

ARMOR OF GOD

SHOES OF PEACE – 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 – “For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared.” Ephesians 6:15

STORY – Let’s talk about the pieces of armor from the last couple of weeks.

Belt of Truth – To help us walk in TRUTH

Breastplate of Righteousness – To protect the truth in our hearts

Let’s read our focus verse and see what part of the Armor of God we are going to learn about today. *What kind of armor are we going to learn about?* That’s right, shoes!

Shoes all do the same thing, protect our feet! The Shoes of Peace give us PEACE, *can you say peace?*

Shoes are very helpful, they protect our feet from getting hurt and we can move faster with shoes on. *Why do you think we move faster with shoes on?* That’s right, because we know that our shoes will protect our feet if we step on something sharp like rocks. When we don’t have to worry, we can walk in PEACE. The shoes of PEACE allow us to take the truths with us wherever we go! We can tell our friends and family about Jesus and the truths we believe about ourselves! The shoes also help us stand firm, *say stand firm!*

PRAYER – Jesus, we choose to believe the truths about ourselves and others! Help us walk freely as we put on our Shoes of Peace to tell people about Your love and how much You love them!

SNACK – Cheese and crackers. Pretend the crackers are shoes protecting the cheese.

CRAFT – Color and decorate Shoes of Peace to put on their drawn selves.

GAME – Shoe relay race. Everyone takes off their shoes and puts them on one side in one big pile. Have two teams, each person takes a turn to run, grab one of their shoes, put it on, and run back. Then the next person goes until all the shoes are back on.

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SHOES OF PEACE – 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 – “For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared.” Ephesians 6:15

STORY – ACT IT OUT – Show different types of shoes. (Heels, running shoes, ballet shoes, soccer cleats, flip flops, hiking shoes, etc.)

Why do we wear shoes? That’s right, to protect our feet! See all these different types of shoes? They all do the same thing, protect our feet! But they also have different reasons why we wear them. If we tried to wear these heels playing soccer, *do you think it would be easy to kick the ball?* Or if we tried to wear these soccer cleats to church, *do you think that would be a wise idea?*

Who would like to try some of these shoes on?

Let’s take turns walking in other people’s shoes. Is it easy? Or hard? How lucky for us that the Shoes of Peace fit all of us because Jesus died on the cross for all us!

PRAYER – Jesus, we choose to believe the truths about ourselves and others! Help us walk freely as we put on our Shoes of Peace to tell people about Your love and how much You love them!

SNACK – Nutter Butters, shaped like shoes.

CRAFT – Color and decorate life size paper Shoes of Peace.

GAME – Peace to others. Each person will take off ONE of their shoes and put it in a corner. Then everyone stands at the opposite corner. When the teachers yell “PEACE,” the kids must run over to the shoe pile and grab someone else’s shoe. They then have to find that person and put their shoe on for them and tell them a truth about their friend! This shows that we can serve other people, help them remember the truth about themselves, and help them walk in peace.