

SOAR

Lesson #4

What is good and evil?

The purpose of this lesson plan is to:

- Create a fun and interactive learning experience
- Provide teaching options in addition to the Leader Q Card
- Creatively revisit the Bible story featured in the teaching video
- Give kids an opportunity to further explore the application point

PROGRAM

Activity	Length of Segment	Running Time
Q Card: Discussion	15 minutes	Start-15 minutes
Picture: Bible Story	5 minutes	15-20 minutes
Play: Learning Activity	10 minutes	20-30 minutes
Plan: Group Commitment	5 minutes	30-35 minutes
Prayer: Prayer Cards	5 minutes	35-45 minutes

PREP

You will need:

- Materials to create "armor": cardstock, tape, toilet paper, paper plates, etc.
Small Groups only: 1 set per group
Large Groups only: 4 sets per large group
- Bibles or Bible Verse Sheets (master at the end of this lesson / 1 sheet per every 5 kids)
- Prayer Cards (1 per kid)
- MAP Books (1 per kid)

PICTURE

(The Bible Story)

In this portion of your class time you have the opportunity to retell the Bible story presented earlier in the teaching video. The object is to paint a picture that kids will understand and remember. When telling the story, remember you are painting a picture for your viewers. Have fun and explore your creativity. Here are some ideas to make your storytelling more memorable:

- You might try making a list on the board with 2 headings: "Dos" and "Don'ts"
- Maybe you can ask the kids to fill in the chart as you read through the verses together

Mark 3:1-6

Jesus went into the synagogue again and noticed a man with a deformed hand. Since it was the Sabbath, Jesus' enemies watched him closely. Would he heal the man's hand on the Sabbath? If he did, they planned to condemn him. Jesus said to the man,

“Come and stand in front of everyone.” Then he turned to his critics and asked, “Is it legal to do good deeds on the Sabbath, or is it a day for doing harm? Is this a day to save life or to destroy it?” But they wouldn’t answer him. He looked around at them angrily, because he was deeply disturbed by their hard hearts. Then he said to the man, “Reach out your hand.” The man reached out his hand, and it became normal again! At once the Pharisees went away and met with the supporters of King Herod to discuss plans for killing Jesus.

PLAY

(Learning Activity)

In this portion of your class time you will lead your class in a fun and exciting activity that will help your kids apply the Bible lesson to their everyday lives.

“ARMOR UP”

HOW TO START:

- Small Groups only: Lay out one set of materials on the floor or table
- Large Groups only: Divide kids into 4 groups and hand out one set of materials to each group
- Hand out one Bible or one Bible Verse Sheet to every five kids

HOW TO PLAY:

- Say, “This game is called ARMOR UP. This game will help us to think about the Whole Armor of God and how we can be prepared when temptation comes.”
- Read the Bible verse together:

Ephesians 6:10-18

A final word: Be strong with the Lord’s mighty power. Put on all of God’s armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies and tricks of the Devil. For we are not fighting against people made of flesh and blood, but against the evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against those mighty powers of darkness who rule this world, and against wicked spirits in the heavenly realms.

Use every piece of God’s armor to resist the enemy in the time of evil, so that after the battle you will be standing firm. Stand your ground, putting on the sturdy belt of truth and the body armor of God’s righteousness. For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News, so that you will be fully prepared. In every battle you will need faith as your shield to stop the fiery arrows aimed at you by Satan. Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray at all times and on every occasion in the power of the Holy Spirit. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all Christians everywhere.

- Small Groups only: Ask the kids to use the materials to dress YOU up in the “Whole Armor of God” using the Bible Verses as a reference
- Large Groups Only: Ask the kids to choose one person from each group to dress up in the “Whole Armor of God”

PLAY OPTIONS:

- Take photos of the each set of Armor to place on display

PLAN

(Group Commitment)

In this portion of your class time you have the opportunity to lead your group to make a commitment. You may select any ONE of the options provided or your group may create its own. Encourage the kids to write their commitments on their Prayer Cards so you can be praying for them during the week.

Commitment Options:

- Draw a picture of the Whole Armor of God and label each piece
- Make a list of things that you know are evil and things that you know are good
- Pray a few minutes each morning and ask God to help you be loving and honest in everything that you do and say throughout each day

PRAYER

In this portion of your class time, have your kids fill out the Prayer Card. Take the cards home and pray for your kids throughout the week. End your time together by praying for your group commitment.

Hand out prayer cards

- Ask kids to fill in their commitments in the space provided
- Ask kids to fill in their prayer requests in the space provided
- Collect cards so you can take them home and pray for your kids
- Close in prayer

God, thank you for this church and all these people here today. Thank you for your word, the Bible, which you have given to us. Help us each day to put on your Armor. Help us to always be prepared for temptation, and help us to always do good even when we are faced with the evil around us in the world. We know you will give us the power to choose what is right. Please help us to remember to do the things we have committed to do this week. In Jesus' name, amen.

Remember to...

- Hand out the MAP Books
- Encourage kids to complete at home with an adult and bring back next week!

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