

# ARMOR OF GOD

## SHIELD OF FAITH - 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** - “In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil.” Ephesians 6:16

**STORY** – Belt of Truth - To help us walk in truth

Breastplate of Righteousness - To protect the truth in our hearts

Shoes of Peace - To walk in the peace that the truth gives us

Let’s read our focus verse to find out what our armor piece is today. *What does a shield do?*

Take a treasure box and put a piece of candy inside. Tell the kids about the candy inside but DON’T show them. *Do you believe me when I say that there is a piece of candy inside this treasure box?* Invite one friend up to peek inside the box to check what’s inside but encourage them NOT tell the other friends. Then ask that child . . . *“You believed in me, and got to see what was inside the treasure box. Am I trustworthy? Do you still believe in me?”* They will say yes and then have them sit back down. *“Even though you couldn’t see what’s inside the box you chose to believe me, because I am your teacher and I am trustworthy, that there WAS a piece of candy in the box (show the rest of the class). That’s called faith!”*

Sometimes we can’t see Jesus but we have FAITH that He is there and that He is as sweet and special as a piece of candy would be!

**PRAYER** – Jesus, thank you that even though we can’t see you, you give us faith to believe that you are there!

**SNACK** – Fruit snacks

**CRAFT** – Color and decorate a Shield of Faith for their drawn selves.

**GAME** – Mother May I with a twist. Before the game starts practice putting on the Armor of God with motions and all! (Belt of Truth, Breastplate of Righteousness, Shoes of Peace, Shield of Faith) When you ask the “mother” you say “Mother may I have two steps of faith?!” If they don’t say faith they won’t be able to move!

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## SHIELD OF FAITH - WEEK 2

**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** - “In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil.” Ephesians 6:16

**STORY - ACT IT OUT** - Give each child a crumpled piece of paper. Then one of the teachers takes a Shield of Faith and uses it to protect themselves. Have the kids gently throw the paper balls at the teacher, the teacher will demonstrate how the Shield of Faith can be moved around to protect their body from the “fiery paper balls”

If we believe all of God’s promises and truths (name them again . . . we are loved, we are special, we are unique, Jesus is our friend, we can talk to Jesus, etc.) then we have FAITH. We need faith to keep believing that God is for us and He will protect us! Even sometimes when we can’t see God we have faith that He is protecting and helping us!

The Shield of Faith is the only piece of armor that is NOT ON the body because it is the largest and it can be used to protect our body in many different places and ways. But guess what? It can help protect someone else too!

Now the teacher has someone stand behind them to show that they can protect them with their Shield of Faith to. Our faith can help someone else believe the truths too!

**PRAYER** - Jesus, we choose to believe the truths about ourselves this week! Help us use our Shield of Faith to protect us.

**SNACK** - Popcorn

**CRAFT** - Color and decorate with foam stickers, crosses and tissue paper the life size Shield of Faith.

**GAME** - Before the game pretend to put on the armor of God and then really put on the Shield of Faith! (Belt of truth, Breastplate of Righteousness, and Shoes of Peace)

Faith Ball - The teachers will throw paper balls at the kids. But before they throw the balls they have to speak a truth and if the truth is true for the child then they will try and catch the ball, if not they block it with their shield.