

July Week 3

Press Play

July 17-19

# CRAFT WEEK 3

## *Armor of God*

**SUPPLIES:** Soldier paper, pieces of armor, crayons, glue sticks

### What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Gather children at the table and pass out soldier paper and crayons.**

- *“Friends! Today we learned about the armor of God. Today we are going to dress our soldiers in their armor to keep them protected! First, let’s color our soldiers.*

⇒ **Pass out pieces of armor and glue sticks.**

- **Helmet**

- *Everybody find your helmet! What does a helmet do? It protects your head. Pretend to put your helmet on your head. When we remember that Jesus is our friend forever, it’s like we put on a helmet that protects our head. Let’s glue the helmet on.*

- **Breastplate**

- *What does the soldier have on his chest? (Pause.) It’s his breastplate. Pretend to put on your breastplate. (Pause.) God says that when we choose to go His way, it’s like we wear a breastplate to protect our heart. Let’s glue on the breastplate.*

- **Shield**

- *“What is the soldier wearing on his arm? (Pause.) Exactly! A shield! Pretend to hold your shield. (Pause.) God says that when we trust Him, it’s like we hold up a shield to keep us from getting hurt. Let’s glue on the shield.*

- **Bible**

- *Last is the Bible. The Bible is God’s Word. When we read God’s Word, it teaches us how to go God’s way. Let’s glue on the Bible.*

⇒ **Complete activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus**

- *“With the armor of God, we can always remember that Jesus is our friend, God’s way is perfect, and to always trust God. We can trust God and go His way because God’s way is the best way!*
- ***Who can trust God? I can trust God.*”**

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# CRAFT WEEK 4

*God Loves Me Emotions and Places*

**SUPPLIES:** Emotions and Places page, crayons, strips of 9 heart stickers

## What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Have children join you at the table and pass out emoticons and places page and crayons.**

- *“Today we heard a true story from the bible about how much God loves you! I have a fun way for us to talk about it!*
- *First, I want you to color the pictures you see on the page.”*

⇒ **When kids are done coloring, pass out sticker strips.**

- *“In our Bible story, we learned that nothing will ever, EVER separate us from God’s love. Look at these pictures you just colored. Let’s go through these pictures, and if God loves you when we get to that picture, you can put a heart sticker on it. (Give each child heart stickers.)*
  - *“Does God love you when you’re [emotion/place]. Yes! No matter where you go or what you do, God will never stop loving you! So put a heart sticker on [emotion/place].”*  
*(Continue with each picture.)*

⇒ **Complete craft and Bring it Back to Jesus**

- *“We can trust God because He will never, ever, ever stop loving us. [Child’s name] can trust God. [Child’s name] can trust God.*
- ***Who can trust God?***
- ***I can trust God!”***

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# ACTIVITY #1

## *Memory Verse Heart Walk*

**SUPPLIES:** Large cardstock circles and hearts, CD Player, worship CD

**SET-UP:** Tape the hearts and circles in a circle on the floor. Make sure there are enough to have one per child.

### What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Guide children to the circle and have each one stand on top of a shape.**
  - *“Friends, do you see this heart and circle path? Let’s walk around the path as the music plays. When the music stops, everyone FREEZE! Ready? Let’s walk!”*
- ⇒ **Turn the music on and encourage children to walk around the circle. Pause Music.**
  - *“Everyone freeze! Raise your hand if you’re standing on a heart. Great! If you’re standing on a heart, say the memory verse and do the motions with me.”*
    - **“Trust in the Lord with all your heart.” Proverbs 3:5**
  - *Nice job! Let’s start the music and keep walking!*
- ⇒ **Complete the activity and Bring it Back to Jesus.**
  - *Great job, friends! This verse reminds us to trust in the Lord with ALL of our heart! We can always trust God because He LOVES us!*
  - **Who can trust God?**
  - **I can trust God!**

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## **ACTIVITY #2**

### *Places We Go, Week 3*

**SUPPLIES:** Places we go pictures, wall tape

**SET-UP:** tape the places pictures to the walls around the room

### **What You DO and SAY:**

⇒ **Invite children to join you by the first picture.**

- *“Today in our true Bible story we learned that we can put on the full armor of God to help protect us wherever we go!*

⇒ **Discuss putting on your armor no matter where you are.**

- Doctor's Office
  - *Here we are at the Doctor's Office! Let's get suited up in our armor! Let's all pretend to put on our armor. Helmets on! Breastplate on! Now hold up your pretend shield and Bible! We are ready!!*
  - *Who can trust God? I can trust God!”*

⇒ **Repeat the same type of script at each place you arrive.**

- *Beach*
- *Our Bedroom*
- *The Park*
- *In the Drive-Through*
- *In Our Kitchen*
- *In Nature*

⇒ **Repeat activity as long as kids are interested and Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *Great job, friends! No matter where you go you can put on the full armor of God. And when we are armored up we know we can trust God!*
- ***Who can trust God?***
- ***I can trust God!***

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**SUPPLIES:** Places we go pictures, wall tape

**SET-UP:** tape the places pictures to the walls around the room

### **What You DO and SAY:**

⇒ **Invite children to join you by the first picture.**

- *“Today in our true Bible story we learned that NOTHING can ever separate us from God’s love!”*

⇒ **Discuss putting on your armor no matter where you are.**

○ Doctor’s Office

- *Here we are at the Doctor’s Office! Friends, let me ask you a question. Does God love you when you are at the Doctor’s Office? YES! Can you ever be separated from God’s love? NO!*
- *Who can trust God? I can trust God!”*

