



# Pathway Kids Spring 2026

## Leader Guide

### April 6, 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 6- Luke 22:47-53; John 18:1-11 We fight evil with peace.*



**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 together will make upshoes 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 peace. Show the knight. God has an evil enemy, but that enemy can never beat God. God gives us armor—like a knight has—to fight God's evil enemy. It's not real armor; it just helps us remember that our friendship with God protects us.

- Give each child a small piece of foil. Today we'll learn about the shoes of peace. Let's put shoes on this knight to remind us that we fight evil with peace. We'll learn more about what that means in our lesson today.
- Lead kids to use their pieces of foil to make shoes on the knight's feet, attaching the foil with double-sided tape. Kids can layer their foil on top of other pieces if needed.

### Share

**Say:** Since we're talking about shoes today, let's start with a silly question about shoes. We'll all tell about a noisy pair of shoes we or someone we know has. Share an example of a noisy pair of shoes you or someone you know has.

- Have kids share examples of noisy shoes they or someone they know has.
- 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: There are lots of noisy and silly shoes out there! But the shoes of peace we'll learn about today are not silly. They're very important because they remind us to fight evil with peace. Let's find out more about what that looks like now.

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

## Talk About Video:

### Discuss and Watch “Peacekeepers”

**Say:** We’re learning that we fight evil with peace.

**Ask:** • Tell about a time you kept peace in a tough situation. Share your own story first.

**Say:** Keeping peace can be hard! There are some people who need to try to keep peace in really tough situations every day! Let’s hear from one of them.

### Watch “Peacekeepers.”

**Ask:** • After watching this video, would you want to be a police officer?

Why or why not?

• Officer Spencer said talking calmly with someone in person can help keep peace. How could you try that tip this week?

**Say:** You don’t have to be a police officer to keep the peace. In fact, you’re all peacekeepers because you’re all in God’s army, fighting against evil! But this battle isn’t fought with violence; we fight evil with peace.

## Deeper Bible:

### Supplies

- Bibles
- balloons (1 for every 2 kids)
- painter’s tape

### Easy Prep

- Place a line of tape down the center of the room.
- Inflate the balloons about halfway.

### Tips

- Underinflated balloons are less likely to pop and scare more sensitive kids.
- To avoid choking hazards, be sure to pick up pieces of any broken balloons promptly.

### Share About Fighting

**Say:** Sometimes people do things that aren’t nice. We may want to be unkind back and fight with them.

Share about a time you wanted to fight with someone. Maybe you wanted to yell back at a driver who yelled at you, jab the player who pushed you on the basketball court, or snap at a neighbor who was rude to you.

**Ask:** • Tell me about a time you wanted to fight with someone. Kids may say they wanted to say something mean to their brother when he said something mean first or push a friend when the friend pushed them.

## Deeper Bible: cont

### Pass the Balloons

**Say:** If we choose to fight back when someone starts a fight with us, the fight just keeps going back and forth. Let's play a game to see what that's like.

- Form two teams, and have the teams stand on opposite sides of the tape line.
- Give kids the balloons, and encourage them to bat the balloons back and forth over the line.
- After a few minutes, ask all the kids on one side of the tape line to sit down and put their hands in their laps while the other team continues to bat the balloons to them.
- Repeat the game, starting with both teams playing for several minutes. Then have the second team sit to experience what it's like to stop.

### Talk About It

After all the balloons have fallen to the floor, ask:

- What was it like to stop batting balloons in the game?

- What was it like to keep batting the balloons when none of them were coming back to you?

**Say:** It can be hard to be the first to stop fighting. It was hard for our sitting friends to keep from hitting balloons. But when one side stopped playing, the balloons stopped going back and forth. Often when one person decides to stop fighting, the fight can end, too. The Bible tells us all to be peaceful instead of fighting. Read Romans 12:18 aloud.

**Say:** When we choose not to fight with our friends and families, we're fighting God's enemy instead! We fight evil with peace.

## 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:** In today’s Bible story we heard about the night Peter cut an ear off one of the men sent to arrest Jesus. Jesus healed the man, bringing peace to a scary situation and showing that we fight evil with peace. Let’s learn a Bible verse that tells us more about how we fight evil.

The Bible may seem like a big book with stories—sometimes intense stories—that must be for grown-ups, but the Bible is for everyone.

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.” Direct attention to the Bible Verse Poster, and use it to guide kids in repeating the verse in shorter phrases.

Sometimes we want to do fun adventures that require wearing a lot of gear. Let’s use our imaginations and have some fun acting out times this might happen!

First, let’s imagine we’re about to head out to play on a very cold, blizzardy day. Pause and let kids close their eyes if they like. Are you seeing snow and feeling the chill? It’ll be so fun to play in those big snowflakes, but we need to have all the right gear to keep us warm from head to toe or our snow day adventure will leave us freeeezing.

- As kids imagine, have them call out things they’d need to wear—from head to toe—and together act out putting on all those things. Discuss if anything was missed and why missing something (such as mittens) could mean discomfort and even harm.
- Lead everyone in repeating the Bible verse.
- Next, launch into a similar imaginative discussion, but this time pretend to prepare for a scuba diving adventure. Let kids help you think of all the gear they need to wear.
- Repeat the Bible verse again.
- Enjoy as many rounds of imagination as time allows, repeating the Bible verse between each round. You could pretend to get ready for the following activities:
  - going to outer space as an astronaut
  - becoming a firefighter and getting ready to fight a fire
  - putting on safety gear and useful tools to help build a house

### Talk About It

**Say:** Thanks for using your imaginations with me and getting ready for some adventures or important jobs.

**Ask:** • Pick one thing we imagined putting on. What could happen if we forgot that item?

• God’s armor includes lots of pieces, but today we’re learning about the shoes of peace. What could happen if we don’t wear our shoes of peace?

**Say:** Like these real-life situations, there’s some important protective gear we need to put on each day. It’s God’s armor, and it’s important to put on every piece, including the shoes of peace. We fight evil with peace and with each part of God’s armor.

## **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 wear peace like shoes, helping us get along with others everywhere we walk. We fight evil with peace. Jesus chose peace even when his friends didn't, so let's color that scene.

Allow time for kids to color.