



# Pathway Kids Spring 2026

## Leader Guide

### April 27, 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 27 Luke 4:1-13 We fight evil with God's Word.*



**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 a small piece of foil for each child so all the pieces will make up the sword 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:** Today we'll find out we fight evil with God's Word. 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.

- Give each child a small piece of foil. Today we'll learn about the sword of the Spirit. The sword of the Spirit is another name for the Bible. Let's put a sword in this knight's hand to remind us that we fight evil with God's Word—the Bible.
- Lead kids to use their pieces of foil to make a sword in the knight's hand using the double-sided tape. Kids can layer their foil on top of others' foil if needed.

### Share

**Say:** Since we're talking about a special book, let's begin by talking about other books that are special to us. Share about your favorite childhood book.

- Have kids share about their favorite books.
- 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: It's so fun to hear about all the books you love.

The Bible is a book we can all love, too, because the Bible is God's words of love to us! Today we'll find out that when we know God's words from the Bible, it helps us fight God's evil enemy.

**Pray,** thanking God for teaching us that we fight evil with God's Word.

## Talk About Video:

**Discuss and Watch** “Jesus Is Tempted”

**Say:** In today’s Bible story, Jesus used a special weapon against evil—God’s Word! Let’s see how Jesus used this sword to fight evil.

**Watch “Jesus Is Tempted.”**

**Ask:** · Why was it important that Jesus knew the Bible?

- What’s one temptation or lie that’s hard for you to fight?
- How could you use the Bible to fight that temptation or lie?

**Say:** God has given us the most powerful sword ever—the Bible! It’s full of words of truth we can use to fight evil when we’re tempted to do something wrong or believe a lie. Just like Jesus, we fight evil with God’s Word.

## Deeper Bible:

### Supplies

- Bibles
- baskets of crayons (1 per group)
- large pieces of bulletin board paper (1 per group)
- permanent marker

### Easy Prep

- Place bookmarks in your Bible so you can easily find Ephesians 4:32; Ephesians 6:1; and Philippians 2:4.
- Use the permanent marker to write “We Can Share…” on each piece of bulletin board paper.

### Tip

- If you don’t have enough Bibles for every child, print out a simple picture of a Bible for each child instead.

### Remember to Be Kind

**Say:** Today we heard that God’s evil enemy tried to trick Jesus into doing something that was wrong. Sometimes he tries to trick us, too. But we can fight evil with God’s Word, just like Jesus did. Let’s see what that looks like with a game.

- Form as many groups as you have adult or teen helpers, dividing kids evenly among the groups. Encourage each group to form a circle around their leader.
- Give each child a Bible, and have kids place the Bibles on the floor in front of them.

**Say:** Sometimes a friend makes us mad and we want to say or do something mean. Show your leader your meanest face. Give kids a moment to make faces at their leaders.

- Have kids pick up their Bibles and hold them up high. Say: But the Bible helps us remember to be kind. Read aloud Ephesians 4:32.
- Have kids place their Bibles back on the floor. Say: Let’s all be kind right now. Have kids surround their leader in a group hug.

### Remember to Obey

**Say:** Sometimes our moms or dads ask us to do something we don’t want to do. We may want to disobey them. Show kids how to stand in a defiant stance for a moment with arms crossed against their chests and their backs to the leader.

- Encourage kids to pick up their Bibles and hold them up high. Say: But the Bible helps us remember to obey our parents. Read aloud Ephesians 6:1.
- Have kids place their Bibles back on the floor. Say: The Bible wants us to obey our parents and our leaders. Let’s all practice showing we can follow leaders now. Have kids turn to their leader with two thumbs up.

## Deeper Bible: cont

### Remember to Share

Give each leader a basket of crayons, and have each child pick his or her favorite color. Lay out bulletin board paper in front of each group.

**Say:** Sometimes we have something we don't want to share. Ask kids to hold their crayons up in the air.

Encourage kids to pick up their Bibles and hold them up high. Say: But the Bible helps us remember to care about what others want, too. Read aloud Philippians 2:4.

**Say:** We can share all our crayons with our friends. Encourage kids to put their crayons back into the basket.

**Say:** There are lots of things we can share.

Share some examples of things you can share, like your clothes, your food, or your car.

**Ask:** • What's something you can share? Kids may say their toys, their books, or a favorite ball.

**Say:** Let's share our crayons while we work together to make a fun poster of things we can share. We can hang it up in our room to remind us that God's Word says we share.

### Talk About It

Collect the Bibles while kids draw on the paper pictures of things they can share.

After kids finish their posters, say: We don't need to know what to do by ourselves. The Bible helps us make good choices, like sharing our things, obeying our parents, and being kind. When we follow the Bible, we fight evil with God's Word.

Lead kids to pray and thank God for his Word. Hang the posters around the room for the kids and parents to see.

## 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

### Poke Holes

**Say:** Today we read in the Bible about when Jesus was tempted by the devil—God’s evil enemy. Jesus gave answers from God’s Word when the devil tried to trick him. Jesus showed us how we fight evil with God’s Word—we fight the devil’s temptations when we know what God’s Word tells us to do!

Let’s learn a verse from God’s Word about all the tools God has given us to fight evil. Every part of the Bible is there for a reason. The Bible shows what’s true and right. We can trust the Bible—it’s God’s Word.

In the Bible, Ephesians 6:13 says, “Therefore, put on each 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.”

Today we’ve been learning about a specific piece of God’s armor: the sword of the Spirit—which is another name for God’s Word. Hold up and point to a Bible. It may not look like a sword, but we can use what God says in it to poke holes in the devil’s tricks and temptations. Let’s see what that might be like.

- Form mixed-age pairs, and give a piece of aluminum foil to each child and one unsharpened pencil to each pair.
- Have pairs sit or stand with one partner facing the Bible Verse Poster and one facing away from the poster.
- Have the partner who’s facing the poster pick up the pencil.
- Have the partner whose back is facing the poster hold up the piece of foil so it blocks the other partner’s view of the verse.
- Guide everyone in repeating the Bible verse.
- Next, the partner holding a pencil can carefully poke holes in the foil (being mindful to not jab the partner holding the foil) until it’s possible to peer through the holes and see the verse. (The foil may tear instead of just being poked—that’s fine, too!)
- Have partners switch roles and positions.
- Guide everyone in saying the Bible verse again.
- Allow the other partner to poke holes in the foil until it’s possible to see the verse.

### Talk About It

**Ask:** • What happened as you poked holes in the foil?

**Say:** The foil is like the devil’s tricks and temptations, trying to block out God’s truth. But when we know God’s Word, we can use it to poke holes in his temptation. Each time we do that, we see God’s Word at work!

**Ask:** • How could something you’ve learned from the Bible help you this week? Give your own example, then have kids share their thoughts.

**Say:** We can hold on to the truths we learn from the Bible in our minds and our hearts so that whenever the devil tries to trick us, we have the truth of God’s Word inside us. Then we’re always ready as we fight evil with God’s Word.

Let’s make sure Ephesians 6:13 is stored in our minds and hearts so we’re ready to fight temptation. Lead kids in saying the verse together one more time.

## **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. Today we learned how we fight evil with God's Word. It's like a sword! Jesus used Bible verses to say no to temptation! Let's color Jesus saying no.

Allow time for kids to color.