

WEEK 4 K-1 LESSON



Need to Know: *Put on the Good News Boots*

Bible Story: *The Great Commission (Matthew 28:16-20)*

Circle Up

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1. WELCOME kids to our series, “Everyday Armor,” and TELL them your name. Then SAY: *Over the next few weeks, we’re hitting the city streets and finding out what it means to wear the armor of God every day. First, let’s play a game called “Dicebreaker” to get to know each other. When the die comes to you, tell us your name, give it a roll, and then I will ask you a question.*
2. PASS the die and allow each child to roll it. When they do, ASK them a question from the **Question Sheet** based on what number the die lands on.
3. Afterwards, SAY:
 - *Whatever city you visit and no matter what you do there, you’re going to need some good walking shoes.*
 - *There are also some shoes that are part of God’s armor. They’re called the “Good News Boots.” When we wear these boots, God gives us the courage to tell others the good news about His love for them! And that’s what we need to know today! So say this after me:*
Put on (cross arms on chest)
The Good News Boots (pretend to put on boots)

Read the Bible

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1. SAY: *Before Jesus went back to Heaven, there’s something He told us to do. While I tell you what He said, you get to make a map of this Bible story.*
2. GIVE each child a **Bible Story Map** and a **coloring utensil**.
3. READ the **Bible Story Sheet** to the group, allowing them to fill in their Map as you read. COLLECT the coloring utensils and then ASK:
 - *Did Jesus tell His disciples and all of us to go and tell the good news about a new movie star or about God’s love? (God’s love)*
 - *Yes! Everyone needs to hear that God loves them, and we get to tell them! What piece of armor has God given us to help us tell others this good news? (The Good News Boots) That’s right! Jesus will always be with us, giving us the courage to share God’s love with the world.*

Let’s Practice

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Actions on the Taxi Cards

may need to be modified for the abilities of the child.

1. SAY: *Each day we can tell others about God’s love with our words and our actions. To see what it looks like to do that, let’s play “Catch the Taxi”!*
2. LAY the **Taxi Cards** in the center of the group, with the series logo up, and SPLIT the group into two teams. Then EXPLAIN the game:
 - *Here in the city, people waves their hands to catch taxis so they can get to where they need to go. In this game, your team is going to try to catch taxis, too, but with a **sticky hand**!*
 - *Teams will take turns using the sticky hand and catching a Card. If you catch a Card with a taxi on the back of it, I’ll read you what it says and you will get to keep the Card. But if you catch a road sign, then you’ll have to do something silly, and you don’t get to keep the Card.*
 - *The team who catches the most taxi Cards at the end of the game will be the winner!*
3. PASS the sticky hand between teams and PLAY the game.
4. After the game, HAVE teams count their Cards to see who won. Then **SANITIZE** kids’ hands and GIVE each child a piece of **candy** for participating, beginning with the winning team.
5. Afterwards, SAY: *When we put on the good news boots each day, God will give us the courage to tell and show people that He loves them. So let’s all say what we need to know today one more time:*
Put on (cross arms on chest)
The Good News Boots (pretend to put on boots)

Memorize It

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1. SAY: *One piece of God's armor is the sword of the Spirit. The sword of the Spirit is actually the Bible! When we remember what the Bible says, we can use it as a weapon against the enemy's lies and tricks. The devil may try to trick us into thinking that God's armor is not that powerful, but we can memorize this verse to help us know the truth. Say it after me:*
 - “Put on (cross arms on chest)
 - All of God's armor.* (move hands from head to toes)
 - Then you can remain strong* (make muscles with arms)
 - Against the devil's evil plans.”* (put fists on hips)
 - Ephesians 6:11* (make book with hands)
 2. PRACTICE saying the verse with the group two times, having them repeat each line with the motions.
 3. ROLL the **ball** to kids in the group, having them say the next word of the memory verse when it comes to them. REPEAT this several times.
 4. TELL kids that if they memorize this verse by the end of the series, they will win a prize!
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Let's Pray

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ASK your group for any prayer requests. Then PRAY the following for your group:

- That they would remember to put on the good news boots every day
 - That God would give them courage to tell and show others about how much He loves them
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Stay Together

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KEEP kids engaged in Small Group until they are checked out by doing the following activities:

