

WEEK 3 PRESCHOOL LESSON



Need to Know: *Put on the Armor of Godliness*

Bible Story: *Gideon (Judges 6:1-32)*

Circle Up



1. WELCOME kids to church.
 2. SAY: *Hey, friends! My name is (YOUR NAME), and I will be your leader today! (SHOW the pocket die) I want to get to know each of you, so when it's your turn, you can tell us your name and roll this die. Then you can answer whatever question the die lands on. I'll go first!* (SAY your name again, ROLL the die, READ and ANSWER the question on the **Pocket Die Card** that is facing up)
 3. PASS the **pocket die** around the group. ALLOW each child to introduce themselves to the group and roll the **pocket die**. Then HAVE the child answer the question the die landed on.
 4. After all kids have been introduced, SAY:
 - *Great job! God wants you to know that you can be an everyday hero, just like the heroes on our die, by putting on His special armor!*
 - *Let me see you pat your chest, like this.* (PAT chest and HAVE kids repeat) *When we put on our armor of godliness, our hearts are protected and we have the power to do what's right! Let me hear you say this after me:* (PAUSE to allow kids to repeat)
Put on (move hands from top of body to toes)
The Armor of Godliness (pat chest)
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Read the Bible



1. SAY: *There's a story in the Bible that shows us why we need the armor of godliness. Let's read it together!*
 2. HAVE kids get ready to hear the Bible story by clicking on their listening ears and putting on their special eyes.
 3. SHOW and READ the **Bible Story Cards** to the group.
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Let's Practice



1. SAY: *Today we are going to look for hidden pictures that will help us know how to put on the armor of godliness!*
2. SHOW a **Hidden Picture Coloring Sheet**, and SAY: *Each of you will get one Hidden Picture Coloring Sheet. I will show you a picture, and you will find where it is hiding on your Sheet. Let's put on our special eyes to help us find all the hiding pictures.* (Everyone will CUP hands around eyes and SAY, "Zoop, zoop!")
3. GIVE each child one **Hidden Picture Coloring Sheet**.
4. SHOW and READ each **Picture Card**, and ALLOW kids to locate the image on their **Hidden Picture Coloring Sheets**.
5. CONTINUE until all **Picture Cards** have been shown and kids have located the hidden image on their **Hidden Picture Coloring Sheets**. Then SAY:
 - *That's it! When we put on the armor of godliness, our hearts are protected and we can do what's right!*
 - *Let me hear you say that after me:* (PAUSE to allow kids to repeat)
Put on (move hands from top of body to toes)
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ASSIST the child in locating the hidden image on his/her **Hidden Picture Coloring Sheet**.

Memorize It

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1. SAY: *When we put on all of God's armor, it makes us strong so that we can stand up to any evil that comes our way. There's a Bible verse that helps me remember to put on God's armor every day, and I want to teach it to you!*
 2. SHOW the **Memory Verse Card**, and HAVE kids repeat the verse after you several times. Then, USE the back of the **Memory Verse Card** to practice the verse as a group.
 - *"Put on all* (move hands from top of body to toes)
of God's (point up with both hands)
armor." (hands on hips)
Ephesians 6:11 (make book with hands)
 3. REMIND kids to practice this verse with their family at home so they can win a prize in a few weeks.
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Let's Pray

