

## WEEK 5 | ELEMENTARY (K-3)

**Need to Know:** God Is My Defender

**Bible Story:** Elisha

**Bible Reference:** 2 Kings 6:8-23



### READ THE BIBLE

- DO**
- Assign the following roles for kids to act out while you read, and tell them what to say when they hear their character's name:
    - King of Aram [pronounced: Air-um] (2 kids) - Say, "Grrrr!"
    - King of Israel (2 kids) - Say, "Hello!"
    - Elisha (2 kids) - Say, "Look!"
    - Soldiers (remaining kids) - Say, "Hi-yah!"
  - Read the **Bible Story Sheet**, having kids say their line when they hear their name.

- SAY**
- *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!*

### LET'S PRACTICE

- DO**
1. Place **Bamboo Cards** in center of the group, face down.
  2. Divide the group into two teams.
  3. Allow teams to take turns selecting one Card.
    - If the Card has a panda on it, the team will keep it.
    - If it has a lemur on it, return it to the pile face down.
  4. After each child has had a turn, the team with the most pandas wins!

- SAY**
- When we know that God is our Defender, we trust that He is protecting us and fighting for us even when we can't see Him. Say this with me:*
- God Is** (point up)  
**My Defender** (fist pump)

## LET'S 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

*In this series, we're learning all about the different names of God. That's because there is a promise in God's Word, the Bible, that tells us what happens when we know His name. This Bible verse says: (Pause to allow kids to repeat)*

**"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)

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

### DO

Divide the group into two teams, "Captains" and "Passengers." The team that is "Captains" will say the verse while the "Passengers" will do the motions. Repeat the game, having teams switch roles. Remind kids to practice memorizing the verse this week.

Give kids **coloring utensils** and allow them to draw/color on their **Memory Verse Coloring Sheets**.

# BIBLE STORY SHEET

Wk 5 - K-5 - Bible Story Sheet

Read the Bible story aloud to your group. When you say one of the underlined characters, have the kid(s) with that assignment do the following:

- King of Aram [pronounced: Air-um]: Say, "Grrr!"
- King of Israel: Say, "Hello!"
- Elisha: Say, "Look!"
- Soldiers: Say, "Hi-yah!"

*In the Bible, there is a story about two kings who were at war — the King of Aram, who was a really bad guy, and the King of Israel, who was a really good guy. The King of Aram had plans to attack God's people, the Israelites. But what the King of Aram didn't know was that there was a prophet named Elisha who was getting the inside scoop from God. God was speaking directly to him, telling him exactly what the King of Aram was planning! Elisha went straight to the King of Israel to tell him what God had said.*

*This happened several times, which made the King of Aram so mad. For example, if his army went north, the Israelites knew and went south! The King of Aram wanted to know who was telling all of his plans. One of his soldiers spoke up and told him about Elisha, who was telling the King of Israel what was going on. So the King of Aram devised a plan to get rid of Elisha once and for all.*

*That night he sent horses, chariots, and a strong army of soldiers to surround the city where Elisha was staying. Elisha's servant saw the army, got really scared, and ran to him asking what they should do. But what did Elisha do? He prayed to God! That's when God opened the servant's eyes to see that they were surrounded by another army with horses and chariots made of fire! That army was God's army of angels that He had sent to defend the Israelites.*

*Not only that, God made the King of Aram's army blind — they couldn't see a thing. His soldiers walked right up to Elisha without knowing it was him and asked where they might find Elisha. He was able to trick the soldiers and sent them straight toward the Israelite army. When they got there, Elisha prayed for God to open their eyes. They were so confused when God opened their eyes and they realized where they had ended up. But instead of fighting, the King of Israel whipped up a special feast for the soldiers, and after that, the King of Aram didn't bother God's people for a long time. God defended the Israelites once again! God is powerful, and He's protecting us all the time. That's why we call God our Defender!*



**Why do you think God defends us?** (Because He loves us) **That's right! God loves each and every one of us. So even when we can't see Him, we can know He's defending us!**

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**Ecclesiastes 4:12 says, "An enemy might defeat one person, but two people together can defend themselves ..." That verse is telling us that God gives us other people to help us in times of trouble. Who are some people that you could talk to if you needed help?** (Allow responses) **Thanks for sharing! God knew that we would have times of trouble in our life, so one way He defends us is by sending others to help!**

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**When are some times that you need God to protect or defend you?** (At school, at home, on the playground, when others are being mean, when you're in trouble for something you didn't do, when you're in danger, etc.) **Because God is always with us, He's always protecting us. God is defending us even when we aren't thinking about how much we need Him.**

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**Let's all say what we need to know together!**

**God Is** (point up)

**My Defender** (fist pump)

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***The Bible says in the book of Psalms that, "The Lord defends those who suffer. He protects them in times of trouble." Who does this verse say will defend you when you need help? (God) That's right! God promises to protect you in times of trouble. He does that because you are His child, and He loves you!***

