

UNIT 6: THE PROMISE OF HEAVEN

LESSON 29 ~ AT A GLANCE

AGES 8-11

LETTERS ABOUT STRENGTH

LESSON AIM: TO LEARN WHAT IT MEANS TO CHOOSE TO WEAR THE PROTECTIVE ARMOR OF GOD AND BE STRONG IN THE LORD AS EXPLAINED IN THE LETTERS IN THE BIBLE.

PRESET

- Getting Started—Floor tape or chalk, four chairs
- Scripture Reading—Psalm 28:7
- *Bible Memory Verse Song—“New Testament Overture” and other related music
- *Worship Illustration or Storybook Lesson 29
- Golden Bowl—pencils & note cards
- Bibles, highlighters
- Mailbag—see Teacher’s Guide for details
- *Daily Way Lesson 29
- Treasure Treat—*Today’s New Testament Postcard with a stamp or sticker of armor: shield, sword, helmet, etc.

*Available for download at www.childrensministrywarehouse.net.

NOTES

5. GOT TIME?

SNACK: SHEILD OF FAITH CRACKERS

GAME: ARMOR RACE

CRAFT: CARE PACKAGE—ARMOR OF GOD FOR ALL

DISCUSSION: GOT TIME? LETTER—1 CORINTHIANS 15:58

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: LIGHT MY PATH, NEXT BOOK, THE BIBLE IS HOT! HOT! HOT!, ALL GOD’S WORD

1. THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: “Which superhero has the best costume?”

GETTING STARTED: RACE FOR THE MESSAGE

2. THE WORSHIP THE SPIRIT WHO SHOWS US

Scripture Reading: Psalm 28:7

Bless and collect the offering. Sing songs and worship God.

Perform Worship Illustration or read Storybook.

3. THE WORD PAUL TELLS THE EPHESIANS TO PUT ON THE ARMOR OF GOD

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: In our weakness, God’s power is clearly seen by others.

Mailbag: Ephesians 6:10-11, 14-18 and 1 Peter 5:8-10.

Find It First! Highlight Key Verse: Ephesians 6:11. Pray.

4. THE WAY PEN PAL LETTER: WE CAN PUT ON THE ARMOR OF GOD

> Paul had seen plenty of Roman soldiers and must have noticed the armor they wore as protection from the weapons of their enemies.

> Believers have an enemy. It is Satan. He wants us to feel discouraged and alone and to give up hope in hard times. But God wants us to stand our ground.

? What did Paul say would help the hearts of believers be strong in the Lord? (To put on the armor of God every day.)

> Do activity using mailbag supplies. Discuss the different pieces of the armor of God as part of the activity. (Belt of Truth, Breastplate of Righteousness, Shoes of the Gospel, Shield of Faith, Helmet of Salvation, Sword of the Spirit.)

> God has always helped us stand our ground against the enemy.

CHRIST CONNECTION> 2 Chronicles 20:17

> Over 800 years before Paul told the Ephesians to stand their ground against the devil, God told King Jehoshaphat to stand his ground and watch God defeat the enemy. (Read 2 Chronicles 20:17.)

THE GOLDEN BOWL> Pray for individual names and the Lord’s Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES>

- TREASURE TREAT: New Testament Postcard about strength with a stamp or sticker of armor: shield, sword, helmet, etc.
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- OFFERING OF ART: Yourself wearing the armor of God
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

