



Lesson 8

Armor of God



Year 3—Quarter 1: The Armor of God

Ephesians 6:10-20

The Sword of the Spirit

Sword Fighters

Alright, Kids! Today we're going to talk about the coolest piece of God's armor—the Sword of the Spirit. We've already learned about truth, righteousness, readiness, faith, and salvation. But what's the last piece? You got it, the sword!

Use a sword as a prop to teach the importance of the Word of God. Discuss how it represents our ability to defend ourselves against the enemy and to overcome sin.

Now, a sword isn't like the other armor pieces. It's not something we wear; it's something we use. It's our powerful weapon in the big battle against wrong choices and bad stuff. And guess what?

Even Jesus used this special sword—not a metal one, but the Word of God!

Remember the story when Jesus was tempted by the devil after His baptism? Every time the devil tried to trick Jesus, He used God's words like a sword to stay strong and not sin. Jesus was the best at using His sword because He practiced every day.

How do we become awesome sword fighters like Jesus? By reading our Bibles and remembering what it says. That's how we keep our Sword of the Spirit super sharp and how we win the battle against sin.

Power Point

The Word of God is a powerful weapon, especially when used under the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

MEMORY VERSE

Ephesians 6:17, "Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God."

Skit: Two Backpacks

Have a skit to illustrate being prepared. Have two kids with backpacks. Pretend one is an experienced camper with just the right stuff in his/her backpack. The experienced camper asks to see what the rookie has put in his/her pack. *(This is where the fun begins.)*

Have the rookie camper bring out a lot of very odd stuff that covers any unexpected situation, but doesn't fit because it is too heavy or takes electricity or something.

(Examples: hair dryer, electric toothbrush, battery charger, etc.)

Application:

Today we are learning about the Sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God. God's Word equips us for living. It tells us how to live and gives us all that we need to keep from falling for the devil's tricks. By hiding it in our hearts we will always be ready when Satan attacks us.

Take-Home

Summary

Bible Passage:

Ephesians 6:17

Main Point:

The Word of God is a powerful weapon, especially when used under the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Unit Theme:

Prepare yourself for the spiritual battles of life by putting on the whole armor of God.

Our Strategy for Kids:

- To hear the Gospel
- To receive Christ
- To be baptized in water
- To grow strong in God
- To be empowered by the Holy Spirit
- To step up and be leaders in an ungodly world

Explore the Bible

The Bible tells us that the most awesome thing ever is to follow God and do what's right, and He'll take care of everything we need. That's in Matthew 6:33. It's like God's saying, "Don't worry about stuff, just be my friend and I'll make sure you have what you

need." Sometimes, we might hear that having lots of toys or money is the best, but that's not what God says. So, the Bible is our powerful sword, helping us fight off the sneaky lies and showing us God's way for us to live.

Family Activity

Sword Drill:

Say: Close your Bibles and lift them up like you're holding a sword. When I say "go," start looking for the Bible verse, Hebrews 4:12. If you find it, stand up! Ready? Go!

Once everyone finds it, pick someone to read it out loud. Let someone try to say it in their own words. Then say, "Yes, and another way to put it is: Hebrews 4:12 is saying, God's words are alive and super strong. They're even sharper than the pointiest sword and can help us see what's really in our hearts."

Continue the Sword Drill: Have your family hold up their Bibles above their heads and give them these passages where Jesus used the Sword of the Spirit against the devil. When you say "go" they look them up and then close their Bible and wait for the next one.

Matthew 4:4

Matthew 4:7

Matthew 4:10

Apply and Pray

Lead your family in prayer. Here is an example:

"Dear God, Help me to use Your Word like a sword, To fight lies and to guard my heart. Teach me to read, learn, and remember, So I can be strong and wise. Amen."