

God is Protector Year 1

Buildings: Teacher's topic guide

Duration: 3 weeks

Spiritual Awareness: God is our shelter

For in the day of trouble He will keep me safe in His dwelling; He will hide me in the shelter of His tabernacle and set me high upon a rock. Psalm 27:5

A house is a shelter from wind and rain, from heat and cold. It provides protection from the elements. God is our shelter. He is our Heavenly Father who protects us against the storms of life. God's shelter is invisible. That is, the invisible shelter of His love and care.

Shelters can also provide protection from physical danger. The castle of the Middle Ages, was a refuge in times of attack. Forts and fortresses are also refuges. A refuge is a place where we can go when we are in trouble. God promises to be our refuge and strength. We can trust in God's amazing power and strength. God is stronger than any fortress. He can protect us from danger and evil. He provides us with weapons to fight evil. These weapons are found in the armour of God.

Outcomes: What will the students learn?

- demonstrate some of the principles of building
- explain how climate and materials available, have influenced styles of buildings
- design a house
- compare building techniques and materials
- identify some famous architectural structures around the world
- identify design features in nature

Values: Our response to 'God is a Protector'

- **trust** God and have faith in Him
- **courage**: we have peace, and are not afraid because God is with us
- **confidence** in God as our protector

Bible stories and passages

Matthew 7:24-27 God protected the man who built his house on the rock

Esther 1-10 God used Esther to protect His people.

1 Samuel 17:1-58 David and Goliath

1 Samuel 18-19 God protected David against Saul

Genesis 6-8 God protected Noah during the Great Flood

Psalm 121:5-8 The Lord watches over you

Ephesians 6 The armour of God

Bible verses

Psalm 56:3 When I am afraid, O Lord Almighty, I put my trust in you. (GNB)

Psalm 4:8 When I lie down, I go to sleep in peace; You alone, O Lord, keep me perfectly safe.

Psalm 17:8 Hide me in the shadow of your wings

Proverbs 30:5 God keeps every promise he makes. He is like a shield for all who seek His protection.

Key Questions

What is a shelter?

What kinds of shelters are there?

What do these buildings shelter us from?

What kind of dangers does God shelter us from?

What is a fortress?

Why does the Bible say that God is a fortress?

What are the fiery darts that Satan throws at Christians?

How can Christians protect themselves against the fiery darts of Satan?

(Eph.6)

What does God think about war?

What kind of battle does God want us to fight today?

Activities

- Draw your house.
- Make a book about buildings in the local community.
- Visit a nearby building under construction periodically and discuss progress.
- Describe parts of the house: foundations, walls, roof, windows.
- List different building materials. Describe how they are used: concrete, bricks, wood, leaves, metal, plastic, glass, insulation.
- Look at some drawings of house plans
- Design a house and draw up a plan.
- Make models of houses from blocks of wood, cardboard boxes, clay or environmental materials.

God is Protector Planning Table

Yr 1	Attribute of God	SS/Science/ Health	Literacy	Maths	Phys.Ed/ Music	Art	Values
WEEK	God is Protector	Buildings	Read to your children - 20 minutes everyday.	Use things to count with, like bottle caps or stones	BM song: A Great Big Dad (CBF)	Prepare paper, coloured pencils	Feeling safe Trust
WK 1	Matthew 2 2 Corinthians 6:18 God protected Baby Jesus.	Draw a floor plan of YOUR house.	Level 4 Lessons 7 & 8 3-letter words with 'o' in the middle Sight words – was, good Stories: My five senses Make a book: A frog on a log	Revision Level Cards 1,2 & 3	Walk around the neighbourhood and look at different houses.	Draw a picture of your house, as if the roof was off and you are looking down inside.	How does your family keep you safe? What are some dangers?
WK 2	Exodus 1-2 God protected baby Moses.	Building materials, workmen and their tools. How strong is my construction (science experiment)	Level 4 Lessons 9 & 10 3-letter words with 'u' in the middle Sight words – put, them, after, give, these, where, was Stories: Revision of known stories	Revision Level Cards 3,4 & 5	Running and skipping activities.	Draw pictures of different rooms in your house. Make a book – one page for each room. Draw what is in each room – the kitchen, the bedroom etc.	When do you feel afraid? What do we do when we feel afraid?
WK 3	1 Samuel 17 Psalm 62:5-8 God protected David against Goliath.	Different kinds of houses.	Level 4 Lessons 11 & 12 Revision of all 3-letter words. Revision of all sight words. Story revision Test: The fox and the hen	Revision Level Cards 6, 7 & 8	Play a sport.	Draw some different kinds of houses, some in other countries. Make a book. Make a house out of recycled materials.	Why do scary things happen in the world that God made? (Genesis 2 & 3)

