



Pathway Kids Spring 2026

Leader Guide

April 20, 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 20 Acts 16:25-40 We fight evil with salvation.



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- Tear a small piece of foil for each child so all the pieces will make up the helmet 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 salvation. Show the knight. God has an evil enemy, but the evil enemy can never beat God. God also gives us armor—like a knight has—to fight God's evil enemy.

- Give each child a small piece of foil. Today we'll learn about the helmet of salvation. Let's put a helmet on this knight to remind us that we fight evil with salvation. We'll learn more about what that means in our lesson today.
- Lead kids to use their pieces of foil to make a helmet for the knight's head and attach the foil using the double-sided tape. Kids can layer their foil on top of others' foil if needed.

Share

Say: Fighting evil with salvation means that when we're friends with God, he'll always protect us. That's very exciting news! Since we'll be talking about the most exciting news today, let's share about other exciting news we've heard lately. Share some exciting news you heard recently. You might share about a friend who is getting married or having a baby, a new job a family member recently started, or a child making it onto a competitive sports team.

- Have kids share something exciting they've heard in the last week or so. Kids might share they are going to have a new baby brother or sister, their mom told them they get to move to a big kids' bed, or their family gets to take a fun trip soon.
- 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: You all have exciting news! Today we'll hear about a jailer who heard the most exciting news ever! He learned he can be friends with God and fight evil with salvation! We'll learn more about that today.

Pray, thanking God for teaching us that we fight evil with salvation.

Talk About Video:

Discuss and Watch “Olivia & Elyse’s Story”

Say: We’re learning that we fight evil with salvation. When Paul was in prison and an earthquake set him and his friend free, they didn’t even leave! They stuck around to tell the jailer about Jesus. And we can do the same thing.

Let’s watch the story of some twins who did just that.

Watch “Olivia & Elyse’s Story.”

Ask: • What can you learn from the way Olivia and Elyse helped Uncle Martin?

- Who is someone you can tell about Jesus?
- What will you tell that person?

Say: God wants everyone to know him. When you believe in Jesus, you’re wearing the helmet of salvation! And the best news is, there’s enough helmets for everyone! Like Olivia and Elyse, we can tell other people about Jesus so Jesus can free them from the punishment for what they’ve done wrong.

Deeper Bible:

Supplies

- Bibles

Play a Loving Game

Say: Today we’re learning that we fight evil with salvation. Salvation is being friends with Jesus. Jesus will never stop being our friend. His love always surrounds us and protects us. Let’s think about that some more with a game.

- Have kids form one group for every two teen or adult helpers.
- Help kids get in lines behind each pair of helpers. The helpers will stand facing each other with their hands clasped in a bridge.
- Kids will walk under the bridge one at a time while singing the following to the tune of “London Bridge.”

Yes, we can be Jesus’ friend,

Jesus’ friend,

Jesus’ friend.

Yes, we can be Jesus’ friend.

Jesus loves us!

- When kids sing the line “Jesus loves us!” the helpers making the bridge will lower their arms around the child between them and give the child a big hug. ☒ Then the helpers will raise their arms as kids sing the song again.
- Continue as time allows, having helpers try to catch each child in a hug at some point.
- As the game ends, gather all the kids for a big group hug.

Talk About Jesus’ Love

Say: When we’re friends with Jesus, he always holds us in his love. We can feel Jesus’ love in the way other people show love to us, too.

Share about a person who loves you.

Ask: • Tell me about someone in your life who really loves you.

Say: Jesus loves us even more than those people do, and his love never goes away. Listen to what the Bible says about Jesus’ love. Read aloud Lamentations 3:22. That means Jesus won’t ever stop loving us, no matter what!

- Lead kids to pray and thank Jesus that his love never stops.

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 introduced us to a jailer who learned from Paul and Silas what it means to believe that Jesus forgave our sins. Jesus’ forgiveness means we can have a forever friendship with God. The jailer’s salvation changed his and his family’s lives overnight. Salvation is powerful, and we fight evil with salvation! Let’s learn a Bible verse that tells us some more about how we fight evil with pieces of spiritual armor that God gives us, including the helmet of salvation.

An amazing thing about the Bible is it was originally written in three languages. Today it’s in hundreds of languages so people around the world can understand it and, like us, learn about the helmet of salvation.

In the Bible book of Ephesians, chapter 6, verse 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.”

Ask: · Tell about a time you had trouble physically standing firm. Maybe a time where you kept falling instead—what made you so wobbly? Sometimes we’re wobbly and off balance with our bodies, and that can help us understand what it’s like to feel wobbly in our faith. Let’s take a deeper look at that by testing our balance.

- First, refer to the Bible Verse Poster to guide kids in repeating Ephesians 6:13 again, in short phrases.
- Invite kids to lift one leg so they’re balancing on one foot.
- Instruct kids to quickly turn their heads back and forth and repeat after you as you say the Bible verse again, all while trying to stay steadily balanced on one foot.
- Allow kids a balance break, and explain that in the next balancing round, they’ll need to pick one spot in the room and keep their focus there while they’re repeating after you.
- Once kids have picked their focal point, have them balance on one foot again and repeat after you as you say the Bible verse.
- If time allows, repeat the balancing rounds and allow kids to come up with other ways to improve their balance (such as holding one or both arms out or holding an earlobe, if they haven’t already done so).

Talk About It

Ask: · How easy or hard was it to stand firm and balance when your focus was moving all over the room?
· What did you discover helped you have better balance?

Say: One key to good balance is to focus or look at one thing. Focus can help us stand firm with our bodies, and it can help us stand firm in our faith when we focus on God.

Ask: · What kinds of things can make us feel wobbly or unsure about what we believe about God?
· What are some ways we could give our focus to God?

Say: When we give our attention to God by praying or [some of the ideas kids just shared], it can help us stand firm in our faith. And one thing that can help us focus on God is remembering to wear our spiritual armor from God, including the helmet of salvation! When we put on each piece of God’s armor, we fight evil with salvation and more.

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 salvation. We wear salvation like a helmet, protecting our minds. Salvation is when we believe Jesus saves us from our sins! Paul and Silas helped a jailer find salvation. Let's color that.

Allow time for kids to color.