

# Finding God's Directions



The Bible tells us God's direction. Help these children find the 12 hidden Bibles for their Sunday school class to use.

## ParentLink



**Lesson Focus:**  
Pay attention to God's direction.

## HomeLink

■ Have your child cut out construction paper strips. Start a paper chain and add a link to it each time your child pays attention to God's direction in

some way, such as reading the Bible, praying, going to a church activity, and so on.

## VerseLink

■ Print each word of the memory verse on the sidewalk in chalk, but mix up the words and spread them out. Have your child practice the verse by walking to each word in the correct order while saying the verse aloud.

*I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go. Psalm 32:8*



## Samuel Listens

Bible story from 1 Samuel 3:1-20

Samuel was a young boy.  
He lived in God's house  
and helped Eli, the priest.

One night when Samuel was in bed,  
he heard a voice call his name.  
Samuel got up and ran to Eli.  
"Here I am; you called me," said Samuel.

The old priest said, "I didn't call you.  
Go back to bed, Samuel."

Samuel went back to bed.  
Again the voice called.  
"It must be Eli," Samuel thought.  
But no, Eli had not called him.

"Samuel," the voice called a third time.  
Then Eli knew it was God calling Samuel.  
Eli told Samuel, "Next time,  
tell God you will listen."

Samuel went to bed. Again God called him.  
Samuel said, "I'm listening, God."  
Samuel listened to everything God said.  
And Samuel kept on listening to God  
and obeying Him as he grew up.

### **This Week's Bible Memory Verse:**

I will instruct you and teach you  
in the way you should go. Psalm 32:8

What will your promise be?" asked Mrs. Westlake, the Sunday school teacher.

David thought it over as the other kids gave their answers.

His class was choosing ways to pay attention to God's direction this week.

Then David had his idea.

"I'm going to read my Bible every day before supper," David answered.

That will help me pay attention to what God says."

Mrs. Westlake grinned. "Good idea."

David kept his promise for three days.

About 10 minutes before supper, David would stop whatever he was doing.

He would read a few verses in his Bible.

Then he would pray.

He felt good about keeping his promise.

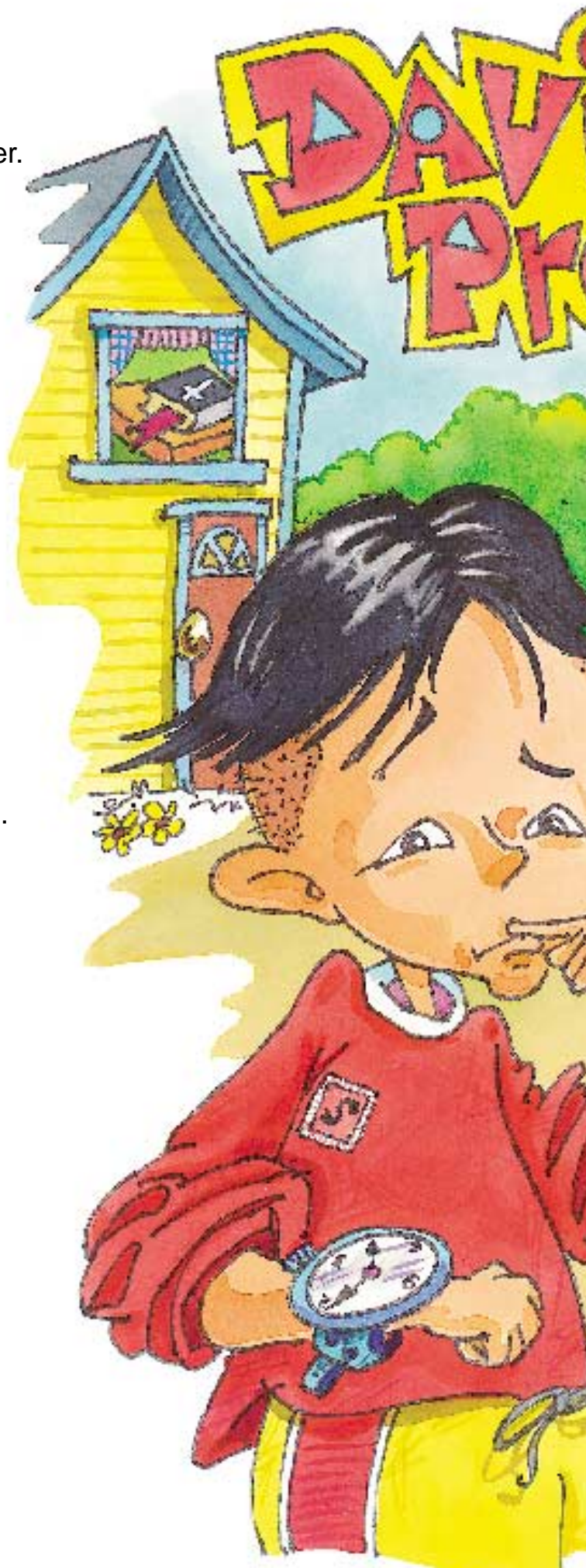
But then David found other things to do at that time.

