

ALLEY SG- May 20/21

Bible Story: Armor of God • *Ephesians 6:10-18*

Bottom Line: God gives you what you need to keep going.

Memory Verse: “Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” Galatians 6:9 (*NIV*)

Life App: Determination—deciding it’s worth it to finish what you started.

Armor of God

What You Need: Silver Crepe Paper (1 roll per bin per service), Shoe Covers (1 set per bin plus extra), Karate Belt (1 per bin) pool noodles (1 per bin), hat (1 per bin), Frisbee (1 per bin), Bibles (campus supplies),

What You Do:

- Read Ephesians 6:10-18 (or let a volunteer read it to the group)
- Once you’re finished, select one kid to be the warrior, other kids will dress him with items
- Go back to Ephesians 6:10–18 and go through every piece of armor as the kids dress the warrior – talk about the meaning of each piece:
 - Belt of Truth (karate belt around waist): Know God’s truth
 - Breastplate of Righteousness (Crepe Paper around chest): Do what we know to be right
 - Good News of Peace (Shoe Covers on feet): Be ready to tell others about Jesus
 - Shield of Faith: (Frisbee) Believe that Jesus will do what He says He will do
 - Helmet of Salvation: (Hat) Protect our minds from bad or evil thoughts
 - Sword of the Spirit: (pool noodle) Know and use God’s Word

What You Say:

- Do you think our warrior would do well in battle?
- What are some of the qualities that a soldier must have to defeat their enemy? (*Right training, strength, and right equipment*).
- The “armor of God” is the spiritual armor, what are some of the things that it’s supposed to protect us from? (*Trouble, spiritual forces, other forces*).
- If we have God’s armor, that means God protects us. Does that affect your determination?
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Back-to-Back

What You Need: No Supplies

What You Do:

- Have each kid find a partner/put kids in pairs. They will sit back-to-back and will work together to stand up without using their hands.
- They can do this by locking their arms and pushing their weight against each other’s backs and pushing themselves up.
- Encourage them to try and if they succeed have them try to do it again with another partner and see what happens.

What You Say:

- How many of you have ever done this before? Were you determined to finish?
- What is something that you have done that is more difficult than this?
- What difference do you think God's armor makes in this situation?
- How do you "put on" God's armor? (*by trusting him*).
- What might be something this week that you will need God's armor for?
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Pray

What You Need: No supplies

What You Do:

- Ask kids where they think they might need the armor of God. Maybe it's the helmet of salvation because they don't think they are as awesome as God says they are. Maybe it's the breastplate of righteousness because they need to know what to do in a given situation.
- Pray that God will give you the power to do those things.

Extra Activity

Memory Verse Relay

What You Need: 2 sets of "Memory Verse" cards (per bin), Bibles (campus supplies)

What You Do:

- Have kids split into two teams.
- Scatter the cards on the other side of the room. Have the kids race to get the memory cards as fast as they can.
- Once they have all the cards, have them open their Bibles and look up the Bible Verse. (look below for instructions of how to look up a verse).
- The first team to put the verse together wins the game.
 - Feel free to time the kids to see who can get the verse in order first.
- Once you are finished ask these following questions.

What You Say:

- What words in our verse pop out to you?
- How do you think we stay determined to share the gospel with others?
- Do you think God is using you to be determined about something? If so, what?
- What is something you can do this week to keep going?
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