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**FROM VICTORY**

## 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**

## MAY 14 - LIFE APPLICATION

**We fight our battles when we Stand in Righteousness!**

## 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**. Turn to **Ephesians 6:13-14** in your Bible for reference. If you did not go to church on Sunday, you can listen to the sermon online before discussing: [momentsofhopechurch.org/messages](http://momentsofhopechurch.org/messages)

1. REVIEW: Last week, we talked about Surrender. **How can we surrender our battles to God?** (*Ask for His help, giving it all to Him and trusting Him.*)
2. We also introduced the Armor of God, starting with the Belt of Truth. Here are some verses on the **importance of truth in our lives:**
  - God is grace and truth - **John 1:12**
  - Truth sets us free - **John 8:32**
  - Jesus is THE truth - **John 14:6**
  - The Holy Spirit in us reveals truth - **John 16:13**
  - God’s Word is truth - **John 17:17**

The belt of truth is what all the rest of the armor of God rests on. Truth holds all of the other pieces together! **Every Christian needs to know God’s truth. Why?** (*So that we can STAND in truth in the battles in our lives!*)

3. In this week’s sermon, we learned about the **Breastplate of Righteousness**. **What do you think it protects?** (*Our most vulnerable organs, especially the heart.*)
4. **What does righteousness mean?** (*Pause for answers.*) It means we know our position with God – we are forgiven, justified, and our identity is in Christ, not in other people. Jesus died so that we could live a full life of righteousness.
5. **How can we live a life of righteousness?** (*Let family members give their thoughts on this.*) Practice righteousness:
  - With right living
  - Obeying God and His will
  - Know that our behavior follows our belief.
6. **If we aren’t acting righteously, what does that say to the world?** (*That our identity is NOT in Jesus but in the things of this world.*)

7. If you know your true identity, you know that:

- You are forgiven
- You are a child of God
- You are divine royalty
- You are a minister
- You are chosen

## FAMILY CHALLENGE

1. Ask each person in your family to write **5 things that identify them** on a piece of paper or index card. Put each person's cards in a basket or bag, and draw them out one at a time. Read them, and then let the others guess who is being described.

2. Now, read the 5 statements concerning our identity in Christ, asking the family to repeat after you:

- "I am forgiven"
- "I am a child of God"
- "I am divine royalty"
- "I am a minister"
- "I am chosen by God"

3. Together, listen to **"Who You Say I Am:"**

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=IcC1Bp13n\\_4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IcC1Bp13n_4)

4. Have each family member **make a poster** using these statements and decorating with markers, paint pens, or whatever they would like.

5. Introduce this month's **memory verse**. Say it together, and challenge your family to memorize the verse during May.

## PRAYER

*Jesus Thank You that because of what You did for us, we can be children of God-forgiven, righteous, princes and princesses, ministers of Your truth, and chosen by You. We want to STAND for You, and we love You! Amen.*