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I Am Secure
Elementary Leader Guide



the place for kids to take
their first steps with jesus.



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When we trust and follow God, we can be confident that He is always with us, and we can come to Him through prayer. As we pray and seek Him, God strengthens us and helps us follow Him in every part of our lives.

BIBLE- Armor of God- Ephesians 6:10-20

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At a Glance

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SOCIAL TIME

The first 10 minutes as kids arrive is a very important time in your small group. Because of this, we provide you with intentional activities to engage their interests and help lead into a great discussion. All of this is so that “boredom” is not an excuse. Everything is only available one time.

Every week you have:

- Roku Games to play together that are changed out monthly.
- 2 month specific games or group activities.
- Plus 2 Social Activities. ** Use one now and save the other for an incentive to participate in all the activities.

Games and Music (10 minutes)

What You Need: Instruction Page, Game Sets, Roku Game Instruction Page, “Fill In the Blocks” printable (1 per child), Markers (several), Dice (1 per group), Dry erase board and marker (1 per group), Butcher paper (1 per group), Markers (several), Tape (1 per group, optional), Dry erase board and marker (1 per group, optional)

What You Do:

- Play worship songs and other songs available on Roku during the Social Game or while kids are playing.
- Using the supplies and game instruction page, choose one game to play with the kids today.
- As you are playing, use this as a time to call each kid by name and learn their names well.

Say: That was a fun game to get us ready to watch our Bible video. Let's sit and listen to our story today.”

Bible Story Video (10 minutes)

Bible Story Recap- Say This

Paul reminded the Christians in Ephesus that, while they would face trouble in this world, their battle was not against people but against spiritual forces. When we experience brokenness and difficult things in this world, we can stand strong by remembering that God is always with us. We can resist the devil and temptation when we “put on” on the armor of God.

We can put on the belt of truth, which means we can remember and believe what God says is true. We can put on righteousness like armor over our chests, which means we protect our hearts and thoughts by following what God says is right. We can put on the gospel of peace like sandals, which means we walk in the peace and security that comes from having a right relationship with God. We can carry a shield of faith, which means we trust and believe that God is with us and will help us. We can wear salvation like a helmet, which means our minds are sure and confident in the forever relationship we have with God through Jesus. And we can carry the Word of God like a sword, which means that we can fight the lies of the enemy with truth from the Bible.

Paul knew it would not always be easy to stand strong. But when we are tempted to sin or struggling with a choice, we can pray and ask God for help. Praying is like putting on this armor over and over again. When we pray and talk to God, asking Him for help and guidance, we can know that He loves us and is always with us. Say, “God is always with me!” (God is always with me!)

Gospel Connection: (refer to the 4 Circles poster in your small group spaces)

(Circle two) We struggle with wrong feelings and responses because our world—and our hearts—are broken by sin, which is choosing our way instead of God’s and brings separation from Him. Everyone has sinned, and no matter how hard we try, we cannot fix our sin or our relationship with God on our own.

(Circle Three) The good news is that God sent His Son, Jesus, to take the punishment for our sins, and when He rose on the third day, He proved He is more powerful than sin, death, and every enemy we face. When we ask Jesus to forgive our sins and lead our lives, He restores our relationship with God, helps us stand against temptation, and fights on our behalf

(Circle one) When we trust in Jesus, our relationship with God is restored! That means we can be assured our prayers are heard by God, even if He does not answer our prayers like we expect. Like Paul demonstrates in Ephesians, our prayers help us stay close to God. It is like we are putting on armor to stay strong in the battle against sin. If you have questions about having a relationship with God through Jesus or want to know more about prayer, please come and talk to me! God loves you so much and made a way for you to be with Him forever!

(Circle four) Our God is always (hold up one thumb) awesome (hold up the other thumb). He has always been, is, and will always be awesome. One way He is awesome is that He is always with us! No matter what situation you find yourself in, God is always right there with you. Let’s pray and talk to God in 3-2-1!

God, thank You for always being with us. We can trust You when You say You are always with us, even if we do not feel like You are near. No matter what is happening, we can pray and talk to You and know that You listen. There is nothing that could stop You from being with us. Thank You for the security we feel when we remember that. Please remind us of this truth when life brings us troubles. We love You! Amen.

Surrounded and Strong

Kids will trace a drawing of themselves with phrases from the armor of God.

Big Goal: See that the armor of God helps us turn to God and know He is always with us.

Leader Prep: Write different words and phrases from the armor of God on the dry erase board: *truth, righteousness, gospel of peace, faith, salvation, and Word of God*. Also write the Main Idea and Bible story: *God is always with me* and *The Armor of God (Ephesians 6:10-20)*. Set out supplies.

