



LIVE IT OUT

next steps
IN DISCIPLESHIP

Impact Kids Spring 2026 Older Kids Leader Guide April 29, 2026

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 29** Luke 4:1-13 We fight evil with God's Word.

Memory Verse: Ephesians 6:13



At a Glance



The Code



Gospel Page



**Armor of God-
Leader Devos**

Memory Verse Mania

We'll focus on one key Bible verse connected to what we're learning in Impact Kids. Kids will have a chance to memorize it, live, and share it.

Memory Verses:

Psalm 119:105, 1 Corinthians 12:4-5,

John 15:5, Ephesians 6:13

Bonus: Eph 6:10, Psalm 23:1, Matt 6:9-13, Psalm 100:2, Favorite Verse and extra bonus

Wednesday Group Schedule

Leaders Arrive: 6:15 PM

Family Dinner: 6:30 PM – 6:50 PM

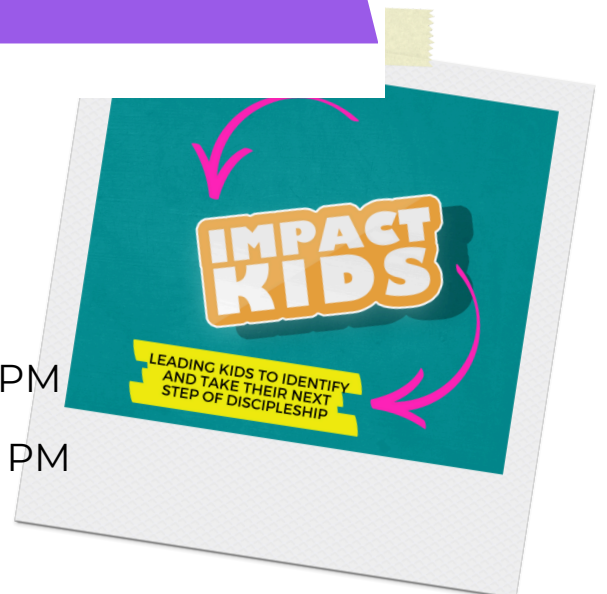
K-3rd Outside Play: 6:50 PM- 7:20 PM

4th & 5th Small Group: 6:50 PM- 7:30 PM

K-3rd Small Group: 7:25 PM- 8:00 PM

4th & 5th Outside Play: 7:30 PM- 8:00 PM

Dismiss: 8:00 PM- 8:05 PM



Opening Game:

Supplies:

- Bible
- “Knight” handout, printed on 11x17 paper (1 copy) (this will be used for the next 6 weeks)- Hang in the wall
- aluminum foil
- scissors
- glue sticks

Welcome

- Thank kids for coming.
- Introduce new kids.

Introduce the Lesson

Say: We’re learning about the armor of God. In battles, soldiers wear armor to protect themselves. We’re not in a war against people, but the Bible says we’re in a war against unseen powers of evil! But don’t worry; we’re on the winning side—God’s side! And we have a weapon in our armor from God—a sword! The Bible itself is our sword!

- Have kids each cut sword shapes out of aluminum foil to fit in the knight’s hand.
- Kids can glue their swords to the knight’s right hand, one on top of the other, so you end up with a stack of foil that makes a thick sword.
- This is the last week you’ll add to the knight handout, so you can take it down after class.

Share

- Tell kids about the book you read most recently.
- Have kids form pairs. Ask kids to share about the books they read most recently.
- After partners have shared, ask two or three kids to share with the whole group.

Summarize

Open a Bible to Ephesians 6, and say: Reading books is fun, but there’s one book that’s unlike any other: the Bible! It’s full of God’s words that help us fight our enemy, Satan. No other book is a sword! So let’s dig in to the Bible.

But first let’s talk with God and thank him for our sword.

Pray, thanking God for his victory over evil with his 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
- “Bible Verses” handout (1 per child)
- pens

Set It Up

Say: We’re learning that our sword is the Bible and that we fight evil with God’s Word. But listen to one of Satan’s temptations again.

Read Luke 4:9-11.

Say: Whoa! If the Bible is our sword, why is Satan using it? If the Bible is true, how can Satan use the Bible? Let’s dig in to that.

Dig Deeper

Say: Let’s start by reading some real words that come straight from the Bible.

- Give each child a “Bible Verses” handout, and have kids take turns reading the Bible verses aloud. (Note: These are horribly out of context on purpose; kids will find out the real meaning later.)

Ask: • What do you think about the fact that these words come straight from the Bible?

Say: The Bible is always true. But sometimes people can pull out just a few words to twist them into what they want the Bible to say. That’s called taking the Bible out of context, and that’s exactly what happened with the verses you just read.

Ask: • Has anyone ever misunderstood something you said? Talk about that. Share your own example first, especially if someone took something you said the opposite of how you meant it.

