

Activity Tie-In: Camping Equipment

Objects: Tent, sleeping bag, pillow, warm clothes, food, water, firewood, flashlight, protection

Bible Verse: Ephesians 6:10-16

¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹²For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Lesson: Being properly equipped to fight off the evils of the darkness in the world.

Introduction Ideas:

You could talk about a hypothetical situation where a family goes camping and runs into situations where they forgot something which they needed and that they were unequipped for the problems that they came across.

Lesson Suggestions:

Once you explain to them the situations the family was put in (and even maybe have them try to figure out what to do in that situation without the needed equipment), transition into Ephesians 6 where God talks to us about what we need in order to stand our ground and fight against the darkness of this world (the Devil). (You could even move toward using armor, but that would get away from the camping equipment theme).

Questions for Interactive Lesson:

What are the kinds of things that we face daily in our lives that God encourages we put on the full armor of God for?

Some of these things might be persecution that we face not only on account of the cross but on account of worldly things. Others might be false doctrine/false teachers we come in contact with, the sinful desires and thoughts of our hearts, the daily battle we wage inside ourselves taking down our Old Adam, the list can go on.

When God talks about "The Full Armor of God" is he talking about actual armor or are these spiritual things that he is talking about?

He is talking about the spiritual armor. The armor that he speaks about in Ephesians is spiritual that we may fight off the devil and his schemes that he uses to desperately lure believers into thinking/doing. Many of these things are found in the last question's suggestions.

Closing Prayer:

God, you are the ultimate protector. Thank you for giving to us the full armor of God so that we can stand our ground and defend against the Devil and the darknesses this world contains. Help us to persevere and never take off that armor so we may remain grounded in faith in you. Amen.

