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**Series:** God Is Our King  
Fall Year 1, Lesson 18

# God Defeats the Enemy for King Jehoshaphat

**Take Home Point:** \*GOD IS OUR KING--*God helps us defeat the enemy.*

\*Repeat this phrase throughout the lesson. The leader will say the first part of the phrase (CAPS). The children respond with the second part of the phrase (*italics*).

**Bible Event:** 2 Chronicles 20:1-30

**We will help children know:**

- The Bible Event of God defeating the enemy for King Jehoshaphat.
- When we have problems, God will help us.




**We will help the children feel:**

- Confident in God's power.
- Happy that God loves them enough to help them.

**We will help the children do:**

- Interact with puppet presentation to introduce the Bible Event.
- Participate in the Bible event and help act it out.
- Craft: Make a Winner's Ribbon.
- Snack: Make and eat a trophy.
- Game: Play the Turning Game.
- Teach Albie the Take Home Point: GOD IS OUR KING...God helps us defeat the enemy.
- Sing and Pray.

# THIS LESSON'S ROADMAP

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## **Pre-Session Singing (10 minutes)**

**Purpose:** *When all children are in one group singing, it is easy for children arriving later to join the group and immediately get involved.*

## **Large Group Opening (15 minutes)**



**Purpose:** *The puppet demonstrates today's lesson. The children are introduced to the take home point and experience the Bible event.*

## **Puppet Presentation**

*Supplies: Bubba puppet wearing a superhero cape (dishtowel) around his neck.*

**Presenter:** Boys and girls, let's call Bubba. (Children call "Bubba".)

Bubba: Hi everyone! Look at me!!

**Presenter:** Wow, Bubba. Why are you dressed like a superhero?

Bubba: Because superheroes are strong and nobody messes with them!

**Presenter:** Bubba, has someone been messing with you?

Bubba: Yes, a bully in the third grade. He keeps teasing me and pushing me around. If I wear my superhero cape, I can fight the bully and win!

**Presenter:** Bubba, do you really think the cape will make you stronger than the bully?

Bubba: Well, I really want it to, but it probably won't make me stronger.

**Presenter:** Bubba, in today's Bible lesson, we are going to learn that God is more powerful than our enemy. God saved King Jehoshaphat from his enemy because Jehoshaphat trusted God and asked for his help.

Bubba: Do you think God would help me with the bully?

**Presenter:** Yes. Just pray to God and ask for his help.

Bubba: I will. Can you tell me more about King Je..Je..what's his name?

**Presenter:** Jehoshaphat. Yes, but first, let's practice the take home point. I'll say the first part and you say the second part.

Bubba: O.K.

**Presenter:** \*GOD IS OUR KING...now you say, "God helps us defeat the enemy."

Bubba: God helps us defeat the enemy.

**Presenter: Do you think you can teach the boys and girls?**

Bubba: Sure.

**Presenter: Ok everybody, \*GOD IS OUR KING...**

Bubba: (and everyone): God helps us defeat the enemy.

**Presenter: Wonderful. Say “goodbye” Bubba.**

Bubba: Bye everyone!

## **Bible Event: Audience Participation**

*Supplies: Bible*

Presenter holds the Bible

**Today we are going to pretend to be Israelites and I need you to help me tell the Bible event. As I tell the story and do the actions, you do the actions with me.**

**Many years ago, there was a ruler in Israel named King Jehoshaphat.** (Pretend to place a crown on your head.) **King Jehoshaphat was a godly king who wanted to serve God. He was about to find out that with God on his side, the enemy would be defeated.**

**One day, some men came running** (run in place) **in to see King Jehoshaphat. They were very worried** (make a worried face). **A big army** (spread your arms wide) **was coming to attack their country and they needed to tell the King** (cup hands around mouth).