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⇒ **Repeat activity as long as kids are interested and Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *Great job, friends! No matter where you go you will ALWAYS have God’s love with you. God loves us and we can trust him!*
- ***Who can trust God?***
- ***I can trust God!***

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## ACTIVITY #3 (WEEK 3 ONLY)

### *Aluminum Armor*

**SUPPLIES:** Cardboard shield, rolls of aluminum foil, Bible

#### **What You DO and SAY:**

- ⇒ **This activity can be done from spots at the table or in the center of the room.**
  - *“Friends, today in our true bible story we heard about a very special armor called the armor of God. It’s kind of like what a soldier wore a long time ago when they would go off to battle. It protects them and keeps them safe – just like God does for us! Let’s use this aluminum foil to make some pretend armor together.”*
- ⇒ **Assemble the armor either on yourself or on another volunteer while you give the instructions.**
  - **Helmet:** *Let’s start with a helmet. I am going to rip some aluminum foil off and I need a few helpers to help me form it into a helmet. Thank you friends this is perfect! When we trust that God loves us so much He sent Jesus to be our friend forever, it’s like wearing a helmet to protect us.*
  - **Breastplate:** *Next, we are going to make something called a breast plate. It covers your chest. Will you help me form it on my body like a shirt? When we trust God and go His way, it’s like wearing a breastplate to protect us!*
  - **Shield:** *(Hold us the cardboard shield) Let’s use this for our shield. Will you help me cover it in aluminum foil? When we trust God, it’s like holding up a shield to protect us from danger.*
  - **Bible:** *And this is the Bible! The Bible is like a sword. When we trust God and follow what He says, it helps us battles what is wrong and do what is right!*
- ⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**
  - *“When we trust God, He gives us a special armor to protect us. It’s not the armor we wear like clothes. It’s a very special armor that protects us when we trust God and go His way. Tell me, who can trust in God?*
  - ***I can trust in God!*”**

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# ACTIVITY #3 (WEEK 3 ONLY)

## *God Loves Me!*

**SUPPLIES:** Large sheet of Butcher Paper taped to the wall, marker, heart stickers

### What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have children join you on the floor in front of the paper taped to the wall. At the top of the paper write “God loves...”**
  - *“Friends, today we learned that we can trust God because he loves us SO much. In fact, he loves us so very much that nothing can ever separate us from him.*
  - *Today I want to do something to remind us how much God loves us. Right here I wrote the words, “God loves...” and now I want to write every person’s name.*
  
- ⇒ **Give each child a heart sticker and have them place it next to their name.**
  - *“When I write you name, I want you to come up and place your heart sticker right next to it. This will remind us how much God loves us!*
  - *When you place the sticker, I want you to say, “God loves me!”*
  
- ⇒ **Repeat until every child has placed their sticker.**
  
- ⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**
  - *“Great job! All of the hearts are on the paper, and they will not come off. They will not separate, just like we can never separate from God’s love! God loves us and we can always trust Him!*
  - ***Who can trust in God?***
  - ***I can trust in God!”***

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**READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY**  
**JULY WEEK 3**

**SANITIZE HANDS AND PASS OUT MOON SAND**

**READ**

⇒ How Much Does God Love You? by Michelle Medlock Adams

**REVIEW** *(You may choose to pass out stickers as kids answer!)*

⇒ Key Question and Bottom Line

- **Who can trust God?**
- **I can trust God!**

⇒ Memory Verse

- **“Trust in the Lord with all your heart.” Proverbs 3:5**

**CONNECT IT AND PRAY** (use bag slips)

*CONNECT IT QUESTION: What is one thing that protects you and keeps you safe?*

⇒ “Today, we’ll make a list of things that protect us and help keep us safe. Maybe it’s wearing your seatbelt in a car, holding a grown-up’s hand when you cross the street, wearing a helmet when you ride your bike, brushing your teeth, wearing a jacket in the cold, wearing a life jacket in water . . . there are lots of things that protect us and keep us safe. So think about it, and when I say your name, **tell me one thing that protects you and keeps you safe**, and I will write it down.

- *Have each child share and write the ideas down on the board/paper/bag.*

⇒ I’ll add one more thing! Trusting God and going His way is like armor that protects us! Let’s fold our hands and bow our heads and **pray**:

- *“Dear God, thank You for all of the things we have that protect us from getting hurt. Things like (read the list the children made). Most of all, thank You for the special armor You give us when we trust You and go Your way. I pray that (name each child) will trust You with all of their heart so they can stand strong. We love You, God. In Jesus’ name, amen.”*



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**JULY WEEK 4**

**SANITIZE HANDS AND PASS OUT MOON SAND**

*Supplies: Moon sand, rollers/cutters, stickers, Connect it Question Bag Slips*

**READ**

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⇒ Key Question and Bottom Line

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**CONNECT IT AND PRAY**

*CONNECT IT QUESTION: Who does God Love?*

⇒ “Today, I am going to write down each person’s name for our question. I am going to say **“Who does God love?”** You can say, “God loves me!” Then I will write your name down! God loves you SO much and you can trust God! So when I call your name, make sure you shout out ME!

- *Have each child share and write the ideas down on the board/paper.*

⇒ “I hope we always trust God and remember that nothing will ever separate us from His amazing love. Let’s fold our hands and bow our heads and **pray**:

- *“Dear God, thank You for Your amazing love. Your love is bigger than anything we will ever do and any place we will ever go. Nothing will ever separate us from Your love! Thank You for loving (name each child). I pray we will always trust You and believe in how much You love us. We love You, God. In Jesus’ name, amen.”*