- GIVE each child a **Coloring Sheet** and PLACE the **coloring utensils** in the center of the group so kids can color.
- PLAY “Heads Up.”
 - HAVE one child select a **Heads Up Card** without looking at it.
 - HAVE the child place the **Card** on his/her forehead so that the group can see it.
 - HAVE the group give the child clues about what's on his/her **Card** without telling him/her what it is. (Ex: If the child pulls the taxi **Card**, the group could give clues such as, “It's a type of car, it's yellow, you see a lot of these in the city, it has a driver, you can pay the driver to take you somewhere,” etc.)
 - Once the child correctly guesses what's on their **Card**, they win, and someone else can have a turn.
 - CONTINUE playing as time allows.
- PLAY “Hot Potato” using the **die**.

BIBLE STORY SHEET

READ the Bible story below, and ASSIST kids in drawing and coloring as prompted.

- *In the first box on your map, I want you to color in the swords. As kids color, SAY:*
 - *You would think that sharing the good news about God's love would be really easy. But there's a spiritual battle taking place between God and the devil over the hearts of each person on Earth.*
- *At the next stop on your map is a heart for you to trace! As kids trace, SAY:*
 - *This heart is there to help us remember that God is fighting for every person in the world to know who He is and how much He loves them.*
- *Now follow the road on your map to the stoplight. Which circle on this stoplight is supposed to be green? (The bottom one) You all share the green coloring utensils and color in the green on your stop light as I keep reading. As kids color, SAY:*
 - *God wants us to help him in this battle by sharing the good news of His love with everyone, and He gave us a piece of his armor to help us out. It's the good news boots. These boots give us the courage to GO and tell the good news just like Jesus taught His disciples to do.*
- *Now follow the road to stop number four on your map.*
 - (POINT to Jesus on the cross on a child's Map) *When Jesus lived on Earth, He died on a cross to take the punishment for all the wrong things we do. How do you think Jesus felt on the cross? (ALLOW responses) It really hurt, and I'm sure He was sad, so draw a sad face on Jesus in the top picture. (GIVE kids a few seconds to draw a frown on Jesus)*
 - *Even though it hurt Jesus to die on the cross, He did for us, because He loves us. Three days later, God brought Jesus back to life! Afterwards, Jesus appeared to His disciples on a mountainside. When Jesus' friends saw Him, they worshipped Him and thanked God for His love.*
- *Let's travel on to stop five on our map, and listen to the important message Jesus had for His disciples. Jesus said, "Go and make followers of all people in the world. Teach them to obey everything I have told you to do. And you can be sure that I will be with you always."*
- *Keep following the road, and you will see two faces. These are two of Jesus' disciples.*
 - *How do you think Jesus' friends felt when He told them to go and tell people about God's love? (ALLOW responses) Draw on their faces how you think they felt—some may have been excited, but some may have been nervous or scared. (GIVE kids a few seconds to draw faces on disciples)*
 - *We may be scared to tell others about God's love, because sometimes we think, "It's too hard," or "I don't know what to say." But with the good news boots, God gives us the right words to say and helps us to not be afraid. Jesus even made a promise to all His disciples, and it's a promise for us, too!*
- *The sign we passed a minute ago says, "I will be with you always." Go back to it, and let me see you underline the word, "ALWAYS." (POINT to the word on a child's Map) Jesus is ALWAYS with us, even when we're telling other people about God's love for them!*
- *Now travel to the end of the road, to stop number six. The top person in this box is you, so color it to look like you. (GIVE kids a minute or less to color themselves) When you tell others about God's love, they may want to follow Jesus and tell others about Him, too. Then, more and more people will hear the good news! You can be like Jesus' disciples and change the world by telling others about how much God loves them!*

QUESTION SHEET

Wk 4 - K-5 - Question Sheet

ASK each child the question that corresponds to the number they rolled.



Would you rather visit the city of Chicago or New York City?



Would you rather meet a movie star or a famous athlete?



Would you rather eat a hot dog or pizza from a food cart in the city?



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Would you rather visit the city zoo or the museum?



