



Pathway Kids Spring 2026

Leader Guide

March 23, 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- Mar 23- Acts 5:17-42 We fight evil with the truth.



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
- small pieces of aluminum foil (1 per child)
- double-sided tape

Welcome

- Thank kids for coming.
- Introduce new kids.

Introduce the Lesson

Say: Today we'll find out we fight evil with truth. Show the knight. God has an evil enemy, but he can never beat God. God also gives us armor—like a knight wears—to fight God's evil enemy.

- Give each child a small piece of foil. Today we'll learn about the belt of truth.
- Let's make a belt on this knight to remind us that we fight evil with truth.
- The belt is armor that helps us remember this.
- Lead kids to use their small pieces of foil to make a belt across the knight's waist, attaching it with the double-sided tape. Kids can layer their foil on top of other pieces if needed.

Share

Say: Since we'll be talking about armor and belts, let's talk about our favorite things to wear. Share about your favorite thing to wear.

- Have kids share about their favorite thing to wear.
- 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: Thanks for sharing about your favorite things to wear. Today we'll learn what it means for us to fight evil with truth. We'll hear how some of God's friends beat God's evil enemy by telling the truth about God. Let's find out more about that!

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

Talk About Video:

Discuss and Watch “Truth and Lion”

Say: We’re learning that we fight evil with the truth. But what happens when people don’t believe us? Let’s see what happened when one boy’s friends didn’t believe him.

Watch “Truth and Lion.”

Ask: • Be honest: Did you believe Cade really had a lion? Why or why not?

- Tell about a time you shared the truth about Jesus but people didn’t believe you.
- What is it about Jesus’ story that might seem hard to believe?

Say: There will always be people who don’t believe the truth about Jesus. But we can keep on wearing our belts of truth and telling people the truth. We fight evil with truth.

Deeper Bible:

Supplies

- Bibles
- balls of yarn (1 per group)
- scissors (1 per group)

Get Tangled Up

- Form as many groups as you have adult or teen helpers, dividing kids evenly among the groups, and have each group stand in a circle. The adult or teen helper will stand inside the circle with the yarn.

Say: Sometimes God’s evil enemy tries to get us to believe things that aren’t true about God. But we can fight evil with truth!

- As you read the following lies kids may hear about God, leaders will begin making webs around their groups by holding one end of the yarn and handing the ball of yarn to a child as you read the first statement.
- Encourage the child with the yarn to spin in place, wrapping yarn loosely around his or her back. (Be sure children keep the yarn low across their bellies and not near their faces or necks.)
- With the next statement, the leader will pass the yarn across the circle to another child who will spin in place to wrap it loosely around his or her back.
- Leaders will continue to pass the balls of yarn back and forth across the circles with each statement so the leader and kids become tangled in a yarn web.
 - Some people may say that God isn’t real. But that’s not true.
 - Some people may say that God doesn’t love us. But that’s not true.
 - Some people may say that God didn’t create us. But that’s not true.
 - Some people may say that God can’t help us. But that’s not true.
 - Some people may say that God isn’t kind. But that’s not true.
 - Some people may say that God isn’t with us. But that’s not true.

Deeper Bible: cont

Be Set Free

After leaders have made webs around kids, say: Wow, we're pretty stuck here! When we believe things that aren't true about God, our hearts can feel stuck, too. But the Bible tells us that God's truth sets us free. Listen to this!

Read John 8:32 aloud.

Say: We fight evil with truth by remembering things we know are true from the Bible. Let's think of some true things about God right now. As you read the following truths, encourage leaders to cut through the yarn in the middle of the circle until all the yarn falls to the ground:

- God loves you.
- God made you.
- God made the whole world.
- God is strong.
- God is kind.
- God is always with you.

After all the yarn has been cut away, say: Now we're free! When we feel stuck believing something about God that's not true, truth from the Bible can set us free. It can set others free, too. We can share the truth with others just like Jesus' friends did.

Share about someone you could tell about God's truth.

Ask: • Who could you tell about God? Kids may say their families, their neighbors, or their friends.

Say: God's truth is so strong. It can set everyone free from believing things about God that aren't true. Let's pray and thank God that his truth sets us free! Lead kids to pray.

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 we heard from the Bible about some of Jesus’ friends who obeyed God when they told others about Jesus—even when it meant getting in trouble with the religious leaders. Jesus’ friends told the truth, and we can, too. We fight evil with the truth! Let’s learn a Bible verse that tells us more about what this means. The Bible is one big book broken up into 66 smaller books. Each book has chapters and verses. Today’s Bible verse comes from the book of Ephesians, which is a letter written to encourage people at a church in a city called Ephesus.

Ephesians chapter 6, verse 13 tells us to fight evil with God’s armor. It 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.”

Refer to the Bible Verse Poster and lead kids in repeating the verse with you, one phrase at a time.

Make Wax Resist Water

Say: To help us better understand this Bible verse, let’s see what “resist” means.

- Distribute index cards, crayons, and disposable cups of water. ☒ Invite kids to cover about half of their index card with a thick and thorough layer of crayon wax, leaving the other half without wax. Older kids may need to help younger ones fill in any gaps.
- Once everyone has their layer of wax applied, guide everyone in repeating the Bible verse again.
- Then instruct everyone to dip a fingertip in some water and rub the water onto the waxed portion of the index card.
- Finally, have everyone add a bit of water to the index card where there isn’t any crayon wax and rub the water into the card.

Talk About It

Ask: • What happened to the water when you rubbed it onto crayon wax?

• What did you notice when you rubbed water onto the card where there wasn’t any wax?

Say: As you colored with a crayon, you put thick wax on the card. Wax resists water—it kind of “says no” to the water and keeps it from soaking into the paper of the card. And when you rubbed water onto a place on the card without wax, the card couldn’t resist the water. Without the wax’s protection, the water soaked into the paper. Now, let’s think about how that might connect with our Bible verse.

Lead kids in repeating the Bible verse a few more times.

Ask: • How does our experiment remind you of the way God’s armor protects us?

Say: God gives us armor to protect our faith—and when we wear every piece, we’re completely covered and protected, and we can resist evil. Like the wax resisted the water, we can tell evil, “No! Go away!” When we put on the full armor of God, including the belt of truth, we fight evil with the truth!

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 truth like a belt, and we fight evil with the truth. When Jesus' friends held on to the truth, they were able to stand strong when things got hard. Let's color them sharing the truth.

Allow time for kids to color.