Values education Year 1

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Feeling safe with my family

(Sense of family and community)

I feel safe with my family because...

- My parents love and care for me.
- They tell me to do what is right.
- I love my parents and all the other members of my family
- My family forgives me when I do something wrong, and I forgive when they make a mistake

Discussion and activities

What is a family?

Your close family is your mum and Dad and your brothers and sisters.

Your bigger family includes your grandparents and cousins, uncles and aunts.

Sometimes a family has only one parents. This is when a Mum or Dad has died or has had to go away. God is a Father in Heaven who cares a lot for these families. They can ask Him for special help.

Draw a picture of when you feel safe.

Draw the members of your family.

Draw a picture showing how your family keeps you safe.

Bible passages

- Matthew 18:10 Jesus said that the angels in Heaven are watching over the children.
- Matthew 2: 13-15 God protected Jesus as a baby.
- Mary and Joseph loved and cared for Jesus.
- Exodus 2:1-10 Protection of baby Moses.
- Joshua 14:15 Choose this day whom you will serve, but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.
- Eph 6:1-2 Children obey your parents in the Lord for this is right.
- Colossians 3:20 Children, obey your parents in all things. This pleases the Lord.

Art Year 1

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Topic: Houses

Biblical connection: A house is a shelter from the weather. It protects us from sun, wind and rain. God protects us from danger.

Bible art as a wall display: The house on the rock. (We are protected when we build our lives on Jesus.)

1. Construction

Use recycled boxes to make a 3D construction of choice. Boxes can be held together with glued strips of paper. Decorate with coloured paper and other materials such as bottle tops, pipe cleaners, pop sticks.

Once students have had practice doing free-choice box construction, ask them to make a house.

2. Drawing: Draw your house; Draw some houses that are different to yours.

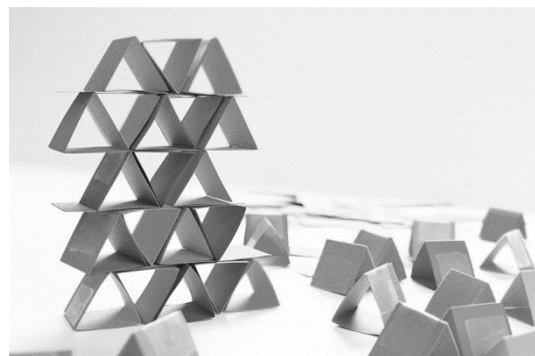
Practical Science Year 1

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How strong is your building?

The students can experiment with different kinds of building materials and discover how to build a strong structure, e.g. house of cards, wooden blocks, straws and blue tack, hand-made cardboard shapes.

See which shape is stronger... triangle or cube.



Playdough and wooden

God is Protector Thinking Skills Yr 1

<p style="text-align: center;">Houses 1</p> <p>The roof on your house is leaking. Draw two different ways you could stop the floor from getting wet.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Houses 2</p> <p>Think of 5 things in your house starting with "c".</p> <p>Think of 5 things in your house starting with "n".</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Houses 3</p> <p>The three little pigs built 3 types of houses: brick, wood and straw. What was good about the brick house? What are the problems with a straw house?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Houses 4</p> <p>You are lost in the bush and you have to build a house for yourself. Draw the house you would build using the things around you.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Houses 5</p> <p>Name 5 things that are not in your house.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Houses 6</p> <p>Name 10 things you could use when building a house.</p>