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Lesson #L8

The Sermon

(Children's) Sermon Planning

You will need:

- † Bibles or Bible story books (one per group)
- † Copies of planning sheet
- † Pens or pencils
- † Large box of various props (optional)

Preparation:

1. The resulting sermons can be used as children's sermons, storytelling times, or even as a part/in place of a regular sermon.
2. Choose a story (David & Goliath, perhaps) and go through the organizer to demonstrate the planning process.

Instructions:

1. Divide into groups of three to five participants.
2. Hand out copies of the planning sheet, pens or pencils, and a Bible or Story Bible to each group.
3. **Today, you are going to plan your own (children's) sermon! Watch what I do and then you will have a chance to do it in your group. Then, you will be preaching your sermon to us!**
4. Briefly go over your planning sheet and demonstrate your sermon, modeling for the participants what they are about to do.

5. Depending on how much time you have available, you may either brainstorm a list of Bible stories the participants know or just put up a list for each group to choose from.
6. Give the groups approximately five to six minutes to read their story and fill out their planning sheets, allowing them to look at the box of props during the last two minutes, if available.
7. As the participants are working, move around to the groups, helping as needed.
8. When the time is up, say: **I know you did not have a lot of time to work, but now it is time to preach!**
9. Have each group in turn give their children's sermon.

List of Suggested Bible Stories:

- Creation (Genesis 1:1—2:4)
- Adam and Eve (Genesis 2:4-25)
- Noah and the Ark (Genesis 6-9)
- Moses and the Red Sea (Exodus 14:1-30)
- Daniel and the Lions' Den (Daniel 6:1-28)
- Jesus Is Born (Luke 2:1-20)
- Jesus Calms the Sea (Matthew 8:23-27)
- Jesus Feeds 5,000 (John 6:1-14)
- Jesus Rises Again. (Luke 24:1-12)



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Sermon Planning Organizer

	Your Turn! (Also write down what objects you can use to show this story in your sermon)
Bible Story Name:	
Where it is in the Bible:	
Main Characters:	
Setting:	
Problem:	
Solution:	
I think the most interesting part of the story is:	
What I want to <u>explain</u> about the story is:	
What I want to <u>proclaim</u> to my listeners is:	

In the context of this lesson, a sermon is defined as an explanation (What is the story about?) and proclamation (What does the story have to do with us today?). This is a simplified explanation designed for children or a cross+generational audience.