

Two's / Three's & Four's

Unit 7 - Earthly Kings

Story 20.A & B - Young David (1 Samuel 16-17)

Two's and Three's begin and end the service with playtime. Once you begin the lesson, it's okay if not all children are willing to participate; gather those who are willing. Feel free to shorten or modify elements to suit your needs. All plans are flexible for this age group.

1. CIRCLE TIME - Start 30 minutes after the service starts (1st- 9:00; 2nd-10:45).
(Some parents will keep their kids with them for worship at the beginning of service.)

Gather kids on the rug. Set behavior expectations with the following question and answer prompts:

Where are we? We're at church.

What do we do here? Learn about God.

How do we learn about God in this special place? Listen carefully and sit quietly.

- **BIBLE:** Show kids the Bible and tell them it's a very special book because it comes from God, the one who made us. Let each child pat the Bible gently and say "The Word of God."
- **MEMORY VERSE:** Practice the unit's memory verse. Give each child a chance to say it by repeating after you. At this stage, a few may be able to say it on their own, most will just repeat it one word at a time.

"All things work together for good." ~Romans 8:28

- **STORY:** Give each child a laminated Bible Story Picture from the Story Box, and read today's story on the back of this paper.

2. WORSHIP - Play music on the CD player and give kids instruments from the Music Box. Encourage kids to praise God through instruments, singing, and dancing! Put the instruments away after the song.

3. ART - Have kids sit at the tables and pass out today's Bible Story Picture with a label sticker already on. Help the kids place stickers on their pictures from the "Art Box."

4. SNACK - **Check for allergies on the attendance roster.** Clean up art supplies and help kids rub their hands with hand sanitizer. Set out snacks and water at the table. Before everyone eats, use this time as an opportunity to pray. There is a short prayer printed on the wall for kids to say with you or feel free to pray as you are led.

Thank you for the world so sweet, thank you for the food we eat.

Thank you for the birds that sing, thank you, God, for everything. Amen.



Do you remember King Saul from last week? He was the first king of Israel.
(Pull out the crown from the story box.)

He didn't listen to God and instead did what people wanted.
Say, "No, no! You should listen!"

God chose a new king, but he was just a boy! His name was David. Since he was just a boy he would have to wait to be king, but he still helped the people while he was waiting.

One day a giant, named Goliath, told God's people, "Send me one man to fight and if he wins, then all the Philistines will leave." God's people were afraid of Goliath because he was so tall and so big, but young David said, "I will fight. God will protect me."

Look at your picture. Can you point to the giant, Goliath? Can you point to the little boy, David?

When the giant Goliath saw little David he laughed at how small he was. He raised his sword and David hurled a rock with his slingshot.
(Pull out a play sword and a rock from the story box.)

Usually a sword is mightier than a rock, but not this time! God helped David win the fight for his people. Say, "Yay, God!"

The rock hit Goliath between the eyes and killed him. God's people had won! The Philistines left them alone and David was a hero! Say, "Yay, David!"

God saved His people by helping David win, and one day, God would send Jesus to save His people.