

The Shield of Faith

Summer Key Passage: "Put on the full armor of God... so that you can stand strong." Ephesians 6:13 (paraphrased)

Today's Story Point: Faith acts as a shield against evil.

Today's Bible Passage: "In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one." Ephesians 6:16

BEFORE THE SERVICE:

- Be sure the music is playing as kids arrive.
 - Set out today's Coloring Page and some crayons at the tables.
 - Review the activities to make sure you're prepared for the day.
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LEADER PREP: _____

It's a fact of life that our faith will be tested. There WILL be battles with the enemy. And the battlefield can just as easily be a child's playground, school bus or cafeteria as it can be any adult forum. The Bible not only acknowledges that we will face battles, but it also provides us with the tools we need in order to win.

One of those tools is the shield of faith. Faith helps us hold up under pressure. It helps us recall times when God has helped us in the past, and gives us assurance that He will be there for us in the future. Faith can bring to mind Bible passages that will encourage and renew our hearts and minds. Faith can ultimately block the arrows Satan throws at us. By remaining firm in our faith we can thwart Satan and emerge victorious. Use this lesson to instill in kids the confidence that THEIR faith can hold firm - that they, too, can be victorious in battle.

WELCOME:

- Greet kids at the door, take their temperature, and then add their names to the Check-in Sheet.
- Have a few bins of toys out for kids to play as they enter the room
- Feel free to play music on the TV as kids are playing if you'd like.

Coloring Page

NO PREP

Have children color the "Job" coloring page.

SAY • Today we will learn about a man named Job who was faithful to God in spite of some really hard things that happened to him. Though those hard times, his **faith acted like a shield against evil.**

LARGE GROUP TIME

WORSHIP TIME:

Choose 2-3 songs to play on the TV. Invite the kids to stand and sing, and if you know the motions you can do them with the kids. When worship is done, have them sit back down on their circle dot.

TELL THE STORY:

Tell the children to sit cross-legged and listen quietly as you read today's story.

Say the Bible is God's words. Open your Bible and tell the story.

SAY • The story of Job will be an example to remember the next time you are facing something hard in your life.

Job's Faith

1:1-8:10

There was a man named Job who was very rich and had a big family, lots of animals and a big household. Job was honest and loved and served God. One day, Satan told God that the only reason Job was faithful was because he had so much and he had an easy life. So, God told Satan that he could do anything to Job, except lay a hand on him.

Many bad things started to happen to Job: his animals dies, his servants died and eventually all of his children got killed too. Satan even caused painful sores to go all over Job's body, and he lost almost everything he had.

Job was devastated, he fell to the ground and said, "The Lord gives and He takes away, blessed be the name of the Lord." No, Job didn't get angry and shout at God for his misery! Job did not blame God!

He could have turned away from God and given up, but instead he kept trusting God, even though he grieved and suffered. **Job's faith acted like a shield against evil**, and God wants us to have faith like that too, so we can be protected from evil as well.

REPEAT THE MEMORY PASSAGE:

If you would like, create simple hand motions for words of the summer key passage. Invite the children to repeat the motions as you say the key passage.

PRAYER:

SAY • Let's close our eyes to pray. Why do we pray?
(Answer: To open our hearts to God and talk to Him!)
Remind the children that we can talk to God anytime and anywhere because He cares for us. Invite them to take turns talking to God. Ask the children to close their eyes, fold their hands and bow their heads and then lead your group in prayer.



ACTIVITIES

Choose one or more of the following activities to do with the class for the rest of the service.

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<p>Have children color and decorate the shield of faith.</p> <p>SAY • A shield is a safe place to hide behind. The Bible tells us that our faith is our shield to protect us from the flaming arrows that Satan throws at us, just like the story we heard about Job today.</p>	<p>Spread out a parachute and guide the children to spread out around it. Place a lightweight ball in the middle of the parachute and invite the kids to hold on tightly to the edge. Choose two children beside each other and lead the group to work together to make the ball fall off the parachute between those two kids. When the ball falls off, put it back on and try to make it fall off between two different children.</p> <p>SAY • Keeping a ball under control on a parachute is challenging! Today we learned about a man who could not control what was happening to him. His name was Job. Job learned that his faith acted like a shield against evil, and his faith helped him remain trusting in the Lord.</p>

DISMISSAL

- As parents begin to arrive, open the door and have one leader stand just inside the classroom door with the attendance sheet.
- Take the parent's security sticker and call for their child to be brought to the door.
- Check to make sure the security codes match and remove the sticker from the child's back.
- Carefully hand the child to their parent, along with their diaper bags if they brought one, and thank them for coming to Loop Kids today!

Note: If a parent lost their security sticker, send them to the check-in desk for approval. Never allow a child to go to a parent unless they have the security stickers.

LOOP KIDS LEADER CLEANING GUIDELINES

Immediately after each service, please do the following:

- Please spray and wipe down the following areas.
 - Door knobs (both sides), Light switches, Hand Sanitizer Dispenser, Remote Controls,
 - Tables and Chairs (spray and let air dry)
 - Large Stationary items like Play Structures, Train Tables, Baby Swings or Changing Tables (spray and let air dry)
 - Any other surfaces touched during the service.
- Please put all toys that were used in your service in the same bin that you got them from (9am service toys back in 9am service bins, etc). If you noticed a child with a toy in their mouth during the service, please place it in the dirty bin for extra cleaning.