

ARMOR OF GOD

SWORD OF THE SPIRIT - 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 - “Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.” Ephesians 6:17

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

Shield of Faith - Protection as we have faith in Jesus

Helmet of Salvation - Protect our minds with the truth

Where is the best place to find truths? The Bible! We know that the Bible is from God, everything in it is true! Just like a sword, we can use Bible verses that we know to speak truth when we hear lies! The more Bible verses we have memorized the more “swords” we have to use against the enemy! Let's practice the Bible verse we have been memorizing this series.....practice Ephesians 6:10-11!

PRAYER – Jesus, we choose to believe the truths about ourselves this week! Holy Spirit, help us memorize verses that speak truth so we can use them against lies of the enemy!

SNACK - Stick pretzels

CRAFT - Color and glue their Swords of the Spirit on their drawn selves.

GAME – Find the sword. Put a paper sword under one cup. Then using 3 cups move them all around and they have to keep track of which cup has the sword inside. Friends can have fun playing this game with each other once you show the group!

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SWORD OF THE SPIRIT - 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 - “Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.” Ephesians 6:17

STORY – ACT IT OUT- Show kids a sharp steak knife, and a spoon. *Which one should use to cut up an apple?* Cut up an apple in front of them. First try using the spoon, and when that doesn’t work well, use the sharp knife.

The spoon works, but it takes longer and it’s not as a smooth cut, but the knife cut right through the apple!!

When we use our Bible verses that we memorized, we cut through the lies just like a knife! The Bible is full of truths that we can learn and use them to help us stand firm!

PRAYER – Jesus, we choose to believe the truths about ourselves this week! Holy Spirit, help us memorize verses that speak truth so we can use them against lies of the enemy!

SNACK - Apples and string cheese

CRAFT - Life Size Sword of the Spirit

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GAME – Sword of the Spirit Relay Race. Have a Bible on one end and a life size Sword at the other, there will be two of each. Divide groups into two teams. The first person has to take the Sword and run down to the Bible, exchange it, and then running back give the person the Bible. That person then runs and exchanges the Bible for the Sword. This continues until every person on the team gets a turn.