Say: Taking Bible verses out of context is what Satan loves to do. Jesus told the Pharisees, who were out to get him, that Satan is the father of lies.

Read John 8:44.

Say: Since Satan hates the truth, he takes the truth and twists it into a lie. That’s what he did when he tempted Jesus using verses from the Bible. But we don’t have to fall for his lies! We fight evil with God’s Word, and we can find out the truth if we dig a little deeper. So let’s be detectives and find out what the verses we read are really saying.

Deeper Bible: cont

OIK-Apr 29, 2026

Have kids form five groups (a group can be one child), each taking one of the verses from the handout.

Say: Your job is to solve the mystery of what your verse really means. To do that, you'll look it up in the Bible and then look for the BASIC clues. The word BASIC stands for five things found on your handout. What comes before and after is known as the context. You can find out what something really means by understanding the context.

The speaker is also an important clue. If the verse is someone speaking, find out who's speaking! Is it someone we want to listen to? The Bible is true, so we know it's true that those words were spoken...but if a fool said them, the words that person said aren't true! Intent means asking yourself, "What's the point God is trying to get across?" So after you've looked at the before, after, and speaker, you can try to understand the intent.

The last word is culture. Don't worry about that one right now; we'll talk about that later. For now, work together and jot down what you observe about your verse for the first four letters of BASIC.

Allow time for kids to work. Walk around and help as needed. For example, in Psalm 14:1 you can make sure kids understand that a fool says, "There is no God."

First John 5:19 may sound scary, but if kids read verse 18, they can feel confident that Satan can't touch God's children. Encourage kids not to simply read the before and after words from the verse itself but to start at the beginning of the paragraph and go all the way to the end.

After several minutes, ask kids to share what they learned about what the verses really mean based on the BASICS they discovered.

Say: Thank you for your observations! Now you can see how I was able to take words straight out of the Bible but make them sound like the opposite of what the Bible was saying! Satan loves to do that, so whenever you hear a Bible verse that seems confusing or doesn't match what you know about God, remember the BASICS to figure out what it really means.

The C in BASIC stands for culture, and it means understanding the culture the words of the Bible were originally written to. For example, a lot of the New Testament was originally letters to churches in different cities, and those cities may have had things about their culture that the letters addressed in a way that doesn't make sense to us today. That's something you wouldn't know on your own or from reading even the whole Bible! But there are people who study the Bible and other history to know more about the culture. Then they write books called commentaries that help explain the culture to us. You can look up commentaries online at websites like biblegateway.com.

Ask any kids who may have used commentaries to describe how they could be helpful.

Say: God's Word is always true, and it's a powerful sword. But sometimes if we misunderstand what it's saying because of taking things out of context or not understanding the culture it was written for, it can be twisted into lies. That's what Satan loves to do, because he's the father of lies! But now we know how to find out the truth about what Scripture says. And we know this.

Read James 4:7.

Say: So remember, we fight evil with God's Word. We can hold on to the truth of God's Word and resist the devil when he tries to twist it. He will flee!

Memory Verse Mania:

Supplies:

- Leader Tracking Sheets (1 set per group in leader folder)
- Memory Verse Mania Instruction Page (1 per leader in leader folder)
- Memory Verse Posters (1 copy for each kid)
- painter's tape
- 10-inch pieces of aluminum foil (1 per child)
- unsharpened pencils (1 for every 2 kids)

Explain Memory Verse Mania

Say: This Spring Impact Kids groups will be taking a Memory Verse Challenge called Memory Verse Mania. In this challenge, each week we will practice the verse. If you think you have it memorized before we practice, leaders will take time during Family Table to listen to you and mark on their Leader Tracking Sheets. Then on Feb 4, Mar 4, Mar 11, and April 29 you will get the chance to win a prize in our drawing. On May 6, we will celebrate everyone who memorized all the verses. If you can do it, we will share other verses from our lessons in the Fall to add to your memory banks. Storing God's Word in our hearts, helps us in the future. Are you ready to take the challenge? Here is your chance to practice the verse for this week. *(Send Posters home with kids- if kids already have a poster, there is no need to send more home.)*

“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

Memory Verse Mania cont.

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 Point

Supplies Needed:

- Activity Page
- colored pencils
- crayons

Pass out activity pages and supplies.

SAY: Today we learned how we fight evil with God's Word. Jesus used Bible verses to say no to temptation!

Distribute the activity pages and pencils. Kids will fill words from the Bible into the puzzle.

Ask: • Tell me how you found the place for each word?

- How can you find a place for God's Word in your life?
- Which verse on this page fits a situation you're facing right now? Tell me more about that.
- Which Bible verse would help you most when you feel worried? when you're angry? when you feel bad about yourself?

Say: Jesus was able to say no to temptation because he knew God's Word. God helps us learn the Bible so we know the right words to say at the right time. Every verse had a place in this puzzle, and every verse has a place in our lives and hearts! We fight evil with God's Word.

ANSWER KEY:

