



Lesson 10

Armor of God



Year 3—Quarter 1: The Armor of God

Ephesians 6:10-20

Declare Boldly

Don't Miss the Bus

Now that we are wearing all of our armor, and we know how to speak with our Commander, Jesus Christ. The last thing we need to do in our battle against sin is declare our faith boldly

Imagine this story:

A mother is helping her child get ready to catch the bus to school. They are both hurrying because the bus will be there

soon. The child is dressed, but must now put on a coat, gloves, scarf, and snow shoes because it is winter. Last thing is the backpack with school books and lunch in it.

Bible Text: “Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.” 2 Corinthians 6:2

Application:

(See “What Happens Next?” below)

Power Point

Now we are wearing all of our armor, and we know how to speak with our Commander, Jesus Christ. The last thing we need to do in our battle against sin is declare our faith boldly.

What Happens Next?

Now the story can have a happy ending or a sad ending. Either the child catches the bus to school or the child misses bus. Missing the bus is a real possibility. Don't miss the bus.

Kids, this is actually a little parable about sharing your faith.

> **Who prepares you?** Your parents, your pastor, and your teachers.

> **What are they preparing you for?** To be equipped to go out and share your faith.

> **Why the happy AND sad ending?** Because the sad truth is: there can come a time when it's too late.

> **When is the best time to share our faith with people?** When they are a child.

> **Who is the best person to share with them?** One of their friends. Another child.

When it comes to sharing our faith with our friends, we never want them to hear, “Too late, you missed the bus.”

MEMORY VERSE

“Go and make disciples of all nations..”
Matthew 28:19a



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Secret Agents for God

Materials: Dark sunglasses, or any other secret-agent-type objects.

Say: How many of you know what a secret agent is? A secret agent is someone who has a special mission. They have to do whatever it takes, no matter what the danger to complete their mission.

Did you know that I'm a secret agent? (*Put on the sunglasses.*) That's right, I have a special mission, and I'll do whatever it takes to see it completed. Do you want to know what my mission is?

Before Jesus left to go to heaven, He gave all of His disciples a mission. He said, "Go and make disciples of all nations." (Mt. 28:19) That was their special mission. And that's what they did. When I became a Christian, that became my mission too. That's why I'm here teaching all of you. Also, if you are a Christian, this is also your mission. You are also a secret agent!

In our story today we thought about a child getting ready to catch a bus to school. There was a chance of missing the bus. This story reminds us that there are people who will not put their faith in Jesus and they are taking a chance of missing out with God. We all have the mission to share God's word with

our friends and family. You may wonder how you would ever have the courage to do that. The Bible says that God gives us His power in order for us to be brave and share Him with others. (*See the Bible Lesson below*)



Peter and John Speak Boldly

Text: *"The leaders saw how bold Peter and John were. They also realized that Peter and John were ordinary men with no training. This surprised the leaders. They realized that these men had been with Jesus."* Acts 4:13 NIRV

This Bible story is about two friends named Peter and John who went to a big church to tell people about Jesus and how He loves everyone. They even made a man who couldn't walk, jump up and start walking! This made some of the leaders and teachers very upset, so they sent Peter and John to "time-out" in jail because they didn't want them talking about Jesus.

The next day, the leaders asked Peter and John, "How did you make that man walk?" Peter, filled with courage from God, said, "We helped him in the name of Jesus,

who you didn't like, but God loves Him and brought Him back to life!"

The leaders were surprised because Peter and John were not teachers or important people, but they were speaking so bravely. They saw the man who was healed standing there, and they couldn't say anything against it. So, they told Peter and John to stop talking about Jesus, but they said, "We can't stop telling everyone about the amazing things we've seen and heard!"

After that, Peter and John went back to their friends, and they all prayed together for more courage to keep sharing about Jesus, even when it was hard. And guess what? They felt even braver after that!

Armor Review

Here's how we put on our armor:

1. Believe in the true stories from the Bible.
2. Rely on God to help you do good things and be kind, just like a superhero!
3. Tell your friends about the amazing things Jesus has done.
4. Trust that God is always with you, keeping you safe.
5. Say "Yes" to Jesus being your best friend forever.
6. Use the Bible's words like a powerful secret weapon to stop any mean tricks.

Remember, we can't see the Armor of God with our eyes, but it's there! It keeps our hearts and thoughts safe from bad stuff. So let's wear this awesome armor every day and be brave for all our adventures!

Take-Home

Summary

Bible Passages:

2 Cor. 3:12; Col. 4:3;
Ex. 4:10-12; Acts
4:23-31

Main Point:

Now we are wearing all of our armor, and we know how to speak with our Commander, Jesus Christ. The last thing we need to do in our battle against sin is declare our faith boldly.

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

Read **Matthew 28:19**. Jesus told His first disciples to go and make more disciples. Does that mean He wants us today to do that too? (*wait for answers*) When Jesus told His disciples to go and make disciples, He was inviting everyone who follows Him to share His love and teachings with others. This includes us too! Jesus' message is timeless and meant for all ages. It's about being a good friend, showing kindness, and talking about how Jesus makes a difference in our lives

Making disciples can be as simple as being a student, learner, or follower of Jesus and helping friends to do the same. It's not about doing big things, but about sharing the little things, like how Jesus teaches us to care for each other and be good friends. So everyone in our family can share their faith in ways that are just right for them.

Family Activity

Today we have discussed how to declare our faith boldly. To help us remember that we are to speak up, let's try to say the following tongue twisters. (*Write them on a chalkboard or on a large piece of paper for them to read and practice first.*)

- A box of mixed biscuits, a mixed biscuit box
- An ape hates grape cakes
- Freshly-fried fat flying fish
- Toy boat

Apply and Pray

Dear God, Thank you for loving me and giving me good friends. Sometimes I feel shy, but I want to be brave and share your love with others. Please help me find the right words to tell my friends about You. I want to be a good example of Your kindness and courage. Thank you for being with me always. Amen.