



Promise: The Lord Will Keep You from Harm

MAIN IDEAS

- **God will keep His children from ultimate harm to their souls; He will guard the faith of His children.**
- **God gives us the shield of faith to protect us against the flaming darts of Satan.**

MEMORY VERSE

The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.—2 Timothy 4:18

SCRIPTURE

- 1) Daniel 3:14-15, 17
- 2) Ephesians 6:16
- 3) 2 Timothy 4:18
- 4) James 1:12



LESSON SUMMARY

Promises like *the Lord will keep you from harm* are sometimes hard to understand in the context of real life. Does it mean that no harm will ever come to a Christian? Christians won't suffer hurt or sickness or persecution? Though we understand that this is not what this promise means, it may be harder for your child to understand this.

Because this is a lesson that flows into the next as the story of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego unfolds, full understanding of this truth is not given in this lesson. But the reassurance you can give your child is that God has promised to protect the faith of His children, and no ultimate harm will come to their souls. He has given His children the shield of faith to protect them against the fiery darts of the evil one.

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego stood firm in face of the threats to bodily harm, because their confidence in God was strong. Their faith was solid, and they responded with bold confidence in the power and goodness of God. We, too, can have that same confidence in the face of harm and boldly assert:

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Pray this week that you will recognize the fiery darts of the evil one, and boldly and confidently take up the shield of faith. Ask God to give your son or daughter confidence in His power and goodness.

AS YOU WALK BY THE WAY

- *What does “rescue” mean? What does “harm” mean? In what ways has God kept you from harm today? Does this mean nothing bad or hurtful will ever happen to you? Did hurtful things happen to Paul in the Bible? How did God “keep him from harm”? [Help your child understand that though Paul suffered, God protected him from harm to*

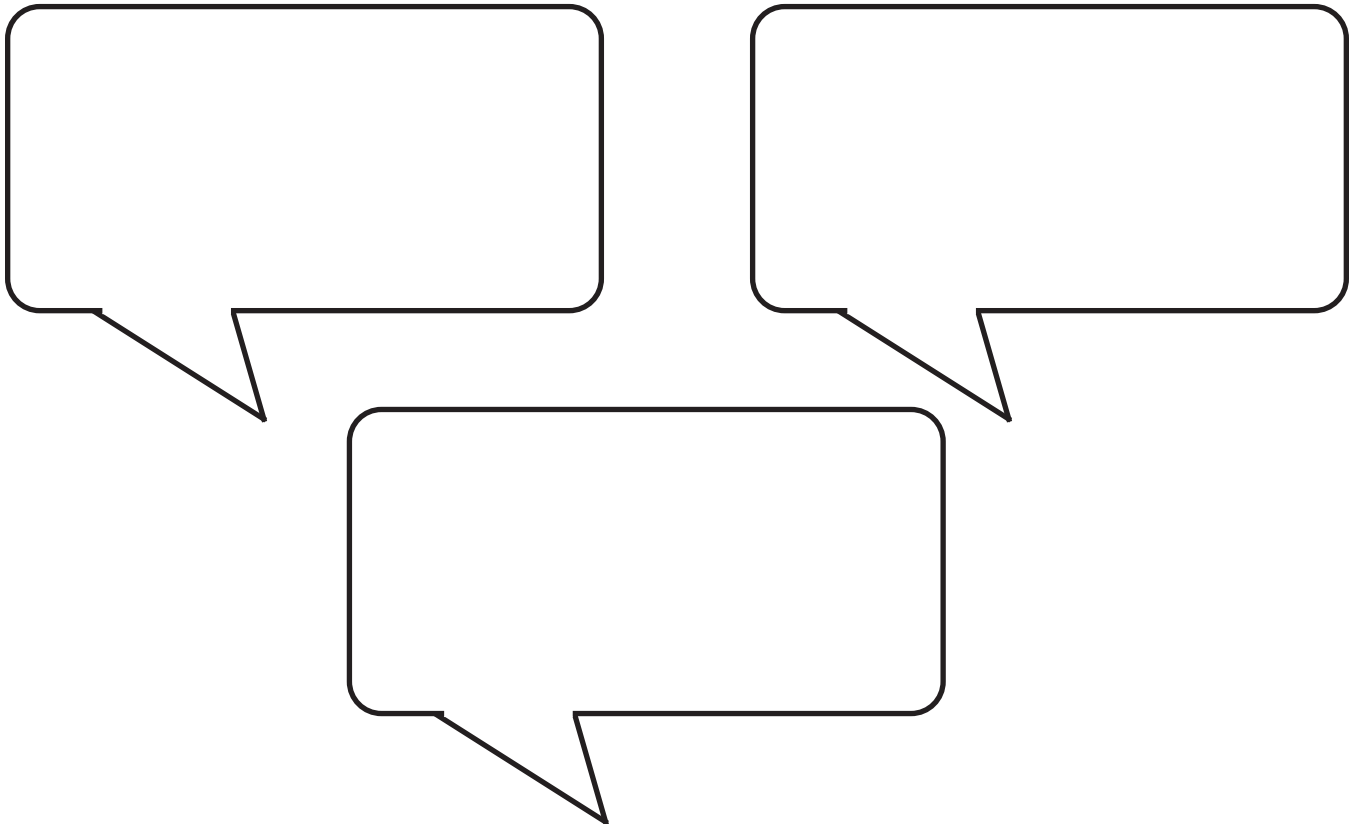
his soul. God protected his faith. In all the hard things that Paul suffered, he kept believing in God and trusting His promises.]

- Ask your child to explain the illustration with the umbrella and the wadded paper balls. *How was the umbrella like a shield? How are God's promises like a shield to us? What do those promises protect, and how do they keep true Christians from harm?* Help your child to identify some of the fiery darts that Satan brings against him or her and your family. See Ephesians 6:16. Then talk about how to fight for faith using the promises of God.

ACTIVITY

Read Psalm 121 with Mom or Dad. What does this Psalm say about the Lord's protection?

2 Timothy 4:18 ends with praise to God, who rescues His children from every evil deed and safely brings them to heaven. With mom's or dad's help, write some praises to God in the bubbles below.



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