God: The One Who Knows My Heart

Lesson 4

The Heart that Trusts God's Plan

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Lesson Overview

Scripture	1 Samuel 18:1-9; 24:1-22; 31:6; 2 Samuel 1:11-12; 2:1-4
Supporting Scripture	1 Samuel 20
Memory Verse	"Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee." (Psalm 119:11)
Teaching Objective	The saved child will trust God's plan even when things are hard, knowing that God is working in his life.
Main Teaching	You can trust God's plan.
Emphasis for Unsaved	God's plan is for you to believe on Jesus as your Savior from sin.
Word Up!	Trust God's plan!
Visual Aids	Flashcards 4-1—6
Lesson Type	Growth Narrative

Schedule

		60 min	90 min
Small Group Time	Attendance; snack; check *Wonder Devotional Books* and "Quiet Time Sheets;" "God's Plan for Your Life" activity	6	14
Opening	Welcome; prayer; Word Up! teaching	2	5
Rules	Review rules	1	2
Theme Song	"What's the News?"	2	2
Memory Verse	Psalm 119:11 Repetition: "Treasure Hunt"	7	8
Song	"Books of the New Testament"	0	2
Gospel Spotlight	"God's Plan of Redemption"	6	7
Song	"God's Way"	2	2
Bible Lesson/ Invitation	**The Heart that Trusts God's Plan**	15	18
Song	"Keep Your Way Pure" (Psalm 119:9-11)	2	2
Wonder Time	"Store God's Word in Your Heart"	4	6
Review Game	"ZERO—Heart Edition"	6	10
Missions Time	"Let's Get Started" *Lottie Moon,* Part 4	5	8
Closing	Announcements; prayer; hand out "Quiet Time Sheets"	2	4

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Lesson Outline

I. INTRODUCTION
Have you ever been in a cave?

II. PROGRESSION OF EVENTS
David had killed Goliath.

A. **Flashcard 4-1** (1 Samuel 18:1-4; 20:42)
1. David and King Saul's son Jonathan became friends.
2. David and Jonathan made an important promise to each other.

B. **Flashcard 4-2** (1 Samuel 18:5-9)
1. Saul became jealous of David.
   Jesus always went God's way and always did, said, and thought right and good things. That is why He could take the punishment for your sin. [2 Corinthians 5:21a]
2. David tried to hide from Saul.
3. Many men joined David.

C. **Flashcard 4-3** (1 Samuel 24:1-3)
1. David and his men lived in caves.
   You might be worried and feel like everything is out of control, but God is completely trustworthy. [Isaiah 55:8-9]
2. David and his men experienced many hard times as they tried to stay ahead of Saul's army.
3. Saul went into the cave where David and his men were hiding!

D. **Flashcard 4-4** (1 Samuel 24:4-7)
1. David's men encourage David to kill King Saul.
2. David cut off the corner of King Saul's robe.
3. David realized he should not have done even that much to the one God had anointed.
   God loves you, and you can trust Him. When you start to worry, stop and think about how God has worked things out in the past. [Romans 8:28]

E. **Flashcard 4-5** (1 Samuel 24:8-22)
1. David followed Saul to the entrance of the cave.
2. David showed Saul the piece of Saul's robe he had cut off.
3. Saul realized he was wrong but he hadn't really changed.
4. David found a new hiding place.

F. **Flashcard 4-6**
Saul continued being jealous and trying to kill David for ten years.

III. CLIMAX
But David would not kill Saul because he was trusting in God's plan and waiting for God's timing for him to become king.

IV. CONCLUSION
A. Israel was once again at war with the Philistines.
B. David cried when he heard Saul had died.
C. David was made king at Hebron.
D. David had waited for God's timing instead of trying to be king on his own.
   When something happens you don't understand, stop and remember how God has helped you in the past. [Romans 8:28]
   Will you believe on Jesus and be saved today? [Acts 16:31]

Scripture verses in parentheses are background text.
Bracketed verses should be quoted or read from God's Word.