



Pathway Kids Spring 2026

Leader Guide

April 13, 2026

next steps
IN DISCIPLESHIP

Armor of God- Put on all the armor God gives you so you can stand strong when things get tough. With God's help, you can stay strong and do what's right no matter what happens. Eph 6:13

Bible- Apr 13 Genesis 6-9; Hebrews 11:7 We fight evil with faith.



At a Glance



The Code



Gospel Page



**Armor of God-
Leader Devos**

Group Schedule

Leaders Arrive: 6:15 PM
Snack: 6:30 PM – 6:45 PM
Outside Play: 6:45 PM- 7:15 PM
Small Group: 7:20 PM- 8:00 PM
Dismiss: 8:00 PM- 8:05 PM



Opening Game:

Supplies:

- Bibles
- “Knight” handout, printed on 11x17 paper (1 copy) Hang in Small Group Space- this will be used for the next 6 weeks
- aluminum foil- Rip small pieces of foil for each child (enough that the pieces will make up the shield for the knight).
- double-sided tape

Welcome

- Thank kids for coming.
- Introduce new kids.

Introduce the Lesson

Say: Today we'll find out we fight evil with faith. Faith is when we believe in God and trust him. Show the knight. God has an evil enemy, but he can never beat God. God also gives us armor—like a knight has—to fight God's evil enemy.

- Distribute the foil pieces. **Say:** Today we'll learn about the shield of faith. Let's put a shield in front of this knight to remind us that we fight evil with faith. God's armor for us isn't made of metal; it's armor we can't really see. We'll learn more about what that means in our lesson today.
- Lead kids to use their pieces of foil to make a shield over the knight's chest, attaching it with the double-sided tape. Kids can layer their foil pieces, if needed.

Share

Say: Today we'll hear how one man named Noah fought evil with faith. He built a boat and brought animals onto it, just as God told him to. Let's start today by talking about an animal we think would be fun to bring on a boat. Share about an animal you think would be fun to bring on a boat.

- Have kids share one animal they would like to bring on a boat.
- After small groups have discussed, have adult or teen helpers share with the whole group what they talked about in their small groups.

Summarize

Open a Bible, and say: In the Bible story, God had Noah bring all kinds of animals onto the big boat! We'll learn more about that today. And we'll find out how we can fight evil with faith like Noah did. Pray, thanking God for teaching us that we fight evil with faith.

Talk About Video:

Discuss and Watch “Noah’s Ark”

Say: We’re learning that we fight evil with faith. Noah had to have faith that what God said would happen would really happen. Let’s see what happened to Noah.

Watch “Noah’s Ark.”

Ask: • Which joke was the best joke in this video?

• Since animals can’t really tell jokes, what do you think Noah did to stay entertained while he was on the ark?

• Would you want to go on a boat ride for that long? Why or why not?

Which animals would you want with you?

Say: Noah had to have faith in God. He had to trust God that it really would flood. He had to build an ark just like God said to. He had to trust God to gather all the animals for the ark! And he had to have faith that the scary animals wouldn’t hurt him. We fight evil with faith when we believe God will do what he says.

Deeper Bible:

Supplies

- Bibles
- pool noodles (2 per group)
- duct tape
- painter’s tape

Easy Prep

- Use duct tape to connect sets of 2 pool noodles side by side.
- Use painter’s tape to make a line approximately the length of a pool noodle on the floor for every leader-led group.

Tip

- This activity will work best with at least one leader for every five or six kids.

Talk About Faith

Say: Noah trusted God would do what he said he would do. That’s faith! God promises to take care of us and give us what we need. We can have faith that God will keep his promises. Sometimes God takes care of us by sending people to help us.

Share some ways people have helped you. Maybe your dad helped you fix your car, your friend let you stay with him for a while, or your mom took care of you when you were sick.

Ask: • What are some ways people have helped you? Kids might say Dad helps them when they get hurt, Grandpa gives them a hug when they’re scared, or Mom helps them on the monkey bars.

Deeper Bible: cont

Walk Blindly

Form as many groups as you have adult or teen helpers, dividing kids evenly among the groups. Give each group a set of taped pool noodles, and have each group gather around a tape line.

