No Fear!

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

Today's Story Point: God is most powerful.

Today's Bible Passage: "Finally, be strong in the Lord and His mighty power." Ephesians 6:10

BEFORE THE SERVICE:

- Be sure 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.

LEADER PREP:

The first step in exploring the spiritual armor God provides to believers is to acknowledge that we face spiritual enemies. Satan and the spiritual forces that fight against God are real and powerful. When we face our own inadequacy for battle, we understand our need for a Champion who will fight for us and protect us. We recognize our dependence on the armor God provides.

Talking about Satan's threats and our vulnerability can make both children and adults feel anxious. But instead of minimizing the enemy - **maximize God!** Vividly portray His awesome power. Help kids experience God's protective love that surrounds them. As kids trust God and learn to wear the armor He provides, they will discover that no enemy is too great for God. Celebrate with kids that the battle has already been won by Jesus!

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:

Invite kids to color today's coloring page. Point out to them that the boy and the girl are both wearing armor. Ask kids if they can identify any type of armor that the boy and girl are wearing.

SAY • Today we will learn about how **God is most powerful** and protects us by giving us a spiritual armor so that we do not have to be afraid.

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.

If you have one, hold up a Bible and say the Bible is God's Word. Then tell them that you're going to read a story from the Bible and share with them the following story.

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Mark 4:35-41

Jesus and his friends were in a boat when Jesus fell asleep.

A terrible thunderstorm came up and the disciples were very afraid they would drown. Jesus woke up, looked around and calmly said "Quiet waves, hush wind".

The storm stopped and everything got very still. Jesus stopped the storm! He is someone special!

God is most powerful and we do not have to be afraid.

REPEAT THE KEY 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.

Game: How scared are you?	
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Before class, make two signs. One should say "Not scared at all" with a happy face on it and the other should say "Very Scared" with a sad face. Post signs on opposite sides of the room and have kids move from one sign to the other as you read the following scenarios:

How scared would you feel...

- On the first day at a new school
- If a strange dog approaches you and starts growling at you
- If you were separated from your parents in a crowded place
- If there was a thunderstorm while you are at home with your parents
- If there was a thunderstorm while you were in a boat on a lake?

SAY • God is never afraid because He is in control; nothing can harm him. God loves us and promises to protect us. Since **God is most powerful, we don't have to be afraid.**

Calming the Sea EASY - NO PREP

Distribute a Calming the Sea "souvenir handout" to each child and invite them to color the picture. Show them how to fold the left edge of the page toward the center on the dotted line, hiding Jesus. With the page closed, have kids finish the left half of the boat and decorate the left flap to look like the boat is in the middle of a storm. Have the kids draw themselves in the right-hand side of the boat.

Then have kids open the page, revealing Jesus in the boat. On the left side of the boat, kids can add details showing the quiet lake. Show them how by opening the page, they can see that Jesus is on the boat with them.

SAY • Jesus calmed the storm and did other miracles so that his disciples would know that **God is most powerful.** Nothing is bigger or stronger than he is.

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.