

OVERCOMING THE WORLD

Family Devotional/Adult & Teen Discussion Guide

When you have completed your discussions text: DISCIPLE and your name to 24587

Every Christian faces the challenge of resisting the sin, darkness, and evil in our world. God places us in this world when and where we are to make a difference but in order to do so we must be spiritually prepared.

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Based on the sermon and what you've read here,
how important is a good testimony (witness)
of your faith in Jesus?

Revelation 12:9–11 (ESV)

9 And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. 10 And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. 11 And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death.

Ephesians 6:12–18 (ESV)

12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. 14 Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. 16 In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; 17 and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, 18 praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints.



“ DISCUSSION ”

Questions:

- Based upon these sections of scripture, is there a battle that we are to engage in?
- Is it a real battle and if so what's at stake?
- In Revelation 12, what two things did the people of God use to defeat Satan?

What do each of these things represent to you?

- Belt of truth
- Breastplate of righteousness
- Shoes made ready with the gospel of peace
- Shield of faith
- Helmet of salvation
- Sword of the Spirit



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Discuss with your children the armor that a knight wears before he goes into battle and how that armor keeps him safe from the weapons of his enemy.

Discuss each piece of armor and what it means.



**Ephesians
6:12-18
(The Message)**

Belt of truth – We are people who always tell the truth

Breastplate of righteousness – Christians are not only people made clean by God but we live clean and free from the sins of this world as much as we can.

Shoes prepared with the gospel of peace – we stand firm in what we believe because we learned it from the scriptures.

Shield of faith – The shield of faith stops what the enemy throws at us.

Helmet of salvation – Our minds are protected because we know we are saved and we are God’s children.

Sword of the Spirit – The Bible is our weapon against the things Satan tries to do.

This is no afternoon athletic contest that we’ll walk away from and forget about in a couple of hours. This is for keeps, a life-or-death fight to the finish against the Devil and all his angels. Be prepared. You’re up against far more than you can handle on your own. Take all the help you can get, every weapon God has issued, so that when it’s all over but the shouting you’ll still be on your feet. Truth, righteousness, peace, faith, and salvation are more than words. Learn how to apply them. You’ll need them throughout your life. God’s Word is an indispensable weapon. In the same way, prayer is essential in this ongoing warfare. Pray hard and long. Pray for your brothers and sisters. Keep your eyes open. Keep each other’s spirits up so that no one falls behind or drops out.



PRAYER FOCUS

Christians also have an enemy that attacks us but God has given us armor to protect us when the devil tries to attack.

Every day we put on this armor by how we live and by what we do. God’s armor keeps us safe and makes us able to help other people who the devil is hurting.

“Lord, help us to put on God’s armor of protection each day to guard our hearts and prepare us to stand firm in what we believe.”

“Today we pray for our Pastors, Missionaries, &
