

PASTURE TO PALACE

LESSON 3

Overview:

We want to provide the story of David in (5) parts with HUGE CLIFF HANGERS to end each of the 4 parts with the 5th part having a big finale.

For this series to be received well by the children while also leaving them hungry for more it's important that we teach with the story at the beginning and the Cliffhanger at the end. Feel free to adjust the rest based on your teaching style.

- Story
- Highlight scripture
- Object Lesson
- Life Application
- Cliffhanger

Teachers Note:

All the necessary teaching material will be provided below the quick overview.

Additionally, the object lesson will be provided but feel free to adjust it based on your age group.

Preface:

- The account of David's life has much for us to pull from and apply to our lives. You see many themes, from the value of honoring the Lord to the price of sin.
- We are going to focus on the perseverance that David showed during the process of him going from being a shepherd boy to being a mighty man of valor to eventually being king of Israel.
- Perseverance, simply put, is the ability to **Keep Going!**
- He persevered through: Goliath, Saul hunting him (Multiple times), Betrayal, Falling into sin with Bathsheba and killing her husband, and Being exiled and betrayed by Absalom.
- The key was he didn't let any of those single events hold him back from what God had called him to do. His life was not pretty. It was not all put together. But through it all, God still used him to lead Israel.
- We aim to plant into the heart of each person listening, this simple truth. **It is impossible to fulfill what God has for you without perseverance.**
- Hebrews 10:36 tells us: For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise.
- Endurance and perseverance are needed to obtain the promises of God.
- Many people, children and adults alike, give up too early and miss what God has for them.
- We all need to **Keep Going** and attain what God has for each of our lives.

Quick Overview

1. Keep going through the process.

Scripture reference: 1 Sam 16:12 - 1 Sam 17:49a

Cliff Hanger: 1 Sam 17:49a David slings the stone at the giant then...

2. Keep going through adversity.

Scripture reference: 1 Sam 18:8-10 24:5-20

Cliff Hanger: 1 Sam 26:8 David has his 2nd opportunity to kill Saul

3. Keep going even when you feel mad.

Scripture reference: 1 Sam 30:6 David encouraged himself in The Lord.

Cliff Hanger: David sends Uriah to the battlefield

4. Keep going when you make mistakes.

Scripture reference: 2 Sam 12:7 Nathan calls out David's sin and David repents.

Cliff Hanger: 2 Sam 15:12-13 Absalom betrays David his father.

5. Keep going even when things look bad.

Scripture reference: 2 Sam 18:9

2 Sam 7:8 Now therefore, thus shall you say to My servant David, 'Thus says the Lord of hosts: "I took you from the sheepfold, from following the sheep, to be ruler over My people, over Israel.

Conclusion: The key to getting to the palace from the pasture is to keep going and never give up.

Lesson 3

Keep going even when you feel mad.

Scripture reference:

1 Sam 30:6 David encouraged himself in The Lord.



Story:

David has the opportunity to take Saul out once and for all. He says once again that he will not hurt Saul because he is God's anointed king. He takes the spear and water pot by his head and then leaves. He calls out to Abner, the king's guard, and wakes the king and his men up. After a back-and-forth dialog, Saul realizes that he is wrong and turns back from pursuing David again. David returns to Gath and asks the king of Gath for a city to call home. Achish gives him the city of Ziklag. David settles in Ziklag with all of his men and his family.

After some time David goes out with all his men to war. But he leaves all his family and the families of the men who follow him in Ziklag. They proceed to go to battle, assisting Achish, king of Gath. They are asked to return from the battle line because the lords of the philistines don't trust David. David complies and goes back to Ziklag. As they return, they see smoke and fire inside the city and realize they have been attacked. The Amalekites attacked the city of Ziklag, took everything from the city, including women and children, and burned the city with fire.

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All of the men who are following David are very upset because their families were kidnapped. They do not know if their families are still alive or if they have been killed. The men get so upset with David that they start talking about hurting him.

David is left in a place where he is all alone. His family was taken from him and the people whom he had relied on in the past were now against him and talking about killing him. David was very distressed about his men and all their families. But we see in 1 Sam 30:6 that David encouraged himself in the Lord.

He chooses to look to God for his strength. The Lord speaks to David and his men are encouraged by what God told David, so they decide to mount up and find the kidnappers.

Highlight Scriptures :

Ephesians 4:26-27 When you are angry, do not sin. And do not go on being angry all day. Do not give the devil a way to defeat you.



Life Application :

We see David in this account being put in a place where he is under stress from all sides. His family is gone and his men have turned against him because they are mad at him for their families being taken.

He made the choice to turn to the Lord and encourage himself. Nobody else was going to do it. He controlled his anger with God’s help, overcame the enemy, and got his family back.

Sometimes things happen or people do things that make us mad. God asks you to look to him instead of sinning and lashing out in anger. We have to be willing to lean on the Lord and his strength in order to keep going.

In Hebrews 13:5b-6 we see that God will not leave us alone, He will be our helper. stating “what can a mere mortal man do to me?” We know that by The Holy Spirit, He is our teacher, our guide, and our helper.

One of the weapons that the enemy tries to use against Christians' is lies and fear. This attack might come through him attacking your thoughts or even through friends and family.

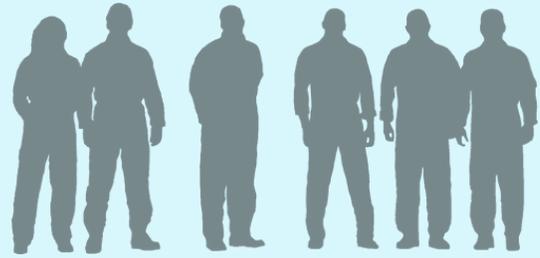
Psalms 118:5 shows us that even in great distress God is able to deliver us and set us free. The word “distress” is interpreted to mean “the worst possible circumstance”.

It does not matter the size of the problem, big or small God will help us to keep going.

Regardless of circumstances, we can rise up, encourage ourselves in the Lord and keep going!



Object Lesson (Supplies Provided)



Use dissolving paper with people who might make them angry or get angry with them. Family, friends, and neighbors labels that dissolve in the water and then one on laminated paper that says God and does not dissolve.

The idea to show the kids is that they can always rely on God no matter what.

Cliff Hanger :

With anger, David and his mighty men furiously pursue after the Amalekites who kidnapped their families and upon finding them....
Come back next time!