

KIDS DEVOTIONAL AT HOME

For Sunday, May 31, 2020

For your family worship time, we have prepared 4 short activities that you can do together:

1. Kids' worship songs
2. A Bible story from YouTube
3. Questions for discussion and reflection, Prayer
4. Optional: crafts, activities, and songs

Prepare these items before you begin:

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1. Smartphone, tablet, or computer to play the worship songs
2. Scripture Reference: Ephesians 6:10-11
3. Youtube video: God's Story: [Armor of God](#)--Crossroads Kids Club
4. For the optional crafts and family games
 - Coloring pages
 - Craft
 - Extension Activities

Worship Time

- No One Higher https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kLyfY_SpEXg
- My Living Hope <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9f2FXxDVO6w>
- God Makes Me Shine https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XjVzZ_9DydM
- Wherever I Go <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hmfsIORFctA>

Bible Story Discussion & Prayer

Before the video: You know, it's hard to always make right choices and act like Jesus, because God has an enemy. We call Satan or the devil, and he wants us to mess up. In fact, in the very beginning of God's Story, he convinced the first man and woman who ever

lived—Adam and Eve—to disobey God. And now, we all make bad choices sometimes. And the devil is constantly trying to get us to turn away from God by disobeying him.

Fortunately, Jesus took our punishment when he rescued us, so when we mess up, we can turn away from our sin and follow Jesus again. And we can actually put on “God’s armor” to fight against Satan and fight FOR God! God gives us special armor to help us be brave.

That’s kind of hard to understand because God’s armor isn’t like the actual clothes you’re wearing. Let’s watch a video to try to understand what it means. As you watch, pretend you’re putting on the armor. Imagine it covering you.

Play Video: God’s Story / [Armor of God](#)

Review Wow, that’s amazing, isn’t it? It’s hard to understand exactly what that armor is like. But we know we can ask the Lord to make us strong—and stay focused on remembering that Jesus died for us and that no matter what we do, we can turn away from our disobedience and follow God again.

But remember, we NEED God’s help to follow Jesus, so you can ask for his armor every day. And if you mess up, just ask God for his help to start fighting to follow Jesus again!

Can we see this armor on our bodies? (Let kids respond.) Nope, it doesn’t look like regular armor. It’s something we can’t see. Instead, it’s something that we believe in, and always have with us no matter what. It’s on the inside! We can trust and follow God, and he will always be with us, helping us live a brave life.

Belt of truth. (This helps us know what is right and wrong.)

- Breastplate of righteousness. (This helps us obey what God says.)
- Shoes of the peace of Jesus’ rescue (These help us remember that Jesus has rescued

us and given us peace.)

- Shield of faith (This helps us believe in God, and trust in him.)
- Helmet of salvation (This helps us believe that we've been rescued.)
- Sword of the spirit (This means his word, the Bible! It helps us brave and know what to do when we're afraid.)

Questions for Preschoolers:

1. What does armor do?
2. Who gives us armor to fight?
3. Why does God give us armor?
4. How does reading your Bible protect you?

Questions for older kids:

1. What helps us defend against the lies of the enemy?
2. What do we do when we've done something wrong?
3. What are we supposed to GO tell people?
4. What else helps us blocks lies?
5. What is our sword? How do we use it?
6. Who wins the battle eventually?

Prayer God, we love you. No matter what comes our way, you make us brave. Help us to put on the Armor of God, and follow you no matter what. Amen

Craft/Coloring/Activities:

Game: (Read the following statements. When they require kids to take a step backwards, make sure you re-read it correctly-see below.)

☐ Be gentle. (forward)

☐ Be patient. (forward)

○ If somebody's different than you, ignore them. (backwards) (We should help and support each other.)

○ Lie. (backwards) (Say: We should speak truth.)

○ Hold a grudge (stay mad for as long as you feel like it). (backwards)--Don't let the sun go down while you are angry.)

○ Don't steal. (forward)

○ Don't say mean things. (forward)

○ Get rid of hatred. (forward)

○ Be kind to each other. (forward)

○ Give thanks for everything. (forward)

○ Obey your parents when you feel like it. (backward)

○ Obey your parents. (forward)

Dress Up: Get creative coming up with an armor costume and post the picture to social media! Make cardboard or cereal box shields, stick or pool noodle swords, bike helmets or beanies for the helmet, shoes, belts, paper bag or t-shirt breastplates, etc. Make a pool noodle sword and have some swordplay :-)



Kid's Prayer

Jesus, today I put on the Helmet of Salvation.

Please protect my mind from bad thoughts and help me to focus on things that are good.

Please protect my eyes and keep them looking up to you.

I put on the Breastplate of Righteousness.

Guard my heart, make everything that comes in or out of my heart good to you. Help my heart be open to you and easily led by the Holy Spirit.

I put on the belt of truth.

Help me love the truth. Love to tell the truth and hear the truth. Lord, make me more like you. Let truth keep me from lies and mistakes.

I put on the gospel shoes of readiness.

Everywhere I go Lord, help me bring peace. Help me be peaceful. Guide what I do and where I go. Prepare me to tell other people about you.

I put on the shield of faith.

Build a strong faith in me. With faith, all things are possible. Protect me from any attacks from the enemy.

I pick up the sword of the spirit.

Put your word in my heart. Lead me and guide me so I am good at all I do. Let your word change my character. Give me boldness and knowledge to love and defend others.

