

Knights of the Rectangle

Lesson #3 A Knight is ABLE

The purpose of this lesson plan is to:

- Create a fun and interactive learning experience
- Provide teaching options in addition to the Leader Q Card
- Creatively revisit the Bible story featured in the teaching video
- Give kids an opportunity to further explore the application point

PROGRAM

| Activity | Length of Segment | Running Time |
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| Q Card: Discussion | 15 minutes | Start-15 minutes |
| Picture: Bible Story | 5 minutes | 15-20 minutes |
| Play: Learning Activity | 10 minutes | 20-30 minutes |
| Plan: Group Commitment | 5 minutes | 30-35 minutes |
| Prayer: Prayer Cards | 5 minutes | 35-45 minutes |

PREP

You will need:

- Paper and pencil for each player
- Story Props (optional)
- Prayer Cards (1 per kid)
- MAP Books (1 per kid)

PICTURE (The Bible Story)

In this portion of your class time you have the opportunity to retell the Bible story presented earlier in the teaching video. The object is to paint a picture that kids will understand and remember. When telling the story, remember you are painting a picture for your viewers. Have fun and explore your creativity. Here are some ideas to make your storytelling more memorable:

- Try asking kids to act out the story as you read it aloud
- You might want to use pictures or props for: robe, tunic, sword, belt, tambourines, cymbals, harp, spear
- The characters in the story are: Saul, David, Women in the town

Saul is Jealous of David

1 Samuel 18:1-16

After David finished talking with Saul, he met Jonathan, the king's son. There was an immediate bond of love between them, and they became the best of friends. From that day on Saul kept David with him at the palace and wouldn't let him return home. And Jonathan made a special vow to be David's friend, and he sealed the pact by giving him his robe, tunic, sword, bow, and belt.

Whatever Saul asked David to do, David did it successfully. So Saul made him a commander in his army, an appointment that was applauded by the fighting men and officers alike. But something happened when the victorious Israelite army was returning home after David had killed Goliath. Women came out from all the towns along the way to celebrate and to cheer for King Saul, and they sang and danced for joy with tambourines and cymbals. This was their song:

"Saul has killed his thousands,
and David his tens of thousands!"

This made Saul very angry. "What's this?" he said. "They credit David with tens of thousands and me with only thousands. Next they'll be making him their king!" So from that time on Saul kept a jealous eye on David. The very next day, in fact, a tormenting spirit from God overwhelmed Saul, and he began to rave like a madman. David began to play the harp, as he did whenever this happened. But Saul, who had a spear in his hand, suddenly hurled it at David, intending to pin him to the wall. But David jumped aside and escaped. This happened another time, too, for Saul was afraid of him, and he was jealous because the Lord had left him and was now with David. Finally, Saul banned him from his presence and appointed him commander over only a thousand men, but David faithfully led his troops into battle.

David continued to succeed in everything he did, for the Lord was with him. When Saul recognized this, he became even more afraid of him. But all Israel and Judah loved David because he was so successful at leading his troops into battle.

PLAY

(Learning Activity)

In this portion of your class time you will lead your class in a fun and exciting activity that will help your kids apply the Bible lesson to their everyday lives.

"A Knight in Sight"

HOW TO START:

- Hand one piece of paper and a pencil to each player

HOW TO PLAY:

- Say, "This game is called A Knight in Sight. This game will help us to think about how God has created each of us differently so that we will all be able to do the things that He asks us to do."
- Ask the kids to "Find a Knight in Sight" (Find one person to pair up with)

- Older Kids: Ask each kid to write his/her partner's name on the top of his/her paper
- Younger Kids: Ask each kid to draw a picture of his/her partner on his/her paper
- Read question #1 aloud to the kids
- The kids will then ask their partners this question
- Older kids: ask the players to write down the answers under their partner's names
- Younger kids: verbal answers only - no writing
- Repeat all steps for each of the remaining questions
- Ask kids to switch partners
- The kids will now interview a new partner
- Read question #1 aloud to the kids
- The kids will then ask their partners this question
- Repeat all steps for each of the remaining questions
- After the kids have completed interviewing their 2 friends, you will now complete the next segment with all the kids together.
- Whole Group: Ask the kids to point to anyone they interviewed who matches the Knight in Sight Descriptions (see below)
- Read the first Knight in Sight description
- The kids will point to anyone matching the description
- Read through the remaining descriptions as the kids point to anyone who matches it
- After completing all the descriptions, ask the kids to share any other information they learned about other people in the group
- Emphasize the point: Each of us is different, and God made each one of us with the abilities, gifts, and talents to be ABLE to do exactly what he has planned for us to do.

GAME QUESTIONS

- What is your favorite subject in school?
- What is one thing you are really good at?
- What makes you a good friend?
- What is your favorite thing to do?
- What word would people use to describe you? (ex: funny, nice, talented, etc.)

KNIGHT IN SIGHT DESCRIPTIONS

- Find a Knight in Sight who is good at playing a sport
- Find a Knight in Sight who is a friend who is fun to play with
- Find a Knight in Sight who likes reading or writing at school
- Find a Knight in Sight who is good at drawing
- Find a Knight in Sight who is funny
- Find a Knight in Sight who likes PE at school
- Find a Knight in Sight who likes to play video games
- Find a Knight in Sight who likes to watch movies
- Find a Knight in Sight who is a friend who likes to talk with people
- Find a Knight in Sight who is good at singing or dancing
- Find a Knight in Sight who is friendly, kind, or nice
- Find a Knight in Sight who is good at acting

PLAN

(Group Commitment)

In this portion of your class time you have the opportunity to lead your group to make a commitment. You may select any ONE of the options provided or your group may create its own. Encourage the kids to write their commitments on their Prayer Cards so you can be praying for them during the week.

Commitment Options:

- Make a list of all the things that describe who you are. Pray and ask God to help you use your gifts and talents to serve Him.
- When you feel jealous this week, talk to an adult. Ask the adult to pray with you and ask God to help you be okay with the things and talents that you do have instead of comparing your life with others.
- Interview another Christian – someone in your family or a friend. Tell him/her the things that you are good at doing. Ask him/her what he/she is good at doing. Think about how God made you each different and ABLE to live a life pleasing to God.

PRAYER

In this portion of your class time, have your kids fill out the Prayer Card. Take the cards home and pray for your kids throughout the week. End your time together by praying for your group commitment.

Hand out prayer cards

- Ask kids to fill in their commitments in the space provided
- Ask kids to fill in their prayer requests in the space provided
- Collect cards so you can take them home and pray for your kids
- Close in prayer

God, thank you for creating each of us to be ABLE to live a life that is pleasing to you. When we start to compare with others, help us to remember to focus on you and how you give us everything we need. Help us to feel okay about the things that we do have so that jealousy will not creep into our hearts. Help us to do what we have committed to do this week. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Remember to...

- Hand out the MAP Books
- Encourage kids to complete at home with an adult and bring back next week!