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F R O M V I C T O R Y

THE THEME

Stand Strong in the Armor of God

MEMORY VERSE

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” - **John 14:6**

CHALLENGE VERSE

“See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!”

- **1 John 3:1a**

JUNE 25 - LIFE APPLICATION

Stand strong persevering in prayer.

Note to Parents

Our current topic is **“Stand Strong in the Armor of God.”** This week, we continue talking about putting on The Armor of God when we are reminded about carrying the Sword of the Spirit, which is God’s Word, but also **persevering in prayer**. Turn to **Ephesians 6:18-20** in your Bible for reference. If you did not go to church on Sunday, you can listen to the sermon online before discussing: momentsofhopecchurch.org/messages

Review

Say: “We are learning about putting on the Armor of God. See if you can finish these phrases for me!”

- Stand wearing the Belt of _____. (Truth)
- Stand wearing the Breastplate of _____. (Righteousness)
- Stand wearing the Shoes of _____. (Peace)
- Stand carrying the Shield of _____ (Faith)
- Stand wearing the Helmet of _____. (Salvation)
- Stand wielding the _____ (Sword of the Spirit) which is the Word of God.

Refer to **Ephesians 6:13-18** if they don’t know the answers.

1. Read **Ephesians 6:18-20**. **What does the Helmet of Salvation do for us?** (*Guards our minds from the lies of the world and the evil one.*) **What is the Sword of the Spirit?** (*It is the Word of God.*) The sword of the Spirit is an offensive weapon where the other pieces of the Armor of God are defensive. Now, we are seeing another offensive weapon that believers can use to fight the enemy: **Prayer**.
2. **Why is it important to know God’s Word, which is the Sword of the Spirit?** (*By memorizing God’s Word we can fight off the evil one and avoid temptation as Jesus did. See **Matthew 4:1-11**.*)
3. Read **Psalms 119:11**. **Why do we need to put God’s word in our hearts?** (*So that we will not sin against Him.*)
4. **Do you know what the word “Perseverance” means?** (*Let your family discuss.*) The dictionary says that perseverance is to “continue to do or achieve something despite difficulties, failure, or opposition.”

Other ways to describe “perseverance:”

- Steadfastness
- Continuing on without ceasing
- Never giving up
- Persistence
- Resolve
- Tenacity
- Practice makes perfect

5. **Where would it help to have perseverance?** *(In sports, in battle, in accomplishing a task, in learning a skill, etc.)*
6. Read **1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**. *“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”*

Why do we need to “Pray without ceasing?” *(Because this is what God in Christ wants us to do!)*

7. **How can persevering in prayer make us victorious?** *(Satan knows the power of prayer and he doesn’t want us to know the power we have in our prayers. When we pray without ceasing, in Jesus’ Name, we are doing battle with the enemy and he cannot win.)*

Knowing the Word of God and persistently praying in the Spirit are our weapons against Satan and all evil things in this world. They must go together: “The Word without the Spirit dries up. The Spirit without the Word puffs up. The Spirit and the Word allow us to grow up.”

8. This week’s message (**verses 18-20**) answers these questions:

- **When should we pray?** At all times.
- **How should we pray?** With all prayer and supplication (supplication means praying with fervor, even “begging” when we pray. Also, with all perseverance, not giving up).
- **For whom would we pray?** All the saints, all Christians everywhere, especially for all who proclaim the gospel, even more so, all those in prison for preaching the gospel around the world.

Prayer empowers all the other pieces of the armor. **How is your prayer life? How often do you pray? Intensely? Persevering? For others? For preachers**

proclaiming the gospel?

FAMILY CHALLENGE

Parents, here are some great articles on helping your children/family grow together in their faith and in prayer:

- www.focusonthefamily.com/parenting/the-gift-of-prayer-ask-seek-knock
- www.focusonthefamily.com/parenting/grow-together-in-faith-with-family-prayer

For Kids: Watch a short video about prayer here:

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S81k0SCzOCY>

PRAYER

Dear God, Thank You for teaching us about the Armor of God in Ephesians 6. Help us to put on the full armor of God every day as we live our lives for you. Help us to know Your Word and to pray with perseverance. We love You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.