



DESIRE

LESSON THREE: EVIDENCE

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There was a popular children's show that was televised very early on Sunday mornings. It was a clay-animated series that ran from February, 1961- December, 2004. The plot centered around its main character, Davey, who wrestled with a moral conflict in each episode and as a result, its young viewers learned valuable life lessons from Davey's experiences. I loved this television show, and my internal clock made sure I woke up in time to view it each week.

I don't recall how I learned about the Davey and Goliath show, but I remember the excitement I experienced every Sunday morning. I remember asking my parents for permission to leave my bed early to watch the show, and they reminded me that I must be very quiet to take care not to wake up my baby sister. I remember being on tiptoe and holding my breath as I went down the long hallway that led to the television set in the family room. Once there, I would manually turn on the television set while my hand rested on the volume control on the ready to turn the volume down as soon as the set warmed up and blinked to life. I slowly clicked the channel knob and pressed my ear against the television speaker so I could listen to the words and music only to pull away long enough to view the picture and watch as Davey battled with that week's problem. Eventually, my younger sister, who shared a bedroom with me, became aware of my weekly early wandering down the hall and stood at the side of her crib begging me to take her with me. We must have made a sweet sight, two little girls sitting on the floor in our nightgowns meeting with God through the Davey and Goliath television show.

Merriam-Webster defines the word *evidence* as something that furnishes proof.

YOUR TURN: How is the Godship of Jesus evident in the world or in your life? For a moment, place yourself in the sandals of the apostles. Think about the miracles they had witnessed, Jesus' ministry they took part in, the triumphal entry into Jerusalem, the Last Supper, and the horror they witnessed at Jesus' arrest, trial, scourging, His carrying of the cross, His crucifixion, and glorious resurrection. Matthew records in his Gospel that the apostles fled when Jesus was arrested. Think about that for a moment, they fled. John records in his Gospel, that only he and a few women were left present at the cross. He records in John 19:25: *Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.* Before Jesus' arrest, He disclosed to His apostles that He would rise again on the third day. He also appeared to over 500 people after His resurrection.

Read the following verses and write down who were the witnesses for Jesus, what they were witnesses to, and how Scripture and prophecy of the Old Testament attest to Jesus being the Son of God.

Genesis 3:15

Matthew 26:47-56

1 Corinthians 15:1-8

Acts 2:1-31

Psalm 22:14-16

Psalm 34:20

Psalm 22:18

Mark 4:35-41