**King Jehoshaphat was alarmed when he heard that their enemy was coming to attack them. He decided to ask God for help.** (fold hands as if praying) **The king asked all the Israelites to *fast*, that means not to eat any food. Instead, they would spend the time praying to God.** (fold hands in prayer) **Everyone came to the temple to fast and pray. By fasting and praying, the people showed that they were counting on God** (point up) **to help to help save them by defeating their enemy.**

**King Jehoshaphat said a special prayer. The King said God is powerful** (flex arm muscles) **and no one can stand against him. Jehoshaphat asked for God's help.**

**While Jehoshaphat was praying, God talked to a man named Jahaziel** (pretend to whisper in someone's ear). **God told him to tell the king not to be**

afraid because the enemy has a big, strong army (flex muscles). God would fight for the Israelites. God would win their war! (Raise arm in triumph.)

The Israelites knew, **\*GOD IS OUR KING—God helps us defeat the enemy.**

The next day, King Jehoshaphat led the Israelites marching into battle. (march in place) **As they marched** (march in place) **they began to make music and praise God** (raise both arms). **While they were still a long way from their enemies, God helped them. He confused the other army** (scratch your head) **and they began to fight and kill each other.**

When King Jehoshaphat and his army arrived at the enemy camp, all the soldiers were dead. The Israelites were saved! (Wave arms in air.) They all yelled together, “Praise God!” Let's say that...Praise God! They knew **\*GOD IS OUR KING...God helps us defeat the enemy.**

God does not help just the Israelites. When we have problems, God can help us too.

Boys and girls, let's practice the take home point together. I will say the first part and you repeat the last part. **\*GOD IS OUR KING...God helps us defeat the enemy.**

Let's fold our hands and pray. Repeat after me.

Dear God,  
We love you.  
You are our King.  
Help us defeat the enemy.  
Thank you, thank you, thank you.  
In Jesus' name.  
Amen.

### **Song:**

**Let's sing our song of the week.** (To the tune of Frere Jaques)  
Capitalized letters indicate emphasis on that syllable when the rhyme is sung.

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# Small Group Application (30 minutes)



**Purpose:** Children will break into small groups. Smaller groups enable children to develop closer relationships with adults and peers in the church. In your small groups you will reinforce the take home point with a fun hands-on activity and discuss the Bible event. Review questions help kids apply the take home point to their daily lives.

## Activity 1: Craft: Winner's Ribbon

*Supplies: Copies of Appendix A & B, one copy per 4 children, cut in quarters; safety scissors, two 4" x 1" pieces of ribbon per child (can substitute crepe paper) glue, crayons or markers, masking tape*

Boys and girls, today we are going to make and wear a ribbon. You will each get one plain circle and one circle with words. Cut them out and color the circle that has words. Glue the two ribbons to the bottom edge (about 1" above) of the plain circle. Now you can glue the two circles together, putting the circle with words on top of the ribbon circle. I will tape them (use the masking tape) to your shirts.

Now you all look like winners because God helps us and Jesus loves us.

Review the Bible Event.

**Why did King Jehoshaphat and the Israelites need God's help?** *(A big army wanted to fight them.)*

**Let's practice the take home point. \*GOD IS OUR KING...God helps us defeat the enemy.**

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## Activity 2: Snack: Trophy Snack

*Supplies: one large marshmallow, 2 small marshmallows and 1 straight pretzel per child; napkins, cups, water or juice.*

**\*\*\*CAUTION:** *Be aware of food allergies children may have, before you give them anything to eat.*

Before we eat our snack, let's fold our hands and pray. Repeat after me.

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Boys and girls, today we are going to make our own trophy and then eat it. Put the large marshmallow on your napkin and stick the pretzel in the middle of the top. Now put your two small marshmallows on top of the pretzel. Now you can eat your trophy. (Since the snack is rather small, you might want to let each child have two trophies.)

Usually you have to defeat someone to win a trophy. With God's help, we are all winners. We do not win a trophy. We do not win because we did something good. We win because God loves us no matter what. That is the best news of all.

Review the Bible event.

