- ❑ **2. God Guards Daniel** (Daniel 6)
- ❑ **3. God Rescues Shimon** (Acts 12:1-16)
- ❑ **4. God Hides Sha'ul** (Acts 9:1-25)
- ❑ **5. God Provides Esther for Our People** (Esther 3-4)
- ❑ **6. God Gives Courage to Queen Esther** (Esther 5-7)
- ❑ **7. God Cares for Baby Moshe** (Exodus 1:8-2:10)
- ❑ **8. God Calls to Moshe from a Burning Bush** (Ex. 3:1-15, 21-22)
- ❑ **9. Purim and More—God Protects Us** (Review of Weeks 1-8)



In Messiah's name,

Your Shabbat School Teacher

p.s. Color the calendar with your child and try out some of the fun ideas!

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Adar At a Glance . . .

Unit Aim:

To trust in God's protection.

Lesson Aims:

1. To stand tall with God in the face of giants.
2. To be calm with God in the face of danger.
3. To wait patiently for God's rescue.
4. To speak boldly for God in the face of enemies.
5. To understand we're vulnerable to enemies.
6. To realize we're protected by God.
7. To be secure in God's care.
8. To be secure in God's presence.
9. To trust in God's protection.

Bible Stories:

1. God helps David stand up against a giant (I Samuel 17:1-53)
2. God keeps lions from harming Daniel (Daniel 6).
3. God sends an angel to free Shimon from jail (Acts 12:1-16).
4. God helps Sha'ul preach the gospel and escape from his enemies in Damascus (Acts 9:1-25).
5. Queen Esther fasts for God's help against her enemies (Esther 3-4).
6. God saves Queen Esther and the Jews (Esther 5-7).
7. God keeps Baby Moshe safe inside a basket (Exodus 1:8-2:10).
8. God calls Moshe to a dangerous task, but promises protection (Exodus 3:1-15, 21-22).
9. Review of Weeks 1-8.

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Memory Verse:

". . . Lord, you are my shield. You are my wonderful God who gives me courage" (Psalm 3:3).

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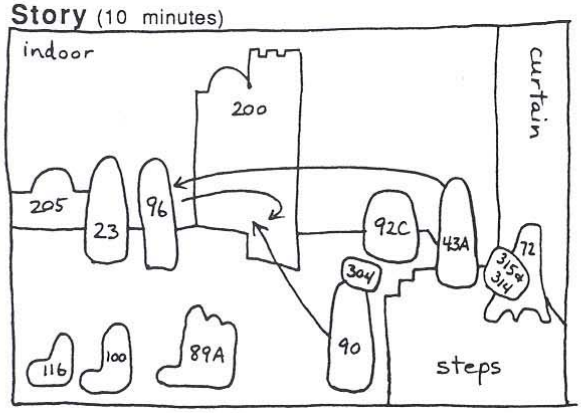
The king became angry about this new law. At once, he said, "Now, wicked Haman, you will die instead of the Jews!"

We all jumped for joy. God answered our prayers and He did protect us. *". . . Lord, you are my shield. You are my wonderful God who gives me courage" (Psalm 3:3).*

2. BIBLE TIME (20 minutes)

Story (10 minutes)



(Note: Use flannel pieces 23, 43A, 89A, 90, 92C, 96, 100, 116, 200, 205, 304, 314, 315, throne room curtain and steps, and the indoor background. The words in **bold** indicate figures you should place on the flannelgraph board as the story progresses.)

A Wicked Rule from a Wicked Man

Have you ever met a mean person? Were you afraid? Many times mean people try to hurt others. Many times mean people have tried to hurt Jews. But our God is mightier. No mean person on this earth can stand up to God. God is strong enough to protect us, no matter what others try to do.

Bible
(display megillah if possible)

This story from the **Bible** comes with its own special scroll in its own special case. It is called the **megillah of Esther**.

205
90, 304 (tape hat on)
steps, curtain, 92C, 43A, 72

Once, long ago, in the Persian city of **Shushan**, there lived a wicked man named **Haman**. This man, Haman, became great in the **kingdom of King Ahasuerus**.

Haman wanted to be the greatest man in the whole world. He expected everyone to treat him like he was a god! Can you imagine that? Wicked Haman, a god??

