

City SG—July 17th-19th, 2021

Today's Bible Story: Stand and Deliver (Armor of God) • *Ephesians 6:10-17*

Today's Bottom Line: Use what God has given you to stand strong.

Monthly Memory Verse: God began a good work in you. And I am sure that he will carry it on until it is completed. That will be on the day Christ Jesus returns. *Philippians 1:6 (NirV)*

Ice-Breaker Video: Marble Race 4

NOTE: Video will play where 4 Marbles will race down a track until a winner is declared. Play the video to begin your Time together and to get the kids energized and excited before worship..

Keep the energy high by encouraging kids to cheer on their Marble of Choice

WORSHIP: We are Royals and Look to You

"Hello, everyone! I'm so glad to be here with you, and to share something from a letter written by the apostle Paul. (*Hold up Bible.*)

"Paul's story is pretty amazing because he started out as someone who tried to stop people from believing in Jesus. Then Paul had an experience with Jesus that changed his mind completely! Paul became a follower of Jesus. In fact, he spent the rest of his life telling people ABOUT Jesus.

"Paul actually wrote the letter we're about to read while he was under house arrest in Rome. He was arrested because people didn't like the way he was sharing the good news about Jesus. Paul wasn't free to travel, but he kept sharing God's truth with everyone who visited. He wrote letters to encourage people in different churches and help them understand how they could follow Jesus, too.

"Here's what Paul wrote, near the end of his letter to the Ephesians.

Open the Bible to Ephesians 6:10-11 (NirV) and read.

"Finally, let the Lord make you strong. Depend on his mighty power. Put on all of God's armor. Then you can remain strong against the devil's evil plans.

"As a prisoner, Paul would have been familiar with Roman armor. He knew that dressed in full armor, a Roman soldier was ready to face any attack. So, Paul was encouraging followers of Jesus to put on what he called 'God's armor.'

"To show you what I mean, let's take a look at this week's video!"

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 10:00)

“We can live with confidence when we remember to put on all of God’s armor.

“The belt of truth . . . the armor of godliness on your chest . . . the good news of peace on your feet . . . the shield of faith . . . the helmet of salvation . . . and the sword of the Holy Spirit, which is God’s Word.

“Then, as Paul says, ‘*you will be able to stand up to anything.*’ (Ephesians 6:13, NIV)

“We may not be wearing ACTUAL armor. But God has given us all these things so that we can stand strong: truth, godliness, peace, faith, salvation, and God’s Word.

“Here’s what we need to remember.

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] “Use what God has given you to stand strong.

“Let’s pray.”

PRAY: “God, thank You for giving Paul the words to tell us about Your armor—the things that You’ve given us that will help us stand strong. Help us remember what’s true. Help us put our faith in You. Help us live with confidence each day because we know that You’re with us and You’ll never leave us. Thank You for loving us and protecting us every day. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

“The belt of truth . . . the armor of godliness . . . the good news of peace . . . the shield of faith . . . the helmet of salvation . . . and the sword of the Holy Spirit, God’s Word.

“Now, remember, Paul wasn’t talking about ACTUAL armor that you put on. He was talking about GOD’S armor. These are the things that God has given us that will help us stand strong—things like truth, faith, and salvation.

“Remember . . .

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] “Use what God has given you to stand strong.

“When you feel badly about something you’ve done wrong, don’t worry! Put on the helmet of salvation. (*Point to your head.*) Remember that God will always forgive you.

“When you think things that you know aren’t true, fight back with the sword of God’s Word—like our memory verse. (*Swipe with an air sword.*)

SLIDE: Memory Verse

“*Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus, Philippians 1:6. (NIV)*

(Swipe again with the air sword.) “That’s right! God is still working in me. **I can trust Him no matter what.** Take that!

“In Small Group, you’ll get to talk some more about what it means to put on God’s armor and stand strong!”

OFFERING:

Here in Parkview Kids, we bring our offering each week to help support (your Campus Child) learn more about Jesus just like we do here in Parkview Kids. Here’s a picture of (your Campus Child)! If you brought your offering, you can bring it up now while this video plays and we dismiss to Small Groups.

Orland Park: Michael and Valeri
New Lenox: Daniel
Homer Glen: Victor

CG: One Thing Video (Runtime: 4:00)

Dismiss kids to their small groups.