

# FAMILY LESSON - WEEK 5

**Materials Needed:** Socks (or other soft items)

**Elementary Bible Story:** Elisha (2 Kings 6:8-23)

**Preschool Bible Story:** Daniel & the Lions (Daniel 1:1-4, 6:1-28)



## CIRCLE UP

*Use this time to gather together and get everyone talking.*

### ASK

Have each family member answer this question: Would you rather visit one of the oldest, strongest buildings on Earth or climb a bamboo tree with a panda?

### SAY

Those are both exciting things!

God has different names to help us understand what He is like. One of God's names is Defender. We call God "Defender" because, even though we can't see Him, we can know He's always protecting us. Say this after me:

**God Is** (both hands point up)

**My Defender** (fist pump)

## WATCH

*Watch today's Elementary and/or Preschool video on the web page where you found this lesson or on the KidSpring App or YouTube channel.*

### ASK your Elementary Schooler:

What were some of the ways God defended Elisha? (The angel army, answered Elisha's prayer)

Right! And just like God defended Elisha, God will defend you, too! God is always with you, and you can trust Him to protect you because He loves you!

### ASK your Preschooler:

Did Daniel pray to the king or to God? (God)

What happened to Daniel — was he put in a pit with lions or with kittens? (Lions)

Did the lions hurt Daniel? (No) That's right! God defended Daniel and made the lions nice and calm. They didn't hurt Daniel at all!

## HAVE FUN TOGETHER

### DO & SAY

Divide your family into two teams.

Create a "base" for each team. This could be behind different pieces of furniture, something you build with blocks, or just spaces in the room.

Using socks, or other soft items, try to see which team can toss as many items into the other team's base, while also defending your base.

Play again, but this time, have both teams close their eyes!

After playing, say:

- Was it easier to defend your base with your eyes open or closed? (Allow responses)
- When we know that God is our Defender, we trust that He is protecting us even when we can't see Him. Let me hear you say this after me:

**God Is** (both hands point up)

**My Defender** (fist pump)

## PRAY

### PRAY

Dear God, thank You for defending us! Please help us remember to ask You for help when we are facing times of trouble. We love You! In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## MEMORIZE IT

### SAY

Practice the memory verse in the following way: Have everyone put their feet in the middle of the group. Each family member will say one word of the verse while stomping one of their feet. The person who stomps their foot on "9:10" is out. Continue playing until only one foot remains, or as time allows.

Elementary Memory Verse:

**"Those who know Your name** (point to side of head)

**trust in You,** (hand over heart)

**for You, O Lord,** (point up)

**do not abandon** (shake head "no")

**those who search for You."** (make binoculars over eyes)

**Psalm 9:10** (make book with hands)

Preschool Memory Verse:

**"Those who know** (tap sides of head)

**Your name** (both hands point up)

**trust in You."** (clasp hands together)

**Psalm 9:10** (make book with hands)