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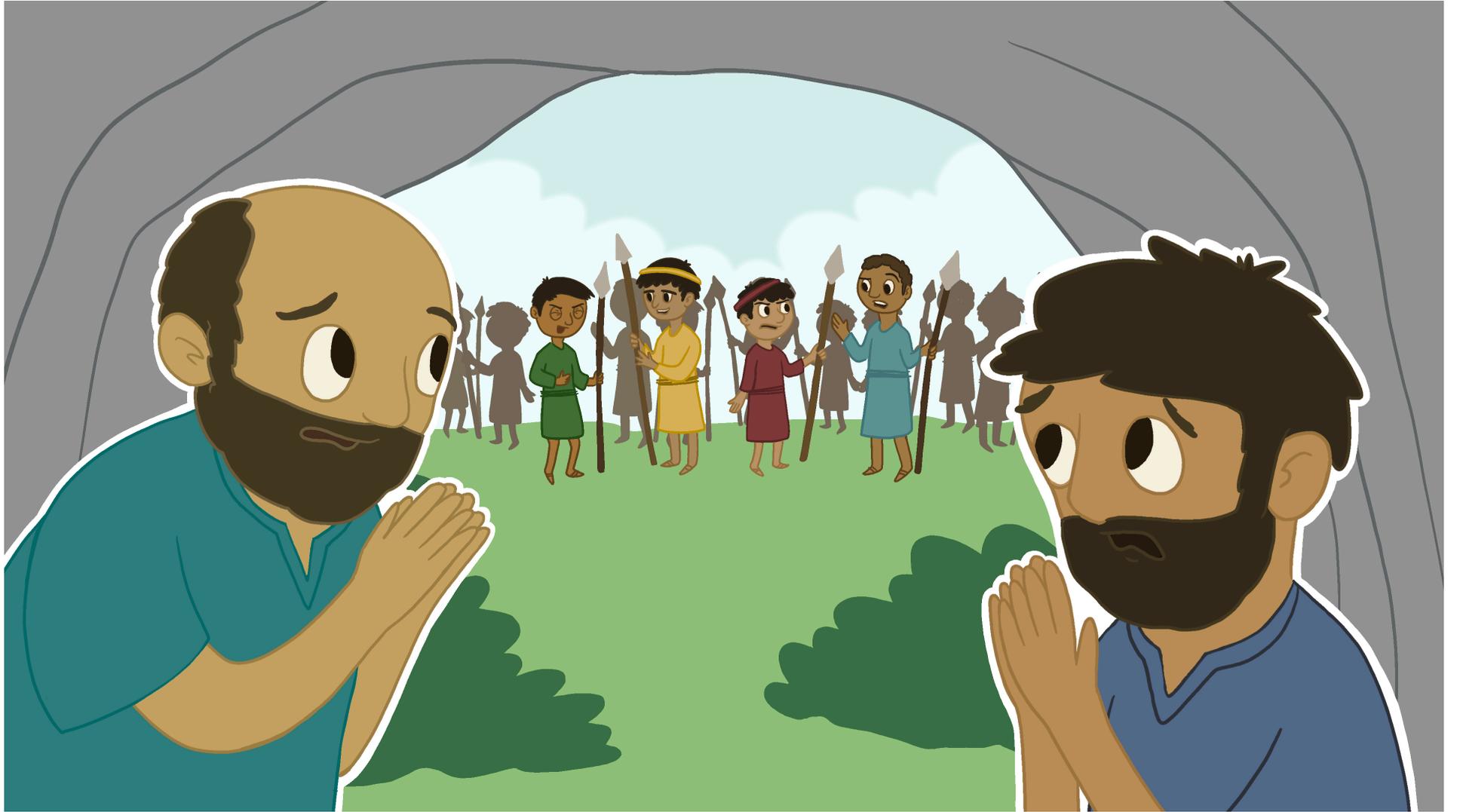
PRAY with your group, having them repeat after you in short phrases:

- *Dear God, thank You for giving me Your armor that helps me stand strong. Please help me put on the armor of godliness and do what's right every day! Thank You for my snack. I love You! In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.*
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Stay Together

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1. **SANITIZE** kids' hands and **PASS** out **snacks**.
2. **KEEP** kids engaged in Small Group until they are checked out by doing the following activities:
 - PLACE the **crayons** in the center of the group. HAVE kids color their **Hidden Picture Coloring Sheets** to take home. As kids color, **ASK** the following:
 - *Does the armor of godliness hurt our heart or protect our heart?* (Protect our heart)
 - *Will the armor of godliness help us do what is right or what is wrong?* (What is right)
 - *How can I pray for you this week?*
 - PLAY "Hero Says" (played like "Simon Says," but SAY, "Hero says," before each motion). USE the following motions:
 - *Put on the belt of truth* (pretend to put on belt)
 - *Put on the armor of godliness* (pat chest)
 - *Put on your good news boots* (pretend to put on boots)
 - *Put on the helmet of salvation* (tap head)
 - *Hold up your shield of faith* (pretend to hold up shield)
 - *Hold up your sword of the Spirit* (make sword fighting motion)
 - *Stand firm and pray* (stand tall and make praying hands)
 - SING "The Wheels on the Bus":
 - *The wheels on the bus go*
 - *'Round and 'round,* (ROLL hands around each other)
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 - *'Round and 'round.* (ROLL hands around each other)
 - *The wheels on the bus go* (ROLL hands around each other)
 - *'Round and 'round,* (ROLL hands around each other)
 - *All through the town.*
 - CONTINUE with:
 - *The wipers on the bus go swish, swish, swish* (PUT arms up in front of you & MOVE like windshield wipers)
 - *The horn on the bus goes beep, beep, beep* (PRETEND to honk horn)
 - *The babies on the bus say, "Wah, wah, wah"* (PRETEND to cry)
 - *The mommies on the bus say, "Shhh, shhh, shhh"* (PUT finger to lips)
 - *The wheels on the bus go 'round and 'round* (ROLL hands around each other)



Gideon

Judges 6:1-32

(Point to men with spears)

Do these men look happy or angry? (Angry)

They do look angry. (Point to men praying) Now, do these men look angry or scared? (Scared)

You're right! These men in the cave are God's people. They had been disobeying God, and, because of this, their enemies took everything they had. They were so scared that they hid in caves.