1. Draw a full body picture of yourself in the center of the paper.
2. Write *God is always with me* at the top of the paper and *The Armor of God (Ephesians 6:10-20)* on the bottom of the paper.
3. Write the word *truth* repeatedly, tracing around your body picture with one color.
4. Continue the process with the other words and phrases from the armor of God, using a different color for each word or phrase: *righteousness, gospel of peace, faith, salvation, and Word of God*.

Supplies: Blank paper (1 per group), Markers (several), Pencils (1 per child), Dry erase board and marker (1 per group), Masking or painter's tape (1 per group; optional), "Surrounded and Strong Example" printable (1 per group; optional)

What To Do: Today we learned about the armor of God from Ephesians 6. Paul was not writing about physical armor but about protecting our minds and hearts with the truth that God loves us, rescues us from sin, and is always with us. This will help us stand strong against the devil, temptation, and the brokenness that comes from sin. So let's make pictures that will help us remember that God is always with us, and He helps us stand strong!

First, draw a picture of yourself in the center of your paper. Make sure you draw your whole body. At the top of your paper, write our Main Idea from today: *God is always with me*. On the bottom of your paper, write today's Bible story: *The Armor of God (Ephesians 6:10-20)*. (Allow time.)

The first piece of armor Paul wrote about was the *belt of truth*, which means that we can stand strong when we trust and believe what God says is true. So choose a color and write the word *truth* around your body. Write the word over and over but kind of small, because there will be more words we will be adding! (Allow time.)

Now that you have got the hang of it, repeat the process with different words and phrases from our Bible story, using a different color each time. An armor of *righteousness* over your chest, means that following what God says is right helps protect your heart and life. So write *righteousness* around your person. The *gospel of peace* on your feet like sandals means you can walk every day in the good news that comes from having a right relationship with God. Write *peace* around your person. The *shield of faith* means you can trust and believe God is with you and will help you, fighting against the lies of the devil. Now write *faith* around your person outline. We can wear *salvation* like a helmet, which means our minds are sure and confident in the forever relationship we have with God through Jesus. And the *Word of God* like a sword means you can fight against the lies of the enemy and the brokenness of the world with the truth that comes from the Bible.

Keep It Going: Use tape to display the pictures. Allow the team to walk around and explore each other's pictures.

Loud And Clear: It is so great to know that God is always with us, and He helps us stand strong as we follow Him. Whenever we are upset, confused, or tempted to sin, we can pray and ask God to help us stand strong and follow Him. When we pray and talk to God, He always listens! He is always with us and always helps us follow Him. Say, "God is always with me!" (*God is always with me!*) We can wear this armor every day and know we are secure in God!

Let's chat about this more by looking at some questions that make us think deeper.

Discussion Questions:

- What are some things kids or adults keep on them at all times to help them feel secure? (Allow answers, which might include wallet, keys, phone, and so forth.)
- The Bible tells us we are secure because God is always with us. Let's open our Bibles to **Ephesians 6:10-11** and read about it together. (Invite kids to open their Bibles. Read the passage aloud or invite a kid who volunteers to read the passage aloud. Be sure to have Bibles available for kids who need one. Help kids find the passage so everyone can follow along together.) Paul tells God's people to put on the full armor of God so they can stand against the real enemy, the devil. This means standing strong in the truth of God's love and His power to rescue us from sin. What are the different problems and challenging situations kids your age face? How can you turn to God in those situations? (Allow answers, which might include I could entrust it to God instead of trying to do something on my own; I could pray and ask for God's direction instead of doing what seems best to me; and so forth. Be sensitive to kids who may not want to answer this question.)
- When you trust God, you can know He is with you, and you are secure in Him. How can knowing this help you in tough circumstances? (Allow answers, which might include I know God is bigger than my troubles; every situation is under God's control; and so forth. Be sensitive to kids who do not want to answer this question.) If you want to trust in Jesus for the first time, please talk to me! I would love to tell you all about the gift Jesus gave you on the cross!
- The sin and brokenness in our world means that people will not always treat us the way God wants them to treat us. Sometimes that means people leave instead of staying with us. What can we do when someone leaves us like that? (Allow answers, which might include remember that God always loves me; be secure in the knowledge that God never leaves me; and so forth. Be sensitive to kids struggling with loss and abandonment. Encourage them that God is always with them and share that God brings other adults who can share His love and truth with them as well.)
- The Bible tells us that we are always secure because God is always with us. God is always with us because He is always (hold up one thumb) awesome (hold up the other thumb)! What is something you learned today?

Is there anything you have questions about? (Allow kids to answer, and share your own answer.) Let's pray and talk to God. (Lead the group in prayer. Consider using the following prayer prompt.)

God, thank You for always being with us. We trust that even when we face troubles, You are with us, and You are in charge. You can handle any situation! Because we know this, we also know we are secure. Help us to pray and talk to You, remembering that You are strong enough to handle anything. We love You! Amen.

GOING HOME

Pass out the coloring pages for kids to take home. Greet families as they arrive and tell them something about their child you saw today. Say goodbye and call everyone by name.