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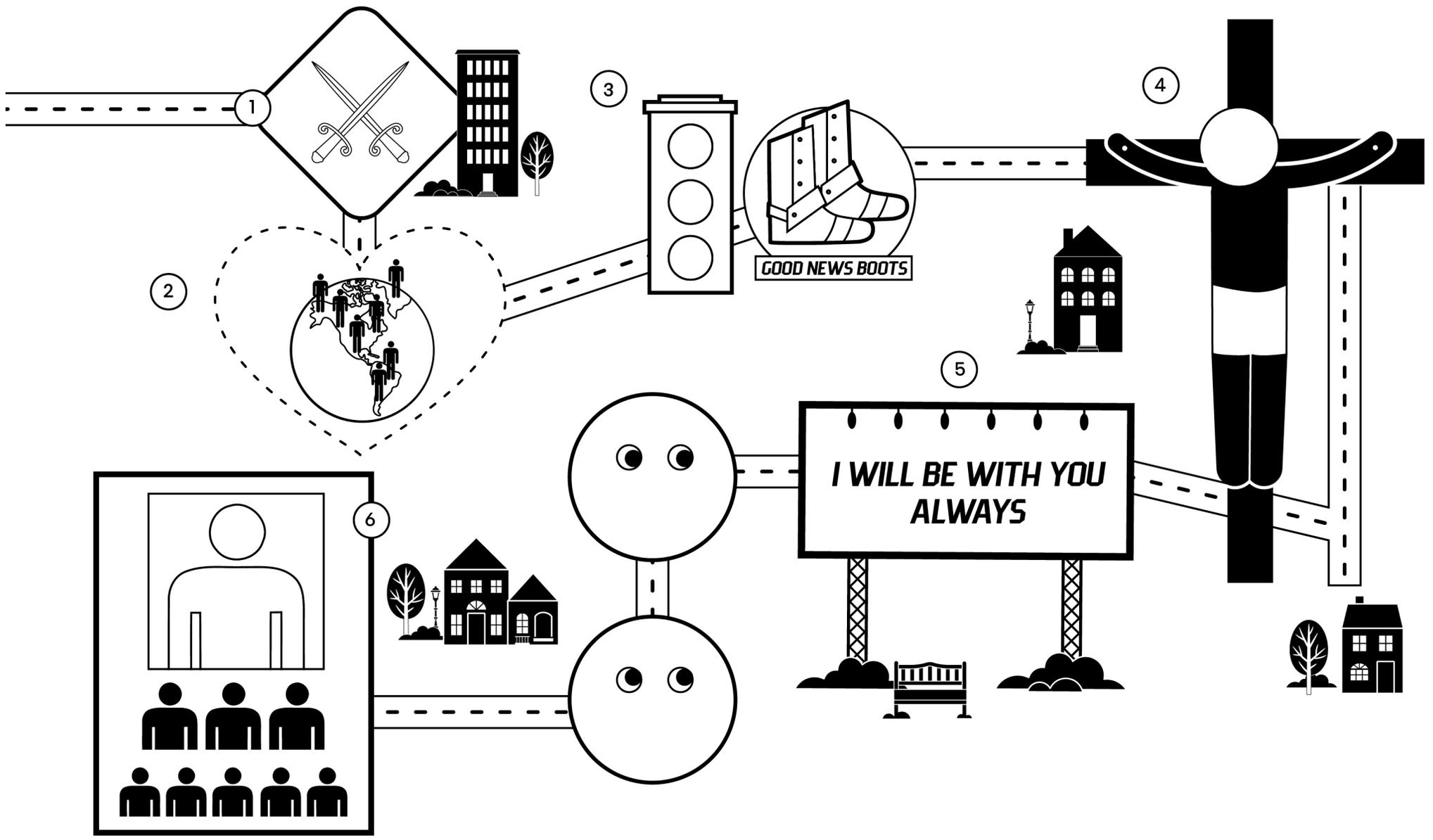
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GOOD NEWS BOOTS



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Series Memory Verse: "Put on all of God's armor. Then you can remain strong against the devil's evil plans." Ephesians 6:11 (NIRV)

Name _____



You caught a taxi!

True or False: If your family makes cookies for your new neighbor and invites them to church, you are telling them about God's love. (True)

Yes! When we invite people to church, they can hear the good news that God loves them!

Wk 4 - K-1 - Taxi Cards



You caught a taxi!

If your friend is sad, what can you tell them about God to make them feel better? (That He loves them, will take care of them, hears them, etc.)

