

NOTE TO PARENTS from Ps Luke Aiassecca

Thank you for the privilege of ministering to your family through Kidmania Online. Today's Kidmania Online episode was *the Armor of God*.

This parent info sheet can be used by you at home to support your Kidmania experience WITH your children and help them to get the most out of it.

The 'main ideas' section of this parent info sheet has been designed especially for you to enter into meaningful discussion with your children.

To help your children really share what is in their hearts and minds with you, and so YOU can actively build faith and wisdom into them, when it comes to the 'Ask' points, take care to not rush them... give them time to think and respond and really show them you are listening and that you understand.

We are here to support you! If you have any questions you would like to discuss please contact your location Kidmania co-ordinator or email me at luke.aiassecca@enjoy.church

God bless you!

Family Ice Breaker - ARMOR ON race!

This is a fun way to introduce what you will be talking about as a family.

Today we saw Christian, our little 'Christian' race the clock to get his FULL ARMOR OF GOD on in less than a minute.

You might like to gather some garments and articles to represent the items in the FULL Armor of God, and have an ARMOR ON race at home.

If you don't have clothing and weapon props, you can use your imaginations, and the most convincing smart, spiritual dresser can be the winner.

Whatever you do - have fun!

And... Remember! Whether we are putting on our day clothes, or our night clothes, we can AT THE SAME TIME be remembering to put on our FULL spiritual Armor of God - every day and every night.

Today's Scripture References - Read, repeat & recite (during mealtimes)

[use any version you like, we have provided the Amplified Version here for Scripture reading as it has built into it much explanation]

John 10:10 (AMP)

The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I [Jesus] came that they may have *and* enjoy life, and have it in abundance [to the full, till it overflows].

1 Peter 5:8 (AMP)

Be sober [well balanced and self-disciplined], be alert *and* cautious at all times. That enemy of yours, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion [fiercely hungry], seeking someone to devour.

John 3:16 (AMP)

For God so [greatly] loved *and* dearly prized the world, that He [even] gave His [One and] only begotten Son, so that whoever believes *and* trusts in Him [as Savior] shall not perish, but have eternal life.

John 14:6 (AMP)

Jesus said to him, "I am the [only] Way [to God] and the [real] Truth and the [real] Life; no one comes to the Father but through Me."



The MAIN IDEAS for Family Discussion

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Discussion introduction:

Say: There are many things we can't see with our eyes that we know are real and powerful.

Ask: Do you remember what some of those are?

If YES, ask: What are they and how do we know about them? [air – we are breathing and we definitely would notice lack of air in being unable to breathe, gravity – we are not floating away, heat – when we get too hot we sweat and when there is a lack of heat we notice because we shiver with cold, sound – we can hear it and we can see the effect on things from the sound waves like with vibration, wind – the trees sway, etc.]

Say: Those things are all part of the physical world. We can't see the spiritual world, but we know that is very real. We know that God is real, even though we cannot see Him with our physical eyes. Jesus helped people in the Bible to know what God is like, as He is fully God (spirit) and fully man (human). He did wonderful miracles that cannot be explained as they are super-natural. They are the 'spiritual life' meeting the 'physical life'. We all have a physical body (including our actual thinking brain and beating heart), and a spirit (the centre/heart of us that connects directly to God), and soul (our thoughts/mind and emotions). We are physical and spiritual beings – that is how God made us. So, we need to know some things about living in the spiritual world. The Bible tells us about this.

Scripture Reading: Say: John 10:10 says: The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I [Jesus] came that they may have *and* enjoy life, and have it in abundance [to the full, till it overflows].

Say: Good comes from God. Evil comes from Satan (who is the devil).

Ask: Did you think the Tom and Jerry Cartoon (with the dog) was funny?

Ask: Did you notice the line? Did you notice the line was further than the dog could reach?

Ask: We saw that Tom went and picked a fight with the dog and then went and stood behind the line where the dog could not reach him?

Ask: Do you remember what Ps Luke said about that?

Say: Ps Luke said that the devil will only come as close to you as you let him...and we should not cross the line into the enemy's camp...because the enemy could really mess us up! But as we read in John 10:10, we know that the devil can come to us looking for trouble.

Ask: Does that worry you/make you feel scared?

Ask: Do you remember what Ps Luke said about that?

Say: Ps Luke said don't be afraid'. We don't need to be worried, or scared, because God is on our side. If we live God's way, we can fight the battle that we cannot see.

Scripture Reading: Say: 1 Peter 5:8 Be sober [well balanced and self-disciplined], be alert *and* cautious at all times. That enemy of yours, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion [fiercely hungry], seeking someone to devour.