Some days it was hard to stop playing.

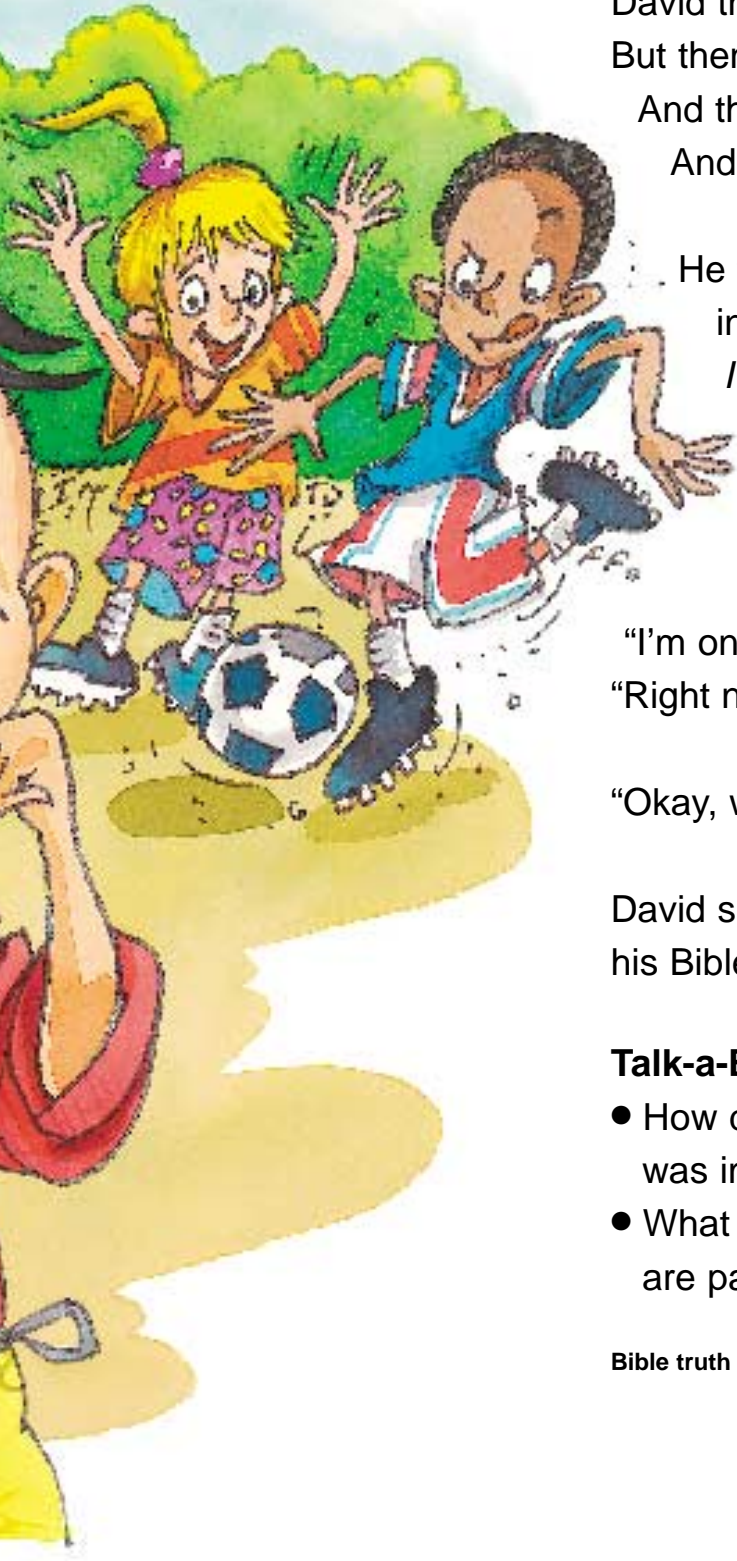
One day he was playing ball with his friends.

He looked at his watch.

It was time to go if he wanted to read his Bible before supper.



# David's Promise



David sighed.

"I have to go," he said to his friends.

"I have something to do."

"Whatever it is, do it later," said his friend Jordan.

David thought about reading his Bible after supper.  
But then he would have homework.

And then was his favorite TV show.

And then was bedtime.

He thought about the promise he had made  
in Sunday school.

*I really do want to learn about what God  
says,* thought David.

*It's important to pay attention to  
God's direction.*

"I'm only quitting a little early," David told Jordan.  
"Right now I have something important to do."

"Okay, well, see you tomorrow," said Jordan.

David smiled as he jogged toward home and  
his Bible.

## Talk-a-Bit

- How did David show that God's direction was important to him?
- What are ways you can show that you are paying attention to God's direction?

**Bible truth taught in this story:** Pay attention to God's direction.