Do God's people look like they are playing games or praying? (Praying)

Yes! They prayed and asked God to help them. Let me see you make praying hands like God's people in the cave. (Everyone will make praying hands) Good job!



(Point to man holding wheat)

This is Gideon. (Pronounced: Gih-dee-uhn)

(Point to the angel)

An angel of God came and told Gideon that God wanted him to help save God's people. The angel called Gideon a mighty warrior.

Everyone show me your muscles, like a strong and mighty warrior.

(Everyone will show muscles)

You look so strong! (Point to Gideon) ***But Gideon didn't feel strong or mighty. He felt scared to do what God had told him to do.***



But God told Gideon, “You are strong. Go and save Israel. I will be with you!”

Then Gideon believed that God was with him, and he was ready to do what God had told him to do.

(Point to the angel)

The angel of God told Gideon to tear down the tall pole and altar that Gideon’s family had built to show love to fake gods. God wanted Gideon to build the right kind of altar that would show love to the real God.



So Gideon got ten of his friends, and they went and did exactly what the angel of God told him to do.

Is Gideon putting up or tearing down the poles and altar? (Tearing down)

Even though Gideon was scared of what his family and friends would say, Gideon stayed strong and did the right thing.



ARMOR OF GODLINESS

Sometimes it can feel scary to do what is right. But when we put on the armor of godliness (pat chest), we know that God is protecting our hearts from wanting to do the wrong thing.

Every time we put on God's armor and pray, we have the power to be an everyday hero and do what's right!

Let me hear you say this after me: (Pause to allow kids to repeat)

Put on (move hands from top of body to toes)

The Armor of Godliness (pat chest)



Need to Know Motions

Week 3



Put on

(move hands from top of body to toes)



the Armor of Godliness

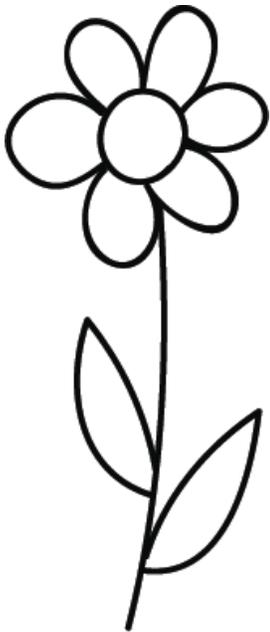
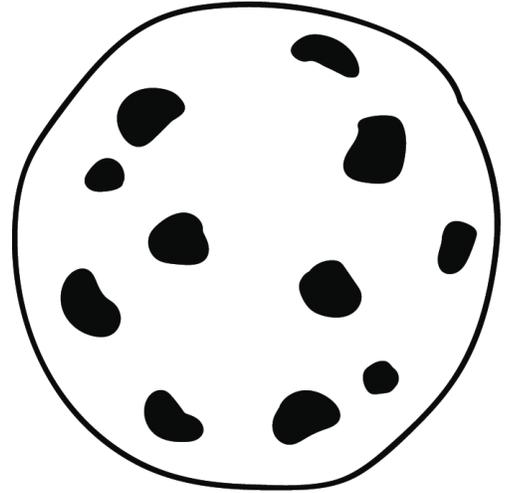
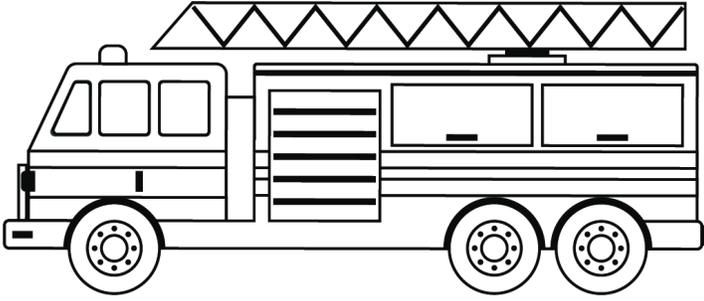
(pat chest)



Today's Bible Story: Gideon (Judges 6:1-32)

Series Memory Verse: "Put on all of God's armor." Ephesians 6:11a (NIRV)

Name _____



Can you find a cookie on your paper? (Everyone will point to the cookie)

Good job! If your dad said no cookies until after dinner, should you sneak a cookie before dinner or wait? (Wait)

Yes! When we put on the armor of godliness, we can do what's right by obeying our family.