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True or False: When you forgive somebody, you are showing them God's love.

It's true! When we forgive others, we are showing them that God loves them and forgives them, too.

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You caught a taxi!

Who is one person that you want to know that God loves them? (ALLOW the team to respond)

We can pray for those people and ask God to give us the courage to tell them that He loves them!

Wk 4 - K-1 - Taxi Cards



You caught a taxi!

If someone tells you to stop talking to them about God, Jesus, or church, should you say OK and keep showing them love or yell at them until they listen to you? (Say OK and keep showing them love)

Yes! People will not always believe that God loves them right away, but we can show them God's love in how we treat them every day!

Wk 4 - K-1 - Taxi Cards



You caught a taxi!

What is something you can do to show people at school that God loves them? (Carry something for them, help them with their school work, talk to/play with them, tell them what you learned at church, invite them to church, etc.)

Wk 4 - K-1 - Taxi Cards



You caught a taxi!

What is something you can do to show people at home that God loves them? (Do a chore for them, tell them a Bible story, tell them what you learned at church, obey your parents, pray for them out loud, write them a kind note)

Wk 4 - K-1 - Taxi Cards



You caught a taxi!

What is something you can do to show people in our community that God loves them? (Invite them to church, serve meals to people without food, donate things to people in need, help people with a project, etc.)

Wk 4 - K-1 - Taxi Cards



You missed the taxi! Looks like you'll have to walk!

Everyone on your team stand up, and walk in place while saying today's Need to Know:

Put on (cross arms on chest)

The Good News Boots (pretend to put on boots)

Wk 4 - K-1 - Taxi Cards



You missed the taxi! Looks like you'll have to ride your bike!

Everyone on your team move your legs like you're riding a bike while saying today's Need to Know:

Put on (cross arms on chest)

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Wk 4 - K-1 - Taxi Cards



You missed the taxi, so you had to ride the bus! Turn to the person sitting on your right (POINT to the right), and tell them that God loves them in a squeaky voice like a street mouse! (Kids say, "God loves you," in a squeaky mouse voice)

Wk 4 - K-1 - Taxi Cards



You missed the taxi, so you have to ride in the car with your neighbor and be very quiet. Let me see everyone on your team do the motions for today's Need to Know without making a sound!

Put on (cross arms on chest)

The Good News Boots (pretend to put on boots)

Wk 4 - K-1 - Taxi Cards



FOUNTAIN

Wks 2, 4, & 6 - K-5 - Heads Up Cards



DONUT

Wks 2, 4, & 6 - K-5 - Heads Up Cards



BRIDGE

Wks 2, 4, & 6 - K-5 - Heads Up Cards



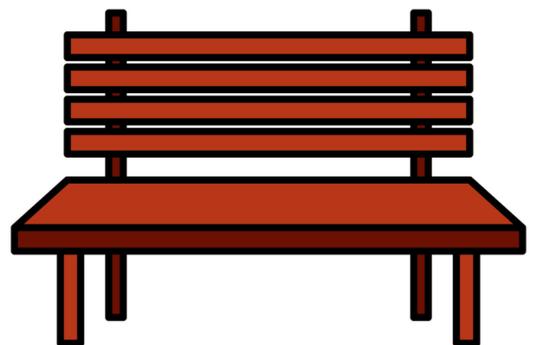
BUS

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BIKE

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BENCH

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TAXI

Wks 2, 4, & 6 - K-5 - Heads Up Cards



SQUIRREL

Wks 2, 4, & 6 - K-5 - Heads Up Cards



MOUSE

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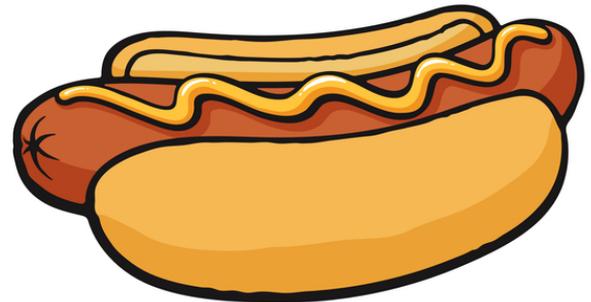
BUILDING/SKYSCRAPER

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PIZZA

Wks 2, 4, & 6 - K-5 - Heads Up Cards



HOT DOG

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