

# Kindergarten-2<sup>nd</sup>

November 2-3, 2013

Kingdom Come Journey Week 4: FIGHT

LESSON TITLE

Ephesians 6:10-17

We can fight for God's Kingdom by obeying!

WHERE TO FIND IT

MAIN POINT

## schedule

**Connect Time (15 minutes):** Five minutes after the service begins, split kids into groups and begin their activity.

**Large Group (30 minutes):** Begin 20 minutes after the service starts. Model what it looks like to be engaged in large group.

**Small Group (15 minutes):** Keep kids in small groups until parents arrive. If you *all* have extra time at the end, you can review the video and songs together.

## tips

Last week, kids made Obey Experiment Cards. As kids enter the room, ask them how it went. Share how *your* obedience challenge went too! If kids weren't here last week, talk to them about what we did and ask them how they could obey Jesus at home or school this week.

## check-in/out

Tell parents that kids need their help to fill out their **fight experiment cards** this week. Instructions are on the card. (Hopefully, this will spark conversations between kids and parents!)

## large group heads up

Today, we're learning about how God has an enemy who will do anything to get us to stop following Jesus. Fortunately, God has given us everything we need to stand up to him.



## connect time

**GOAL:** *Connect Time is all about engaging kids in an activity that allows them to connect with each other right away while simultaneously piquing their curiosity for Large Group and preparing their minds for what they're going to hear.*

### **MAKE-YOUR-OWN-ARMOR**

- Split kids into groups
- Give each kid a piece of **aluminum foil**
- Tell kids to pretend they are warriors
- Ask them to build armor to protect them during battle. *(Focus on the protective nature of armor as opposed to building weapons!)*
- Help monitor the amount of foil per kid. Talk to kids about what armor is and when/why anybody would wear it.

**This is also a time for you to connect with kids\*:** While kids do the activity, ask them their names, talk to them about their week, or even remind them of the expectations you have for Large Group behavior: (1) Be kind, (2) Listen when somebody speaks, (3) Follow the leader's instructions.

\*Here are some sample connect questions:

1. What was the best part of your week?
2. What was the worst part of your week?
3. Who brought you to Kids' Club today?
4. What's your favorite...Activity? Movie? Superhero?



## instructions

**Goal:** Kids will (1) recognize that there is a battle between God's Kingdom and the kingdom of the world, (2) practice fighting the battle through obedience (specifically, repentance).

**Why?** Obedience is our most powerful weapon, and it's made possible by putting on our armor. Part of obedience is repentance—or turning away from our disobedience. We're focusing on this aspect of obedience in order to stay aligned with adult Journey content.

**Tip:** Kids may be interested in the armor, but really the armor is designed to keep us strong so that we can obey. Focus on fighting by obeying.

## small group

### REACT / DIG DEEPER

1. What was the most surprising (or your favorite) thing you heard in large group today?
2. What does the devil try to get us to do? (disobey God)
3. Do you ever feel like you're struggling between making the right choice and the wrong choice? Explain.
4. How can we fight the devil and turn toward God's Kingdom?
5. What does God give us to protect us? (armor)
6. How do you think God's armor protects us?
7. Was anything about large group confusing?

### VERSE PRACTICE

Fortunately, even when we mess up, God forgives us, and we can turn back toward him.

Let's learn the next part of our verse (Use the **verse card**. First, review from last week:

**Matthew 6:9-10: Our Father in heaven** (prayer hands), **help us to honor your name** (cup hands around mouth). **Come and set up your kingdom** (act like you're setting an object on the table), **so that everyone on earth will obey you** (point to the floor), **as you are obeyed in heaven** (point to the sky). The next part is this: **Forgive us for doing wrong, as we forgive others. Keep us from being tempted and protect us from evil.**

We've talked about specific ways we can obey. But (1) asking forgiveness when we disobey and then (2) asking God to protect us is *another* way we can be obedient and FIGHT for God's Kingdom as his army. So we're going to do some fighting today by repenting for times we've disobeyed!



## REPENTANCE ACTIVITY

- Give each kid a **half sheet of paper with a body on it**.
- Kids should think of a time they disobeyed. Give them some ideas:
  - Maybe you hit your little brother or sister, got in trouble at school, didn't share with a friend, said "no" to your mom or dad, etc.
- (Depending on age): Ask kids to write what they did wrong OR just draw an "X" somewhere on the body when they think of a time they disobeyed.
- Have kids take a minute and ask God to forgive them by saying, "Dad/Father (like in Matthew 6:9!), please forgive me!"
- Give them **heart stickers** to cover the "Xs" or the writing. Then remind them that God loved us so much he sent Jesus to take the punishment for our disobedience. God's love covers us!
- Explain that when we ask forgiveness, we turn away from the kingdom of the world and toward the Kingdom of God, which is full of God's love. We're covered in God's love AND his special armor. And we can start obeying again! (Kids can draw armor on their paper if they want.)

