

MADE TO CREATE

an activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible story, bottom line, or memory verse by creating a craft to take home



BIBLE STORY

God helps me
stand strong.

ARMOR OF GOD
EPHESIANS 6:10-17

MEMORY VERSE

"Trust in the Lord
with all your heart."

PROVERBS 3:5, NIV

KEY QUESTION

Who can trust God?

BOTTOM LINE

I can trust God.

BASIC TRUTH

God loves me.

5. PARTS OF ARMOR

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Soldier" and "Parts of Armor" Activity Pages; cardstock; safety scissors; glue sticks; and a permanent marker

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Soldier" and "Parts of Armor" on cardstock, one each per child. Write child's name on their "Soldier" paper.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Have children cut the "Parts of Armor" out and glue to their "Soldier." Optional: Leader precuts the pieces.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bible story.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Hello, friends. Come sit with me, and let's dress our soldier."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Everyone has a soldier (*hold up the soldier*) and a page of the soldier's armor. (*Hold up the "Parts of Armor."*) Cut the armor out and glue it to your soldier to keep him protected. (*Pause.*) Nice job! Let's talk about the armor your soldier has.

"What does he have on his head? (*Pause.*) A helmet, that's right! And what does the helmet do? (*Pause.*) It protects his head. Pretend to put on your helmet. (*Pause.*) When we remember that Jesus is our friend forever, it's like we put on a helmet that protects our head. What does the soldier have on his chest? (*Pause.*) It's his breastplate. Pretend to put on your breastplate. (*Pause.*) God says that when we choose to go His way, it's like we wear a breastplate to protect our heart.

"What is the soldier wearing on his arm? (*Pause.*) Exactly! A shield! Pretend to hold your shield. (*Pause.*) God says that when we trust Him, it's like we hold up a shield to keep us from getting hurt. Last is the Bible. The Bible is God's Word. When we read God's Word, it teaches us how to go God's way."

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "With the armor of God, we can always remember that Jesus is our friend, God's way is perfect, and to always trust God. We can trust God and go His way because God's way is the best way! **Who can trust God? I can trust God.**"

MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that encourages personal application and prayer

**6. JOURNAL AND PRAYER**

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Paper-clipped "Memory Verse Card" in your Bible at Proverbs 3:5, journal, and fun-shaped pen

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"Today, we'll make a list of things that protect us and help keep us safe. Maybe it's wearing your seatbelt in a car, holding a grown-up's hand when you cross the street, wearing a helmet when you ride your bike, brushing your teeth, wearing a jacket in the cold, wearing a life jacket in water . . . there are lots of things that protect us and keep us safe.

"So think about it. When I say your name, tell me one thing that protects us and keeps us safe, and I will write it in our prayer journal. Get ready and listen for your name!

(Say each child's name and write down what they say. Remember to print the names so the children can recognize their names and the letters.)

"And I'll add one more thing to our list: Trusting God and going His way. Trusting God and going His way is like wearing armor that protects us! Would anyone like to pray before I pray?"

(Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.)

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PRAYER

SGL: "Dear God, thank You for all of the things we have that protect us from getting hurt. Things like *(read the list the children made)*. Most of all, thank You for the special armor You give us when we trust You and go Your way. I pray that *(name each child)* will trust You with all of their heart so they can stand strong. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."

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Soldier • Color • *Parts of a Soldier* • July Week 3

Copy on cardstock. One per child.

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