

## **Day Five**

### **Helmet of Salvation and the Sword of the Spirit**

#### **Prayer**

Thank you Lord for bringing us to the final day of Bible Boot Camp. Thank you for the things we have learned and the friends we have made. Let us not forget about your armor after this week, but may we put on your full armor every day. Thank you for the gift of your Holy Word and thank you for sending your Son to die on the cross so we can have a relationship with you. It's in your holy name we pray. Amen.

#### **Lesson**

Read Ephesians 6:17 and recite Ephesians 6:11.

It's been a fun week learning about the Armor of God, hasn't it? Well we aren't done yet. We still have two very important pieces to cover today. Can you tell me what they are? That's right, the Helmet of Salvation and the Sword of the Spirit.

Can you explain what salvation is to me? Salvation is when Jesus comes in our lives and takes away our sins. He saves us from an eternity in Hell. Salvation is the greatest gift we could ever receive because it took Jesus Christ dying on the cross for us to get to go to Heaven. God is so holy that He can't be in the presence of sin. All it takes is one little sin and then we deserve to be in Hell, away from the presence of God. Jesus is the only way to get to Heaven. All we have to do is accept that we are sinners, believe Jesus Christ died for our sins, and confess our sins to Him, then we get to spend eternity with God. We can never lose our salvation. Even after we are saved, we still sin.

Does God stop loving us if we sin? No. God loves us no matter what we do. The Bible says in 2 Corinthians 5:17 that when we become Christians, we become new creations. This means that our entire way of thinking changes. We think about how we can please God and serve Him when before we were Christians, we were only interested in serving ourselves. If we truly believe in Jesus and let the Holy Spirit take over our lives, then we never go back to our old way of thinking, no matter how much we sin. So the Helmet of Salvation can never come off. What about the Sword of the Spirit? This one is pretty straightforward. The Sword of the Spirit is the Word of God. It's the Bible. The Bible is a Sword because it is how we fight back against the devil. All the other pieces of armor are to defend ourselves. When we memorize Scripture, we have a way to prove that the things Satan tells us are just lies. So today we will focus on how to put on our Helmets of Salvation and use our Swords of the Spirit.

#### **Music Worship**

Log onto <https://youtu.be/nWaT6wfdSKU> and watch and sing along to the music video.

## **Game: Take A Swing At Temptation**

Materials:

- One large plastic bat per platoon.
- Ping pong balls with a different temptation written on each one. A net or a line drawn out to mark “out of the ball park.” Do this for each platoon.
- Plastic coins.
- Candy or other sort of prize.

Procedure:

- Each platoon competes against itself.
- The drill sergeant is the pitcher.
- The private up to bat must hit the ping pong ball into the net or designated area three times in a row or they are out. They only get three tries. Make this hard enough that no one can really succeed.
- The point is they need to see how much they need a Savior, because when it comes to life, they cannot win on their own.
- After everyone has tried and failed, offer everyone a second chance. Say that they can win this game no matter how much they miss as long as they ask for a coin. Don't force them to take it, if they don't want one, they don't have to take a coin.
- This time, give them each a coin. This represents their salvation. If they have this coin, it doesn't matter if they hit the ball or not. They still win. They still get the prize. For those that didn't get a coin, give them a third chance after they understand the point. STRONGLY emphasize that true salvation cannot be lost. The coin only represents salvation for the purpose of the game, but trust in Jesus Christ is the only way to really win. This is the perfect time to share the Gospel with your children. Take the time to answer their questions about Christ and if necessary, lead them to Christ.

## **Game Discussion**

It's been a long week, but we've saved the best for last. The decision to give our lives to Christ is the most important decision we can ever make. How did you feel when you thought you had lost the game and had no chance to get a prize? (Allow students time to answer.) Then how did it feel when you found out that no matter how many times you failed, you still got the prize? That's kind of how it works with salvation. No matter how many times we mess up, God still accepts us as long as we follow Him. Now this is very important. If anyone here has not let Jesus into their lives, I want you to talk to me before the end of the day. I can lead you in a prayer to accept Jesus into your lives, which is true salvation. Now what about the Sword of the Spirit? First of all, what Spirit is it talking about? (Allow students to answer.) That's right, the Holy Spirit of God. This Spirit is what comes to live in us when we get saved. The Spirit helps us understand the Bible when we read it. The Holy Spirit is what gives us the ability to use the Sword. Why is

it important to memorize the Bible? (Allow students to answer.) It allows us to prove that what Satan tells us is wrong. That's why we memorized a Bible verse this week and that's why we learned how to look up Bible verses. So let's complete the last pages in our activity books.

### **Workbook Packet**

Complete the workbook pages for day five that are appropriate for your child's level.

### **Closing Prayer**

“Dear God thank you for letting us have fun and spend time with you this week. Thank you for giving me/us the gift of salvation and changing our lives forever. Thank you for the gift of your Word which we can use to fight off Satan's lies. Help us to continue to put on your armor every day so we can fight for you. Thank you for sending your Son to die for us so we can win over sin. It's in your name we pray. Amen.