**\*Pray together, thanking God that he forgives us, protects us, and lets us be warriors in his Kingdom!**

## TAKE-HOME FIGHT EXPERIMENT

*\*At the end, hand kids **fight cards** and remind them to be obedience warriors. Encourage them to ask their parents to help them fill out their card at home (instructions are on the card). If you have extra time left, do this:*

- Give kids a fight card, and remind them they are warriors in God's Kingdom when they obey. Read the verse on the card and ask them to think of one way they can obey this week **instead** of disobey. (*This is similar to last week's card experiment, but instead of general obedience, it is in direct opposition to an act of disobedience for which they just repented.*)
- In the blank space, have them write or draw (or write for them) a specific way they think God wants them to obey this week now that they are covered in his love.
- Help them come up with ideas, like: if they hit a brother or sister, they can hug them; if they said "no" to their mom or dad, they can say "yes".



# LARGE group

## special notes

The idea of God's armor might be hard for younger kids to grasp. We want to introduce it, but if kids ask a lot of questions, tell them they'll have a chance to talk to their small group leaders.

## presenter tips

Decide ahead of time how you want today's game to work. If you want to enlist other volunteers' help ahead of time, go for it!

## script

Hi everybody! Welcome to Kids' Club. It's great to see you today. We've been talking about God's Kingdom and how Jesus brought the Kingdom of God to us when he came to earth to rescue us. It's a perfect kingdom, based completely on LOVE. And when we accept God's love, we get to be part of HIS Kingdom—and we get to be filled with his love and obey him by acting the way Jesus acted and by showing God's love to others through forgiving them, serving them, helping them, and being kind to them.

### **WE ARE AT WAR**

So, if we're talking about a king we love and obey, why are we making *armor*? That's strange! What do we use armor for? (Let kids say: fight/war.) Yes, to keep us safe in battle!

But you know what? We DO need armor... because our king has an enemy who doesn't want us to obey or follow Jesus! (**Show picture of Adam and Eve.**) Remember back to the very first two people ever made...their names were Adam and Eve. They walked and talked with God and obeyed him all the time. But one day, the devil, disguised as a snake, tricked them into thinking they couldn't actually *trust* God! So they *disobeyed* God.

Fortunately, God loved them, even though they disobeyed. And he sent a rescuer, Jesus! I'm SO glad God sent a Rescuer for all of us, because...you know what!? *The devil tries to trick US into disobeying God too!* He has a whole army who tries to trick us into disobeying God.

### **WE FIGHT BY OBEYING (RED LIGHT, GREEN LIGHT)**

Now, to understand how we can fight against the devil and turn toward the Kingdom of God, I need everybody to stand up. (Let kids stand). Line up against the back wall (or the longest wall). OK, when I say GREEN light and hold up this piece of paper (hold up the **green paper**), you can take GIANT steps toward me.

But as soon as I say RED light and hold up this piece of paper (hold up the **red paper**), you



## script continued

have to stop. The goal is to get to me first. But if you keep taking steps when I hold up the RED, you have to start over. Any questions? (Let kids ask questions.) OK, adults, you guys can help make sure everybody obeys the GREEN and RED rules. Here we go!

(Play for 1-2 minutes. As soon as you have at least one winner—there could be several winners—stop the game and continue): Great job! OK winner(s), stay up here for a second. Everybody else sit down. (Let kids sit.) Winners, how did you win? (Guide them toward saying: they obeyed.) Yes! You guys won because you obeyed! Go ahead and have a seat.

(As they sit, continue:) And you know what? The very BEST way that we can fight the devil...is by OBEYING God. See, when we obey, we turn away from the devil and run *toward* God and his Kingdom. (Motion to the walls that they were running away from and toward to help them visualize it in context of the game.)

## GOD PROTECTS US

It's pretty simple to obey in a game. But God knows that the devil makes it REALLY hard for us to *always* obey. The devil tempts us and tries to trick us into disobeying, just like he did with Adam and Eve. So God has said we can obey him by REPENTING when we disobey—that means turning away from the devil and obeying God again.

God has also given us something really special to help us fight—armor to protect us from the devil's temptations and lies. With this armor, we can FIGHT the devil!

Now, this armor isn't like clothes you can put on your body. It's like a special covering you can ask for in your mind. Let's find out more about this armor by watching a video. As you watch and hear about each piece of armor...in your head, ask God to cover you with it and touch the part of your body where the armor goes. When we ask God to cover us in this armor, he does!

