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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**

MAY 28 - LIFE APPLICATION

Stand strong carrying the Shield of Faith

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 **Shield of Faith**. Turn to **Ephesians 6:16** in your Bible for reference. If you did not go to church on Sunday, you can listen to the sermon online before discussing:

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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)

Refer to **Ephesians 6:13-15** if they don’t know the answers.

1. Say: “Today, we will talk about the next piece of the Armor of God and how we can Stand carrying the Shield of Faith.” Read **Ephesians 6:16** together.
2. **What is the purpose of a soldier?** (Let family give their opinions.) A soldier is there to protect us. He or she has to be ready at all times to go into battle and fight. But, soldiers also need to protect themselves. That is what the breastplate is for – to protect the soldier’s upper body – their heart, lungs, and other organs. Today, we will learn about the shield. **Can anyone draw a picture of a shield for me?**
3. Here is some information about the kind of shields that soldiers wore in the time when Paul wrote about the armor of God: The shield is large enough to protect the whole body – about 5 feet long by 2 ½ feet wide. It could protect them from arrows, swords, or even fiery darts that the enemy could use to hurt them.
4. We are Christians, and we are supposed to be **READY** at all times against the enemy. **Who is our enemy?** (Satan, the devil.) **How does he attack us?** (He causes us to doubt- to not believe God is for us. He causes us to be weak, afraid, and anxious.)
5. In **Ephesians 6:16** Paul said to carry the Shield of Faith “in all circumstances” to protect ourselves. **When do we need our faith?** (Every day, in every way,

*all the time.) **What is faith?** (Believing in God's character – that He is good, and kind, that He loves us, and He will always be with us as He promised.)*

6. Satan doesn't want us to have faith and trust in God, but God promises in His word that He will never leave us, and we can trust His character. Read:
 - **Exodus 34:6** – “The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness...”
 - **Matthew 28:20b** – “And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”
 - And, in **Genesis 50:20**, remember what Joseph said to his brothers about the way they had treated him! *“As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today.”*
7. Joseph persevered with faith because he trusted that God was with him no matter what, and that He would make good out of the bad things that had happened to him. Because of Joseph's faithfulness, many were saved!
8. Words for you from David Chadwick:

“Just stay behind the shield of faith. Don't let the evil one's fiery darts destroy your faith. He has been defeated. And since it's Memorial Day weekend, remember: A time that God protected you. Came through for you. If he does it once, he can do it again. And make sure you thank him for his goodness to you.”

FAMILY CHALLENGE

Ask your family members to **remember a time when they knew God was with them and that He “came through” for them.** Thank Him for the many ways He cares for us and is there for us. Draw a picture of a shield on poster board and have your kids decorate it, or each decorate their own.

Listen to “Goodness of God” together: www.youtube.com/watch?v=n3t6CdeiN1M

PRAYER

God, we know that You love us. We know that You are good, and kind. We know that You will always be with us, and that You are FOR us! We love You and have faith in You. In Jesus' name, Amen.