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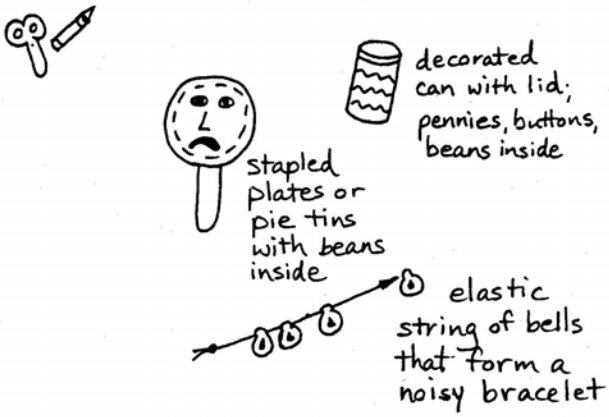
Just to make sure the people would treat him with respect, Haman went to King Ahasuerus. Haman talked the king into passing a new **law**. The law said every person in the kingdom must bow down whenever Haman passed by.

89A
200, ← 90
23

Wherever he went, Haman made sure that **everyone** bowed down and treated him as a god. Haman especially liked to pass by the **gate** of the city, forcing everyone to stop and bow down—all except for **Cousin Mordechai**.

Let's pray. Thank You, God, for saving us from wicked Haman. Thank You for being a shield of protection about us. Thank You for keeping your promise to always protect us from our enemies. In Y'shua's name, Amen.

Craft (10 minutes)



Display a variety of graggers and demonstrate their use when listening to the story of Purim. Then, let children make their own graggers to use as the megillah is read. Any form of noisemaker will do. The easiest is made by placing dried beans, bells, or other small objects in a can with a lid or between two paper plates or pie tins stapled together. Let children decorate the outside.

Help children practice holding the graggers quietly and then shaking them whenever the wicked name of "Haman" is uttered, in order to "stomp" his name from the story of Esther.

Say: **Once, long ago, a wicked man named <u>Haman</u>** (shake graggers) **tried to hurt us Jews. But God used Queen Esther and Cousin Mordechai to save us. God promises always to protect us from our enemies. The Bible says, ". . . *Lord, you are my shield. You are my wonderful God who gives me courage" (Psalm 3:3).***

(**Warning**: Some young children might find the celebration of Purim a frightening experience, with the masks, noisy graggers, and general confusion of a holiday. Be sensitive to these fears and take appropriate action.)

3. BATHROOM AND SNACK TIME (20 minutes)

Serve hamantaschen either this week or next. Mention that Purim is a time when we often think of others and share our treats with them. We all rejoice because the Lord God protected us from wicked Haman.

☛ Get all parents involved! You can find this month's mishpachah letter and calendar at the front of this booklet. Be sure to copy, sign, and send home with your children today!

4. FAMILY TIME (20 minutes)

Puppets

Shlomo Meets a Bully

(Abba and Imma sitting alone on stage)

Shlomo (running onto stage): Waaahh. Waaahh. Waaaaaa. Abba, Abba!!

Abba: What's wrong, Shlomo?

Shlomo (still crying): Johnny hit me. He *hit* me. He's a big bully! My arm hurts. Johnny hit my arm.

Abba: What happened? Did you do something to Johnny?

Shlomo: I was eating lunch. He wanted my candy bar. I wouldn't let him take it, so he hit me.

Abba: Then what did you do?

Shlomo: I came here. You told me it takes two to fight, so I left. But he hit me, Abba!

(Goldie enters as dialogue continues.)

Abba: Because he wanted to take your candy bar.

Shlomo: Right. He waaa-nted my candy bar.

Goldie: Shlomo's telling the truth, Abba. I saw it all. And I wouldn't let that bully take my candy bar, either.

Imma: Well, it certainly sounds like Johnny is a mean person.

Goldie: Very mean.

Abba: Come here, Shlomo, and show me your arm. Mmm. Does this kiss help make it better?

Shlomo: I'd rather pound Johnny, but he's bigger than I am.

Imma: And it sounds like he'd beat you up if you tried.

Shlomo: Yes, he would. I don't like Johnny.

Abba: I'm proud of you, Shlomo. You did right by not losing your temper and starting to fight back.

Shlomo: But I still want to, Abba.