**Video: God's Story / The Armor of God** (About 4 minutes; guide kids in adding the motions to the armor.)

*(React and summarize:)* Wow, isn't that amazing!? We get to be a part of God's army! And God wants us to be completely ready to fight the devil's attacks. When we are part of God's Kingdom, God covers us in truth, righteousness, faith, God's word, and salvation, which is being rescued! Then we can tell others about Jesus and make God's Kingdom bigger!

Remembering we are God's warriors helps us fight against the kingdom of this world by obeying God. Of course, we still mess up at times and disobey. But fortunately, Jesus already took the punishment for our mistakes when he rescued us. We can just repent and ask God to forgive us and then start saying "yes" to him again, and obeying.

The most powerful weapon we have to fight the devil is do the opposite of what the devil wants...and OBEY just like you did in today's game! So what's our weapon against the devil? (Let kids yell: Obey!)



**script continued**

**WORSHIP**

We'll talk about this more in small groups. But first, let's thank God that he loves us enough to help us stand up to the devil's attacks and keep following Jesus!

**Song: Brave-A-Ree** (hand motions)

**Song: You Come In A Hurry** (hand motions)

**PRAY**

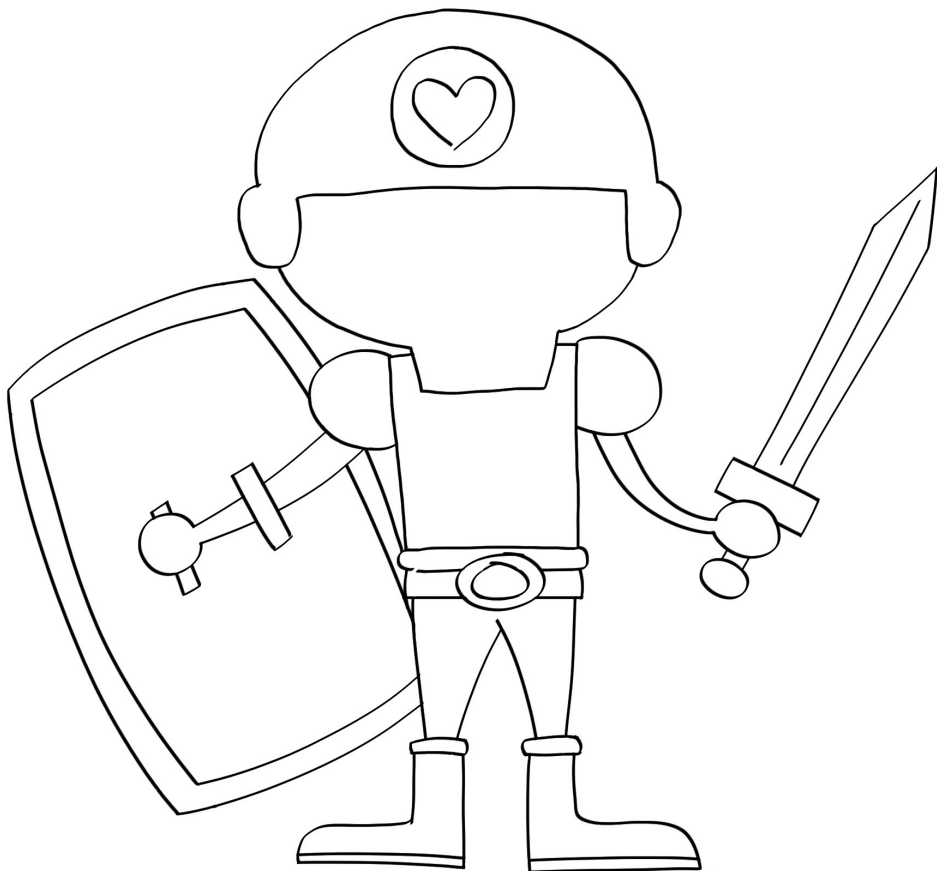
Ask somebody to come thank God for giving us armor to fight for his Kingdom!





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# PREP needs



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## connect time supplies

1 roll of aluminum foil per small group

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## small group supplies

Coloring Page: Knight

Per group:

1 verse example on colored cardstock

Per kid:

\*1 half sheet of paper with a body outline on it

3 heart-shaped stickers per kid

1 Fight Experiment card

Markers or crayons

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## large group supplies

Bible

1 piece of red construction paper

1 piece of green construction paper

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## a/v needs

1. Image: Adam and Eve
2. Video: God's Story / Armor of God
3. Song: Brave-A-Ree (with hand motions)
4. Song: You Come in A Hurry (with hand motions)

*\*Partner churches, all content in this lesson is original and will therefore be provided.*

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## connect questions

Tell me about how God protects his family.  
How can we be warriors in God's Kingdom?

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## parent page

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