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***When you are scared or need help, what can you do? (Pray and ask God to protect you, read God's Word to see how He has defended His people in the past, etc.) Those are all great ways that we can trust God to be our Defender.***

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***The Bible tells us to speak up for those who cannot defend themselves. When you see someone who is suffering, what can you do? (Tell someone who can help them, help them in any way you can, encourage them, pray for them) God wants us to grow to be more like Him every day. One way that we can do that is to help defend those around us.***

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***When someone says mean things to you or about you, how does it make you feel? (Allow responses) When people do that, we may want to say mean things back to defend ourselves. But who do you think can do a better job of defending you — yourself or God? (God) The Bible tells us in 1 Peter that people shouted at Jesus and made fun of him, but He didn't do the same thing back to them ... "Instead, He trusted in the God who judges fairly." Let's be like Jesus and let God defend us.***

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**Proverbs 3:26 says, “The Lord will keep you safe.” Is this true? (Yes) That’s right! God’s Word is true, and it can be trusted! That’s why we can believe that God is our Defender!**

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**In today’s Bible story, when Elisha got the bad news that the enemy army was coming, what did he do — go crazy or pray? (Pray) When he prayed, what did he see — that he was alone or that God was defending him? (God was defending him) When something bad happens, the best thing we can do is pray and ask God to show us how He is defending us.**

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**In Psalm 12:7 David prays, “Lord, keep us safe. Always protect us ...” When you need God to defend you, can you pray, too? (Yes) That’s right! Praying is just our way of talking to God. We can talk to Him anytime, about anything. He loves us and wants to take care of us. That’s why He’s our Defender!**

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**What does it mean that God is your Defender? (He is always with us, He is taking care of us even when we can’t see it, He is powerful) That’s right! That’s what we’ve been learning today! Let’s say what we need to know together one more time:**