Wk 3 - PS - Picture Cards

Let me see you find the firetruck on your paper. (Everyone will point to the firetruck)

That's it! If you want to play with the firetruck but your friend is playing with it, should you take it away from your friend or wait your turn? (Wait your turn)

You got it! The armor of godliness gives us the power to do what's right, like share and take turns with others!

Wk 3 - PS - Picture Cards

Where is the toy box on your paper? (Everyone will point to the toy box)

Yes! Before you go to bed, your mom asks you to put your toys in your toy box. Should you hide your toys under your bed or put them in the toy box? (Put them in the toy box)

That's right! The armor of godliness protects our hearts from doing what is wrong and helps us do what is right! Obeying your mom is the right thing to do.

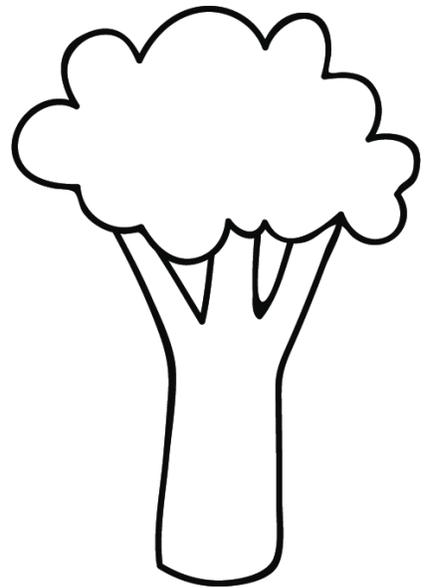
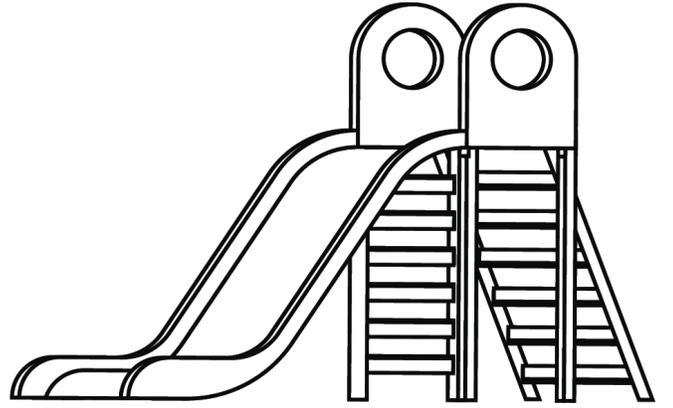
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Do you see a flower on your paper? (Everyone will point to the flower)

You found it! If your grandmother asks you to help her water her flowers, should you say, "No," or should you say, "Yes, ma'am"? (Say, "Yes, ma'am")

Yes! It sounds like you have on the armor of godliness because helping water your grandmother's flowers is the right thing to do!

Wk 3 - PS - Picture Cards



Can you find the slide on your paper? (Everyone will point to the slide)

Good job! Your babysitter said not to climb up the slide, but she is reading a book and isn't looking. Would it be right or wrong to climb up the slide? (Wrong)

Yes! When we put on the armor of godliness, it will give us the power to do what's right even when no one is looking.

Wk 3 - PS - Picture Cards

Where is broccoli on your paper? (Everyone will point to broccoli)

Yes! Your mom made broccoli to go with dinner, but you're scared to try it. Should you cry or give it a try? (Give it a try)

That's right! The armor of godliness protects our hearts from doing what is wrong and helps us do what is right, like try a new food.

Wk 3 - PS - Picture Cards

Let me see you find the smiling boy on your paper. (Everyone will point to the smiling boy)

That's it! A new boy moved into the home next to yours. Should you hide from him or say, "Hi," to him? (Say, "Hi," to him)

You got it! The armor of godliness gives us the power to do what's right and be kind to others!

Wk 3 - PS - Picture Cards

Do you see a police car on your paper? (Everyone will point to the police car)

You found it! If you are playing with your police car toy and you accidentally break a lamp at home, should you lie and say you didn't do it or tell the truth? (Tell the truth)

Yes! It might seem scary to tell the truth, but the armor of godliness will give you the power to do what's right!

Wk 3 - PS - Picture Cards