Say: Let's play a game where we need help. We'll take turns walking across these special bridges (hold up a set of pool noodles), but we'll do it with our eyes closed! It might be hard, but we can have faith that our leaders will be right there to help us. Leaders, if you promise to help your group, raise your hand. Give leaders a chance to raise their hands.

Have kids walk across the pool noodle bridges, one at a time, with their eyes closed. Encourage adult or teen helpers to hold kids' hands as they walk across. As kids wait their turn, they can practice walking along the tape lines.

Say: We couldn't see our leaders, but we could feel them helping us. Sometimes we can't see God or feel him guiding us. Noah had to have faith in God, even when he couldn't see or feel him. Let's walk across our bridges with our eyes closed again. This time, our leaders won't hold our hands. But we can have faith that they'll still be right there, ready to catch us if we fall.

Have kids walk across the pool noodle bridges again. This time encourage adult or teen helpers to walk right next to kids, ready to steady them if they start to fall. Kids can practice on the tape lines again as they wait.

Say: God's evil enemy wants us to worry that God won't take care of us. But the Bible tells us we can always trust God's promises.

Read 2 Samuel 22:31 aloud. So when we believe God's promise to protect us, we fight evil with faith! Lead kids to pray and thank God that he always keeps his promises.

Memory Verse:

“Therefore, put on every piece of God’s armor
so you will be able to resist the enemy
in the time of evil. Then after the battle
you will still be standing firm.”

Ephesians 6:13

Learn a Verse

Say: Today’s Bible story about Noah gives us a great example of what faith looks like. Noah believed God when he told Noah of the flood that was coming, and Noah put his belief in God into action when he built the big boat. When we believe what God says, we fight evil with faith. Let’s learn a Bible verse that tells us more about fighting evil. The word Bible means “book,” and it’s God’s special book. It’s full of amazing stories to help us learn what faith is and what we can do with it.

Ephesians 6:13 says, “Therefore, put on every piece of God’s armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm.” Use the Bible Verse Poster to guide kids in repeating after you as you say the verse one more time, phrase by phrase.

Say: One piece of God’s armor is the shield of faith. A shield gives us a picture of one of the awesome things faith can do. Let’s play a game to see it in action!

- Invite everyone to work together to stack cups into a triangle with four cups on the bottom row, then three, then two, then one.
- Form two teams, and give everyone a paper plate. (It’s okay if teams have only one or two kids...or if they have a lot!)
- Assign one team to stand near the pyramid to defend it. This team can situate themselves near the pyramid where each person can hold out a paper plate to act as a shield for the pyramid. Kids shouldn’t stand directly in front of the pyramid; they’re relying on their paper plate shields to block the wind.
- Have the other team stand about 10 feet away from the pyramid and quickly, continuously fan their paper plates to try to make an air current that’ll knock over the pyramid.
- If the wind from the fanning isn’t budging the pyramid, allow that team to take a step or two closer until the pyramid comes down.
- Rebuild the pyramid, and then guide everyone in repeating the Bible verse.
- Have teams switch roles and play again.
- Repeat the Bible verse with kids again.

Talk About It

Say: While a paper plate might not be the best choice for an actual shield, you got to use it to block the wind and try to protect your cup building.

Ask: • What made the paper plates a good wind shield, or not?

• Our verse says God’s armor helps us resist the enemy. How did your shields help you resist the fanning plates?

• Now that you’ve seen shields in action, how is faith like a shield? This is a thinking question, so make sure you allow time for kids to process.

Say: The paper plate shields could use some changes to make them better, but our shield of faith actually does its job. In Bible times, shields that soldiers would carry into battle often covered their entire bodies. That’s what a shield of faith in God’s armor is like—a big, strong shield that doesn’t leave us uncovered. Faith in God does big things, and we fight evil with faith.

Activity Page with a Purpose

Supplies Needed:

- Activity/Color Page
- colored pencils
- crayons

Pass out the coloring pages and supplies.

SAY: The Bible talks about wearing the armor of God—special things Christians can wear on their hearts, like a soldier would wear armor. We fight evil with faith. We hold on to our faith like a shield, stopping doubts from hurting our friendship with God. In the Bible, Noah had faith and obeyed God's plan to build an ark. Let's color that!

Allow time for kids to color.