**God Is** (point up)  
**My Defender** (fist pump)

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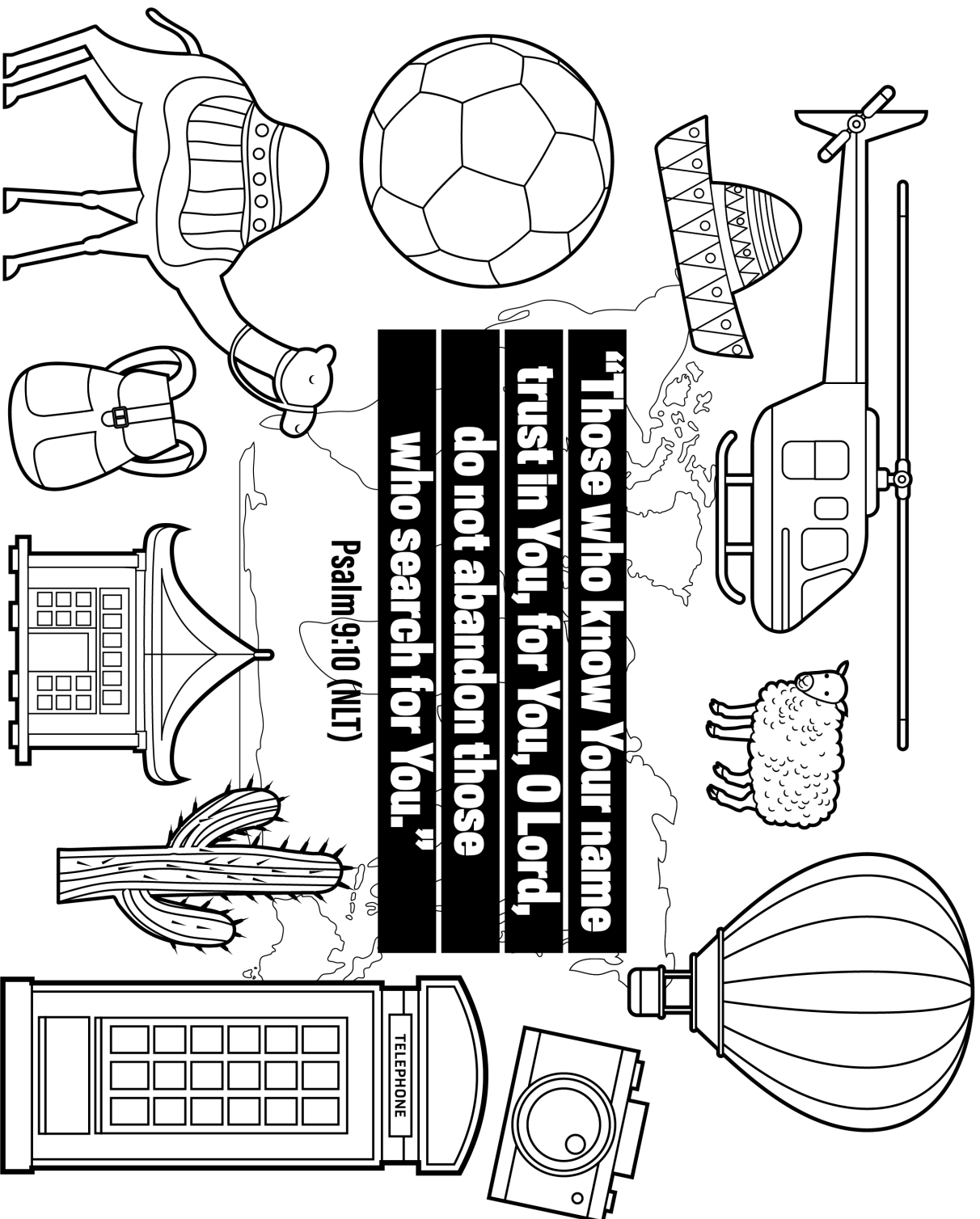
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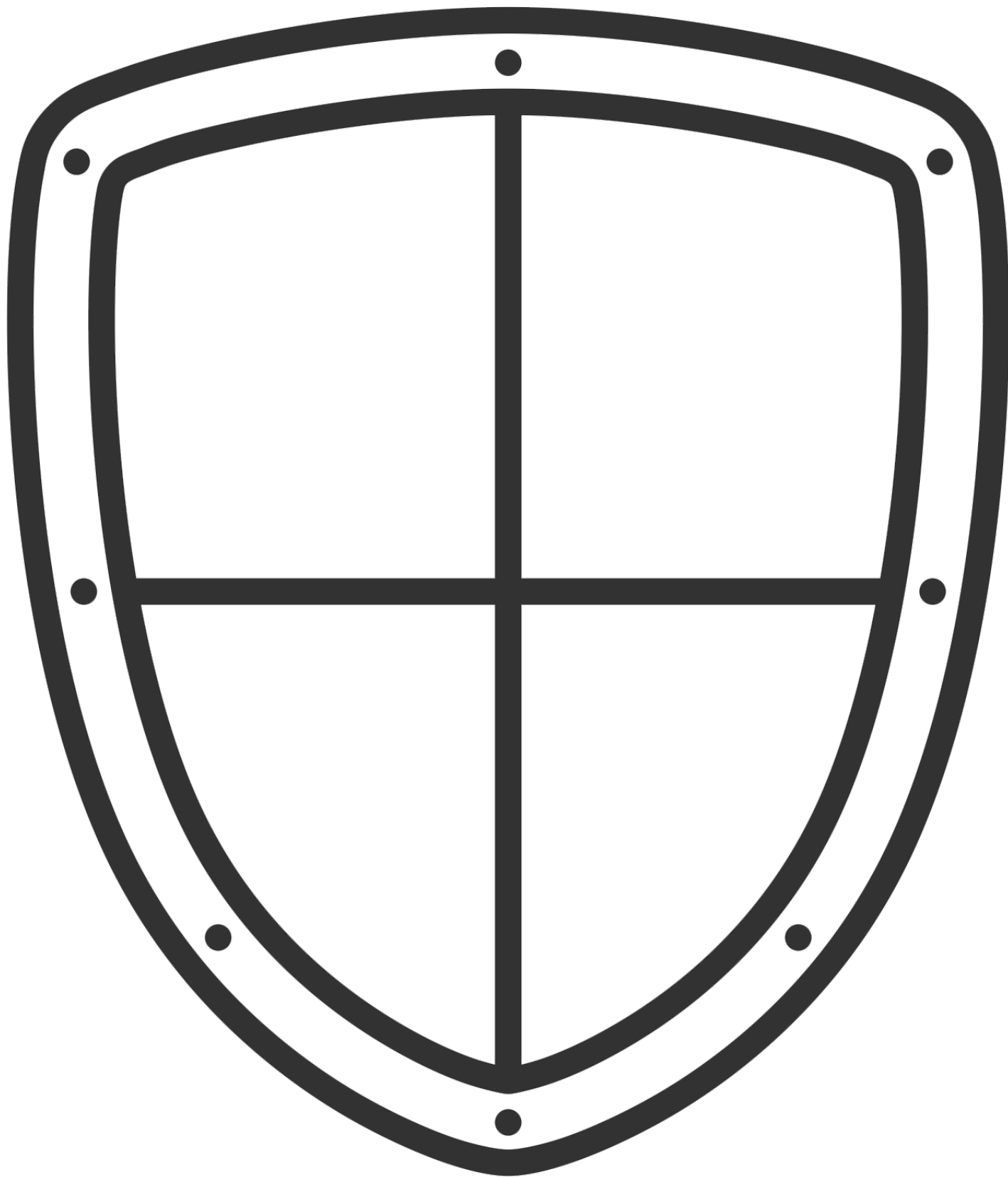
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**Memorize this verse by next week to win a prize!**

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