

“I’m In TROUBLE!” - LESSON 1

“God Is Faithful”

Main Focus:

In times of trouble,
God is faithful!



Power Verse:

“Great is his faithfulness; his mercies
begin afresh each morning.”
– Lamentations 3:23



Watchagaddaknow:

“Even On My Bad Days,
God Is Faithful!”

LEADER’S INFO

Trouble is something that we will all find ourselves in. The question is - what will we do when we are in that trouble?

In this lesson, the children will learn that although life is full of trouble, we can call on our faithful God for help! He always hears us when we call to Him, and He always answers our call!

The story of King David and his difficult moments will show the children a perfect example of how to handle themselves when they are in a difficult spot. King David’s prayer in Psalm 69 teaches us exactly how to call on God when we are in TROUBLE!



“The Spark” Intro Video

“Here Comes Trouble!”



“Watchagaddaknow” Video

Wiggy Pop teaches “Watchagaddaknow”



Character Skit

“Lookout Bob”



Offering Time



Game Time!

“Musical Hula Hoop”



Bible Story

“King David’s Bad Day”



Power Verse Video

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Call To Action

“God Is Faithful”



Rewind!

Review Game



Small Group Experience

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Whatchagaddaknow:

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Lesson 1 Materials Needed:

“The Spark” Intro Video

- “Lesson 1 - The Spark” Intro Video

“Whatchagaddaknow” Video

- “Whatchagaddaknow” Teaching Video
- “Whatchagaddaknow” Trigger Video

Character Skit

- “Lookout Bob” Theme Graphic/Music
- Multiple layers of clothing

Offering Time

- “Offering Time” Bumper Video

Game Time!

- “Game Time!” Bumper Video
- “Musical Hula Hoop” Graphic
- One hula hoop
- Some “high energy” music

Bible Story

- “King David’s Bad Day” Graphics

Power Verse Video

- “Lesson 1 Power Verse” Video

Call To Action

- “God Is Faithful” Graphics
- A cell phone
- A megaphone (or bullhorn)

Rewind!

- “REWIND!” Bumper Video
- “REWIND!” Lesson 1 Graphics

Small Group Experience

- Bible Story Excerpt Print Piece
- Telephone Phrases Print Pieces
- Bible

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Introduction to “The Spark” Intro Video

Leader: Hey, kids! Welcome to our series, “I’m In TROUBLE!” This series is going to help us learn some important ways that we can handle the trouble that comes our way.

There are many things in life that cause us trouble. When you find out you failed a BIG spelling test - oh my, that is *trouble*. When you discover that you forgot to close the refrigerator door last night and your mom discovers all of the food is spoiled...that’s *trouble*! When the bully at school starts picking on you at recess - that is definitely *trouble*!

What are some things in life that can happen and cause trouble for us? (*allow a few children to respond*)

So what do you do when you are faced with a huge situation and suddenly realize, “I’m In TROUBLE!”? That is what we are going to learn about that in this series. Before we get into it too much, I want you to watch this awesome video...

(play “The Spark - Intro Video Lesson 1”)

Leader: Trouble is something we can’t avoid in life! But what is most important is not what happens to us, but how we respond to it. Will we let fear and worry overwhelm us? Will we freak out? Or will we remember that God is faithful and He will always take care of us - even when “I’m In TROUBLE!”?

You’re going to find out more about how God is faithful in times of trouble in your lesson today, but right now, we need to find out “Whatchagaddaknow.”

(play “Whatchagaddaknow” Video)



CHARACTER SKIT

Character: “Lookout Bob” (A bit of a “doomsday” character. Always seeing “signs” that point to trouble and DOOM! Wears multiple layers of clothing, like shorts over pants and several shirts)

BOB: (enters, running up to leader, super concerned) Why are you here? Everyone should be hiding under a rock! (jumps, looks back and screams) LOOK OUT!

Leader: (concerned) Oh, man! A rock? Why? Is there some sort of danger? A storm or something?

BOB: (calmly licks finger and sticks it in the air) Something. DEFINITELY something. Might be a giant squid that feasts on Twinkies! LOOK OUT! Hide your Twinkies!!!!

Leader: (shakes head to clear thoughts) Um, okay, first - who are you, and why are you wearing so many clothes? Aren't you hot in all that?

BOB: (shakes leader's hand) Folks call me “Lookout Bob.” I'm never going to be caught unprepared, hence all the clothes. I am a bit warm, but it's better than not having enough clothes if trouble occurs...which it WILL!

Leader: Well, you aren't wrong that trouble will happen, but don't you know that the best solution to trouble is to call...

BOB: (interrupts) Call Dave at the hardware store. He has some GREAT connections for many kinds of trouble. Car trouble, air conditioning trouble, flooding issues, and so forth and so on.

