

ARMOR OF GOD

INTRODUCTION – WEEK 1

MEMORY VERSE – “A final word: Be strong in the Lord and his mighty power. Put on all of God’s armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil.” Ephesians 6:10-11

FOCUS VERSE – “Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armor of God’s righteousness.” Ephesians 6:14

STORY – We are starting a new series called the “Armor of God”. *Can you say that with me?* ARMOR OF GOD! *Who can tell me what armor is?* That’s right, it’s something that people wear to protect their bodies.

Let’s take this orange for example, watch what happens when I put this orange into a bowl of water. *Did you know that oranges float in water?* Even really big ones! We are going to pretend that the skin of the orange is the Armor of God because it is protecting the inside of the orange. *What do you think would happen if we take off the Armor of God and put it back in the water?*

Let’s find out. I am going to list the Armor of God as I peel the orange, *can you repeat them after me?* We are going to take off the **Belt of Truth**, the **Breastplate of Righteousness**, the **Shoes of Peace**, the **Shield of Faith**, the **Helmet of Salvation**, and the **Sword of the Spirit**.

Uh oh! We took off the Armor of God and the orange sunk! Just like this orange, God had given us the Armor of God to help protect us and so we can stand firm in His truths. *Let’s say, “Stand firm,” nice and loud!*

We are going to be learning about each part of armor in our new series!

PRAYER – Lord, thank you that you’ve given us the Armor of God so that we can stand firm!

SNACK – Oranges and crackers

CRAFT – Outline each child on butcher paper and let them decorate themselves.

GAME – Set up cups in a pyramid, and tell the kids to knock them down with anything that is safe and throughable. It was easy! Now have an adult or volunteer stand in between to keep the cups to keep them safe. This symbolizes how the Armor of God protects us and helps us to stand firm.