How did the Israelites look for God's help? *(They fasted and prayed.)*

Let's practice the take home point. **\*GOD IS OUR KING...God helps us defeat the enemy.**

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## Activity 3: Game: Turning Game

*Supplies: none*

**I want you to all stand next to each other in a line, then turn facing away from me. I will tell you an action to do until I say “Turn!” Then you stop the activity and turn around as quickly as possible. Let's go.**

**Run in place.** Wait a few seconds and say, **Turn!** Tell them to turn away again.

**Flap your arms.** Wait a few seconds and say, **Turn!** Tell them to turn away again.

**Wiggle your whole body.** Wait a few seconds and say, **Turn!** Tell them to turn away again.

**Shake your legs.** Wait a few seconds and say, **Turn!** Tell them to turn away again.

**Twist and turn.** Wait a few seconds and say, **Turn!** Tell them to turn away again.

**March in place.** Wait a few seconds and say, **Turn!** Tell them to sit down, take some deep breath to calm down.

**Just like you turned to me, when you have problems, you can turn to God and he will help you. You can turn to God by praying, singing or listening to a Bible book.**

Review the Bible event.

**How did God help the Israelites to win?** (He confused the other army so they fought each other.)

**Who is our enemy?** (Satan, devil, bad people, etc.)

**Let's practice the take home point. \*GOD IS OUR KING...God helps us defeat the enemy.**

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## **Prayer Time:**

**What happened after 40 days?** (*He ascended into heaven.*) **What does Jesus want us to do?** (*Work for him.*) **How can we work for him?** (*Tell others about him, invite others to church, be helpful and kind, etc.*)

Ask children for prayer requests and pray as a group for child's request.

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# Large Group Wrap-Up (10 minutes)



**Purpose:** *The crazy bird puppet, Albie, struggles with learning the take home point. We try to teach him the take home point, but each time he confuses words or concepts. After three attempts, he finally gets it right.*

**Singing:** (Optional, two or three songs, as time allows)

*Supplies: Albie the puppet, sample of today's craft and snack.*

## Lesson Review with Puppet Skit

Presenter shows Albie an example of each of the Activities done in small group. Then the kids attempt to teach Albie the take home point.

**Presenter:** We want to welcome all our guests today and thank them for coming. (If you give guests a gift for coming, do it now.)

**Presenter:** Albie, look at the craft the children made today. It is a winner's ribbon. The children are going to teach you our take home point. Listen carefully.

**Presenter:** (says to kids):

**God is our King...**

Kids say:

...God helps us defeat the enemy.

**Presenter:** (says to Albie):

**God is our King...**

Albie says:

*I am going for a walk with my chimpanzee!*



**Presenter:** Albie, look at the snack we ate. It looks like the sky and clouds. Now listen carefully to the take home point.

**Presenter:** (says to kids):

**God is our King...**

Kids say:

...God helps us defeat the enemy.

**Presenter:** (says to Albie):

**God is our King...**

Albie says:

*I hope I don't swallow a buzzing bumblebee!*

**Presenter:** Albie, today we played a Turning Game. Now, please listen closely to the take home point.

**Presenter:** (says to kids):

**God is our King...**

Kids say:

...God helps us defeat the enemy.

**Presenter:** (says to Albie):

**God is our King...**

Albie says:

*Oops, I burped, pardon me!*

**Presenter says:**

**"Albie, listen one last time.**

**God is our King...**

Kids response:

...God helps us defeat the enemy.

**Presenter:** (says to Albie):           **God is our King...**

*Albie's response:*                               (Warms up his singing voice with "Mee, mee, mee, mee..." and sings in a silly dramatic opera-like voice)  
**GOD IS OUR KING...God helps us defeat the enemy.**

**Presenter says to Albie: Good job, Albie!**

Albie can leave stage or join in the prayer and song.

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Goodbye boys and girls. Remember that God loves you and he wants to help us defeat the enemy.

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