Leader: (confused) No. I was going to say “call on God.” We are learning today that the Bible says, “God Is Faithful.” When we are in TROUBLE, we can call on GOD!

BOB: Well, Dave is pretty helpful. He can be reached Monday through Saturday from 9am to 8pm, and that's pretty GREAT!

Leader: We can call on God, anytime, anywhere for anything, and He hears us!

BOB: (excited) Wow! That's WAY better than Dave!

Leader: (smiles) It sure is, Lookout Bob. And we get to worship God for rescuing us, which is REALLY AWESOME! I love singing to God and thanking Him for how FAITHFUL He is to rescue us!

BOB: (leans in close like he is sharing secret info) Listen, you gave me some great stuff to think about here, so I'm gonna share something with you. I saw a few things last night that make me think we are in for
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CHARACTER SKIT

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some trouble REAL soon.

Leader: *(skeptical)* What things? What kind of trouble are we looking out for, Lookout Bob?

BOB: What if I told you I saw a SNAIL eating a bag of Cheetos?

Leader: *(shrugs)* I'd say that snail has good taste when it comes to snacks.

BOB: *(loud, in leader's face with finger close to leader's nose)* WRONG! Nature is full of CLUES. When the little creatures are acting odd....TROUBLE IS AFOOT!

Leader: How do you know whose foot is TROUBLE?! *(smiles at own joke)*

BOB: *(shakes head)* No! I mean trouble is just around the corner if you see weird things going on in nature.

Leader: Hmmmm? It sounds like a hungry snail that discovered a tasty snack on the ground is all that you saw there.

BOB: *(acts like he hears something behind him)* Did you hear that?

Leader: No, I didn't hear anything. Did you hear something?

BOB: *(panics and screams)* Ahhhhh ahahaha, run to your bunkers, people! The birds are tweeting in REVERSE!!!

Leader: *(looks to kids)* Well, that's interesting. I've never heard of birds reverse twee...

BOB: *(interrupts)* LOOK OUT! *(runs away and exits as theme music plays)*



GAME TIME

“Musical Hula Hoop”

Items Needed For Game:

One hula hoop; Some “high energy” music

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Preparation:

Choose ten children to participate in this game.

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How To Play:

This game is played exactly like the classic game of “Musical Chairs,” with a slight twist. Place the children in a circle, facing inward and holding hands. Place the arms of two children through the hula hoop (they need to hold hands AFTER the hula hoop has been placed between them).

As the music plays, the kids move the hula hoop over and under them without breaking hands. The hula hoop will move around the circle as they twist and turn, manipulating the hula hoop. When the music stops, the child that the hula hoop is on is declared “out.” Remove that child from the circle, and begin again.

The last child standing is declared the winner!



Bible Story

“King David’s Bad Day”

Materials Needed:

“King David’s Bad Day” Graphics; begin with the slide that says “Bible Story”; follow the instructions below, changing the slides to follow along with the story (*as shown*)

Preparation:

Familiarize yourself with the description of events in Psalm 69; have your open Bible in your hands as you tell the story

The Story:

Today we are going to learn some very important lessons from a very cool guy in the Bible – KING DAVID! (*show pic*) Wouldn’t you love to be a king? You would get to be in charge of everybody. You’d happy and comfortable almost all the time. It’s such a great thought, huh?



But, you know, not every day for a king is perfect. Not every day is worry-free, with everything going exactly right. Even kings have bad days. Even kings face trouble!



King David wrote very clearly about the trouble he was facing when he wrote Psalm 69. King David (*show pic*) said, “I have more enemies than I have hairs on my head. Thieves and liars are out to get me!” WOW! He was really in some major trouble. He felt like everyone was against him. Have you ever felt that way? That’s definitely some trouble!



King David was used to having enemies. Remember - he was the one who defeated his enemy, the giant named Goliath! He was also a fierce warrior who faced many battles. He was used to having enemies. But, on this day, King David was feeling completely overwhelmed. He felt lonely - as if everyone had forgotten him.



So how do you think King David responded to this trouble? Did he freak out and start to complain to everybody around him? Did he start to point fingers and blame everyone else for his trouble? Nope! King David handled his trouble the same way we should handle our trouble. King David dealt with this feeling of being overwhelmed by (*show pic*) getting on his knees and calling on God for help. He remembered God’s faithfulness and asked God to come and rescue him from his trouble. He knew that God was the only One who could help him. God responded to King David and rescued him from his trouble!

(*show pic*) King David praised God for rescuing him. He was so thankful to God for being faithful in hearing when he cried out in his time of trouble. Today, we are going to learn some very important lessons from this Psalm that was written by King David. Just as God answered King David in his time of trouble, He will do the same for you.



