

It's a job to be Job—Kids' Lesson #3

Job 1:6-12, Eph. 6:11-12 (NIRV)

Props: Bring a picture of someone wearing armor and a picture of God's "armor".

HOOK: Let's play a game called "True or False." I'll tell you something and you give me a thumbs-up if you think that what I am saying is true or a thumbs-down if you think it's not true/false. (*Have the kids practice, showing you a thumbs-up and a thumbs-down.*)

Here we go:

- Satan (also called the devil) is not real; he's just pretend. (*false*)
- Satan is a liar; he is called the "Father of Lies". (*true*)
- Satan plans and does evil. (*true*)
- We don't have to pay attention to the devil. (*false*—The Bible says that the devil tempts us and we are to resist him so we need to pay attention.)

BOOK: Satan was real when Job lived on the earth and he is real today. Satan knew that Job belonged to God, but he tried hard to get Job to no longer follow the Lord. Today, Satan continues his evil tricks with believers. He does not want us to love, trust and follow God. We need to be careful to resist Satan and his evil ways. The Bible tells us we can do that by putting on the Armor of God. Eph. 6:11-12 says:

"Put on all of God's armor. Then you can remain strong against the devil's evil plans. Our fight is not against human beings. It is against the rulers, the authorities and the powers of this dark world. It is against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly world." (NIRV)

LOOK: Take a look at this picture (show the kids a picture of someone wearing armor). When the Bible tells us to put on God's armor, it doesn't mean that we need to walk around wearing this kind of armor. We would look pretty silly! This is the armor men wore in the old days when they went out to battle. "Put on all of God's armor" means protecting ourselves from Satan and his lies. We do this by:

- **Putting on the *Belt of Truth*** (Hold on to the truth—it will keep you strong when Satan attacks. The truth is, God is real. He loves you and is for you.)
- **Putting on the *Breast Plate of Righteousness*** (Guard your heart by choosing to do what is right and good.)
- **Putting on the *Shoes of the Gospel of Peace*** (Be ready to go wherever God sends you and tell others about Him and His son Jesus.)
- **Taking up the *Shield of Faith*** (Put your faith in God and you will be protected from Satan and his lies.)
- **Putting on the *Helmet of Salvation*** (If you have accepted Jesus into your life, then you are God's child. This means you are saved forever. You are His.)
- **Taking up the *Sword of the Spirit*** (Our "sword" is the Bible, God's holy word. The words of the Bible are true and powerful like a sword.)

TOOK: Resisting something means not going along with it; saying “no” to it. Resist the devil. Protect yourself from Satan’s lies and evil ways by “putting on” your armor every day.

Prayer: “Thank you, Lord, for helping us to be strong and resist the devil. Help us to remain faithful to You and to put on our armor every day.”

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(The Learning Continues—Job Lesson #3)



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



Parent/Child Activity: Throughout the week, talk with your child about God’s armor. You could highlight one “piece” of the armor every day for the next six days!

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The Shoes of the Gospel of Peace (Be ready to go wherever God sends you and tell others about Jesus.)

The Shield of Faith (Put your faith in God and you will be protected from Satan and his lies.)

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Daily Prayer: “Thank You, Lord, for helping us to be strong and resist the devil. Help us to remain faithful to You and to put on our armor every day. Amen.”