Say: Remember, Ps Luke said don't be afraid! He is not an actual lion who will actually eat you. He is hungry (eager) to help you to make a mess of your life. He is 'like' a bad lion, but not actually a lion.

Ask: Do you remember what God has given us to help us with that?

Say: God has given us the Armor of God! He wants us to be victorious as we fight the battle that we feel, but we cannot see.

Say: The Apostle Paul wrote a letter to the new Christians in Ephesus, explaining to them how to do the spiritual battle - how to be protected, how to fight, and who to fight. We can find that letter in the Bible, and we are going to read the section that tells us all about the Armor of God. It is a big Scripture so we will take it slow. It is a wonderful and powerful Scripture.

[the Scripture is in orange so that you know which words are Scripture]

Scripture Reading: Say: Ephesians 6:10-17

¹⁰In conclusion, be strong in the Lord [draw your strength from Him and be empowered through your union with Him] and in the power of His [boundless] might. ¹¹Put on the full armor of God [for His precepts are like the splendid armor of a heavily-armed soldier], so that you may be able to [successfully] stand up against all the schemes *and* the strategies *and* the deceits of the devil.



¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood [contending only with physical opponents], but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this [present] darkness, against the spiritual *forces of wickedness in the heavenly (supernatural) places.*

Ask: Are our battles against people? Who are our battles with?

Say: Most of our battles are not with people, but in the spiritual realm/life that effect people's thoughts, beliefs, attitudes, and actions. We should always pray for our human enemies (people who upset us). We should always remind ourselves of the truth in God's Word, and ask God for help.

¹³ Therefore, put on the complete armor of God, so that you will be able to [successfully] resist *and stand your ground in the evil day [of danger], and having done everything [that the crisis demands], to stand firm [in your place, fully prepared, immovable, victorious].*

¹⁴ So stand firm *and hold your ground, having tightened the wide band (belt) of truth (personal integrity, moral courage) around your waist*

Say: All of the Armor of God hangs on the Belt of Truth. It is knowing the truth about God and ourselves. Without Jesus, there is nothing good. God is GOOD, and He loves us! In John 3:16 it says, 'God so loved us that He sent His one and only Son Jesus to save us'. As we become more like Jesus, we will become good too.

and having put on the breastplate of righteousness (an upright heart),

Say: We fight evil with God's righteousness. Our righteousness is by faith in God, the one Who is mighty. We trust in Him and we look to Him. The Bible tells us that God sees our faith and He counts it as being righteousness.

Ask: Do you believe in God? Do you trust in God?

Say: If you said YES...you are righteous, and you have a heart that is upright, looking to God.

¹⁵ *and having strapped on your feet (shoes of) the gospel of peace in preparation [to face the enemy with firm-footed stability and the readiness produced by the good news].*

Ask: Do you think you would go very far with no shoes on?

Say: To go far we need to have the right shoes on. When our shoes are on, then we are ready to leave the house and have an adventure with God, sharing the good news about Jesus with other people!

¹⁶ *Above all, lift up the [protective] shield of faith with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.*

Ask: What are the flaming arrows of the evil one?

Say: The flaming arrows of the evil one are usually lies about who God is (God is not good) and about how He feels about us (He does not love us). Those are lies. They are NOT true at all. When we have thoughts like this we have to remember that they are lies from the devil. Even when God is correcting us, He speaks love to us. The shield of faith is KNOWING and NOT DOUBTING that God is good, and He loves us, and He has a plan for us.

¹⁷ *And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.*

Say: We 'know' that Salvation comes from Jesus and that we cannot save ourselves. We 'know' that truth is found in the Bible. We need to read it and know it, and live like we believe it.

Say: We can be completely protected against our invisible enemy - like being in a bubble.

Ask: Do you feel powerful in God to defeat your enemy, who is the devil?

Sum up:

Say: Let's put on the FULL Armor of God, not leaving anything out. Let's act it out as we go.

Say: Say after me: Put on the BELT OF TRUTH!

Say: Say after me: Put on the BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS!

Say: Say after me: Put on the SHIELD OF FAITH!

Say: Say after me: Put on the SHOES OF READINESS TO SHARE THE GOSPEL OF PEACE!

Say: Say after me: Put on the HELMET OF SALVATION!

Say: Say after me: Put on the SWORD OF THE SPIRIT!

Let's Pray!

Dear Heavenly Father... Thank You that it is in You that we have the victory in all our spiritual battles. Help us to see the enemy attacks for what they are. Help us to remember to put on the FULL Armor of God every time we get dressed, every day, morning and night...so that we can take our stand against evil, and our stand for the truth ...in the name of Jesus, Amen!

