

# GOD OUR PROTECTION

Objective: Students will know that they can find perfect safety in Christ.

Link:

Do you always feel safe?

When do you not feel safe? (When you are walking home at night, and someone follows you. If a burglar comes into your house.)

Think of a child who is being bullied. He does not feel safe. But if his older brother comes and defends him - fights for him, he will feel safe again. The older brother can protect him from the bullies. The older brother becomes his 'defender.' (Write on board: defender.)

This past January something very terrible happened in India and in El Salvador. What happened? (terrible earthquakes) Do you think those people, the people in India and El Salvador, feel safe?

After a terrible earthquake, many people do not have a home. They must live in a 'shelter.' A shelter is a safe place. A shelter gives protection. Another word for shelter is 'refuge.' (Write on the board: shelter, refuge protection)

Background:

Last semester we learned some hymns in Bible time. Today we are going to read from the book of Psalms. The Psalms (write on board) are poems. The Psalms were written to be used as hymns in Jewish worship in Old Testament times. We don't know the music anymore, but we have the beautiful words in the Bible.

Question:

- What is God called? (our protection, our strength, All-Powerful, defender)

Read: Psalm 46: 1-3, 7, (11).

Lower level classes may need the Japanese.

Answer the questions.



Go on.

Did you understand all the words? Any questions about the meaning of any words?

In verse 1, when does God help? (always) God always helps His children. Do you ever have trouble? (pause) The true and living God waits to help you in times of trouble. He waits for you to come to Him, so He can help you.

Verses 2 and 3 talk about some kinds of trouble. What kinds of trouble are talked about in verses 2 and 3? (earth shakes, etc.) Try to imagine this. It's awesome, very fearful. If I saw the mountains shaking and falling into the sea, and the oceans roaring and foaming, I think I would be afraid! But what does the writer say? (I will not be afraid even if)

Why will the writer not be afraid? (vs. 1 – he knows that God is his protection, he knows that God always helps in times of trouble. He knows that God is the creator of all things, and has much more power than the strongest earthquake or the most violent ocean.)

Look at verse 7. What is God called in vs. 7? (the LORD All-Powerful) How much power does the LORD have? (all power) He has much more power than the earth, the oceans, the mountains. He made all these things! His children should never be afraid. God protects them, defends them, God is with them. So again we see that God has the heart of a father. He is a perfect father.

Many times in my life I need a shelter. I need protection. My life has many times of trouble that are like storms. Sometimes it feels like an earthquake in my mind. Sometimes I forget that God is my protection. I try to protect myself. But I do not have all power. I NEED the God of the Bible to protect me. I WANT the God of the Bible to protect me. He is my only true protection.

I hope that all of you will experience His protection also. If you want to know how to be sure that you are God's child, please ask me, or ask (\_\_\_\_\_.)  
(Insert name of Japanese speaking pastor or missionary in that location.)

That's all for today.