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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 18 - LIFE APPLICATION

Stand strong wielding the Sword of the Spirit.

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 learn about carrying the **Sword of the Spirit, which is God’s Word.** Turn to **Ephesians 6:17** 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

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)

Refer to **Ephesians 6:13-17** if they don’t know the answers.

Then read **Ephesians 6:17b: “...and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God”**

1. Look at the list above. **Are all of these parts of the Armor of God meant for DEFENSE (to protect) or OFFENSE (to fight)?** *(All of the above are meant to protect ourselves.)*
2. This week we will talk about the Sword of the Spirit. **Does it have a different purpose?** *(You can fight with the sword!)* **What is the sword we are fighting with?** *(See the scripture passage, Ephesians 6:17a – it is the Word of God.)*
3. A swordsman has to be ready to fight. **How can he be ready?** *(By knowing who the enemy is and by practicing with his weapon, which is the Sword of the Spirit, the Word of God.)*
4. **Who is our enemy?** *(Satan, the devil. He is scheming all the time to take away our confidence, our hope and our faith, and to destroy those who believe in Jesus.)*
5. **What does the word “wield” mean?** *(To hold and be ready to use with*

power.) **How can we “sharpen our swords” so that we are ready to wield our weapon to fight the evil one?**

- *Know God’s Word and how it fits together in perfect unity*
- *Read God’s Word regularly, daily*
- *Memorize God’s Word so that you can quote it WHEN (not if) the enemy attacks. That’s what Jesus did with the enemy. (Matthew 4:1-11)*

FAMILY CHALLENGE

1. On Father’s Day, please be sure and **say words of appreciation to dads and granddads**. Tell them you love them and what you love about them. Tell them the important place they have in your lives. Make cards with heartfelt words of thankfulness for them!
2. **Thank your heavenly father as well**. He loves you and cares for you in so many ways, and he has made a place for you in His forever family!
3. Choose a passage of scripture to read and discuss each day together. Make it a priority in the life of your family, and a way to build character and strength in all of you.
4. Always **have a verse or two put up around the house** that your family will see and memorize. Say scripture together before a family meal or in the car!
5. Always discuss how scripture works together. Even in the Old Testament, there are many passages that point to Jesus! Train yourself and your kids to look for ways the Bible corroborates (confirms, agrees with, or gives support to) itself.
6. Let your kids “catch” you reading your Bible.

PRAYER

Jesus, We love You and want to honor You in the way we live our lives. Help us to know Your word so that we are able to show truth to others and also fight the enemy who wants to make us weak. We know we can be strong by knowing You and spending time in Your Word! In Your Name we pray, Amen.