

Lesson: The Armor of God: Shield of Faith

Ephesians 6:10-12, 16; Genesis 6-9; Hebrews 11:7

Sunday, March 22, 2020

TALK-ABOUT VIDEO - TALK-ABOUT ARMOR

Discuss and Watch “Noah’s Ark”

Say: **We’re learning that we fight evil with faith. Noah had to have faith that what God said would happen *would* really happen. Let’s see what happened to Noah.**

Watch: “Noah’s Ark” teaching video (watch or download [here](#))

Say: **Noah had to have faith in God. He had to trust God that it really would flood. He had to build an ark just like God said to. He had to trust God to gather all the animals for the ark! And he had to have faith that the scary animals wouldn’t hurt him. We fight evil with faith when we believe God will do what he says.**

Talk About It

Say: **In the Bible, God told a man named Noah that it was going to flood. Here’s what he said.**

Read Genesis 6:11-14.

Say: **God went on to describe more details about building the boat (which was called the “ark”) and about gathering the animals.**

Ask: • **Tell about a time you experienced a lot of rain or even a flood.** Share your own story first. Depending on your geographical area, you could also discuss other major weather phenomena like blizzards, hurricanes, or tornadoes.

Say: **If you heard on the news that severe weather was coming, it probably wouldn’t be that hard to believe. It’s happened before. But listen to this.** Read Hebrews 11:7.

Ask: • **Why do you think Noah believed God even though what God said would happen had never happened before?**

Say: **Earlier I told you *our* room was going to flood, even though that’s never happened before. And I was wrong.**

Ask: • **How do you think Noah would’ve felt if he built the boat and the flood never happened?**

• **How do you think other people would’ve treated Noah?**

Say: **The world around Noah was full of evil people. Maybe some of them questioned his belief in God; we don’t know. But we *do* know that Noah had faith, and we fight evil with faith.**

And unlike my prediction of a flood, what God said would happen really happened.

Read Genesis 7:6-10.

Say: **Noah and his family were on the ark with the animals for a *long* time. It rained for 40 days and 40 nights, and then they had to wait a lot longer for the waters to go back down. It’s a good thing Noah had faith and believed what God said would happen. His faith saved him and his family!**

Make It Personal

Say: **We fight evil with faith. *Faith* means believing that God is who he says he is and he’ll do what he says he’ll do.**

Maybe there are people who are trying to tear down your faith and make you doubt God. Or maybe you just have some doubts in your mind. That’s because we’re in a battle.

Read Ephesians 6:10-12.

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Ask: • **Share some doubts you have or some things you *do* believe about God that other people make fun of you for.** Share your own examples first.

Say: **Our battle is not against flesh and blood; it's against unseen powers that want us to lose our faith. But don't worry, we have awesome armor to defend our faith against the doubts that creep in!**

Read Ephesians 6:16.

Have each child hold up a hand in a "stop" gesture.

Say: **Holding up your hand like that looks like you've got a shield. But it *also* means "stop."** When doubts fill your mind or when other people make fun of you for having faith, hold up your shield to say "Stop!" Remember, **we fight evil with faith.**

Watch: God's Story: Armor of God by Crossroads Kids Club

CRAFT

Supplies

- poster board or flattened cardboard boxes
- scissors
- duct tape

Build a Boat

Say: **Today we're learning about faith, which is kind of like another word for trust. And I have a weird feeling something that's *never* happened in our class is going to happen today. Do you trust me?** Pause.

Say: **Here's what I think is going to happen. I think it's going to flood right here in our classroom! *And* I think it's our job to save a bunch of animals! So what we need to do is build a boat. Then we'll call the animals, and I feel like they're going to come just before it starts raining. Do you still trust me?** Pause.

Have kids work together to use poster board or cardboard to make a boat. They can duct tape the pieces together in a boat shape that's big enough for all the kids to get in.

LIFE APPLICATION WRAP-UP

Commit to Faith

Say: **Let's commit to fighting evil with faith! I'll name some things that the enemy could do to try to hurt our faith, and you'll respond to each one with our point: We fight evil with faith. As you respond, hold out your hand like a shield.**

Read the following sentences, having kids respond after each one.

- **When people try to tear down our faith...**
- **When people tell us God isn't real...**
- **When people say Christians are stupid...**
- **When we can't understand God...**
- **When difficult times come...**
- **When we can't see God at work...**
- **No matter what happens...**

Pray: God, we're committed to trusting you and holding on to our shields of faith. In Jesus' name, amen.



MUSIC VIDEO

- "Stand Strong" (watch [here](#))
- "There's Power in the Blood" (watch [here](#))
- "All Authority" (Romans 13:1) (watch [here](#))



TAKE-HOME

"Dig In @ Home" handout (download [here](#))