Call To Action “God Is Faithful”

Materials Needed:

The “God Is Faithful” graphics; A cell phone; A megaphone (or bullhorn)

Preparation:

Begin with the slide titled “God Is Faithful”



The Message: (title slide)

Ever had a bad day? I mean a BAD day! A day in which everything seemed to be going wrong? Your alarm clock doesn’t go off, you jump in the shower and there’s no hot water, your hair dryer doesn’t work, you put your jeans on and they are two inches too short. Then, you jump in your Mom’s car, and it won’t start. When it finally does, you get halfway to school when you get a flat tire. You end up being an hour late to school, and you find out you missed the coolest school assembly ever – and everybody got a free prize from the speaker at the assembly. Your friends are all mad at you for missing it. You feel all alone. What a BAD DAY filled with trouble!

Well, this is the kind of day King David was having when he wrote Psalm 69. We are going to look at this Psalm to learn some great lessons about how we should handle times of trouble in our lives. Remember what kind of bad day King David was having? He felt like he had so many enemies. He felt like everyone was against him. So what would you do if you were in that kind of trouble? Would you fight back? Run away? What? Well, King David did what you and I need to do when we are in trouble....

When I’m In Trouble, I Can Call On God (slide)



David started the Psalm off by saying, “Save me, O God! The floodwaters are up to my neck!” He’s drowning in his troubles, and he knows exactly who to call on. He doesn’t call on his friends. He doesn’t call on his family. He doesn’t call on anyone but GOD!

Notice that David’s prayer to God was not a fancy one. He simply said, “Save me, O God!” He knew that God was the only One who could save him. So he didn’t pray some fancy prayer with big words. He just cried out to God – “SAVE ME!” “HELP ME!”

When you are in trouble, you can call on God for help. And what’s cool is...

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Call To Action (Continued)

When I Call On God, He Hears Me (slide)



The reason King David called on God for help is because he knew that God would hear him. God always hears when you call to Him for help. *(hold up a cell phone)* If you want to call a friend or family member, you use something like this - a cell phone. If you're lucky enough to get enough "bars" or "signal strength," you might be able to call them. Of course, they may be on the other line or away from their phone. Isn't that a bummer? The cool thing is – you don't need a cell phone to call on God. *(hold up a megaphone)* You don't need a megaphone to call on God, either. *(point the megaphone up toward the sky and pretend to "call" on God)* Aren't you glad you don't need a megaphone to call on God for help in times of trouble? You also don't need a satellite or anything else. You just simply call on God in a simple prayer, and He hears you!

King David understood this. He states in Psalm 69:33, "The Lord hears the cries of his needy ones." That's why King David was so quick to call on God for help. He understood that God always hears us when we call on Him for help.

Do you know what else? God is bigger than any problem we face. If He hears us, then He will rescue us. And He is able to rescue us from any kind of trouble – bullies at school, sickness, problems at home, friend issues – whatever! God is bigger than any problem we will ever face!

King David knew this, so he got on his knees and called on God. And God rescued him. Just like with King David, God can rescue YOU when you call on Him in times of trouble. When He does, you should decide...

I Will Worship God For Rescuing Me (slide)



King David said in Psalm 69:30, "Then I will praise God's name with singing, and I will honor him with thanksgiving." When God comes through and rescues you from trouble, there is only one way to respond – WORSHIP! Thank Him for what He has done. Thank Him for rescuing you and hearing you when you call for help! He is worthy of all of our praise and worship. We should NEVER forget to worship Him when He rescues us from trouble!

ALTAR RESPONSE: *(play soft music)*

Lead the children in a prayer for help from God. Pray with them for specific needs and situations they are facing. End your time in worship, singing songs and thanking Him for His FAITHFUL help in times of TROUBLE!



Materials Needed:

“REWIND!” Lesson 1 Graphics; “REWIND!” Bumper Video

Preparation:

Play the “REWIND!” Bumper Video; Begin with the slide titled “REWIND!”; there is a slide for each question

1. Whatchagaddaknow today?

Answer: “Even On My Bad Days, God Is Faithful!”

2. What king did we learn about in our Bible Story?

Answer: King David

3. Was King David having a good day?

Answer: No

4. Did God abandon King David in his trouble?

Answer: No

5. We learned from King David’s psalm that “When I Need Help I Can Call On _____.”

Answer: God

6. According to our lesson, “When I Call On God, He _____ Me.”

Answer: Hears

7. What should be our response when God rescues us from trouble?

Answer: Worship Him

8. Will God ALWAYS answer when we call?

Answer: Yes

9. True or False: God is more powerful than any problem we could have.

Answer: True

10. Where was our Power Verse found?

Answer: Lamentations 3:23