

City Nights

Youth.

DATE

October 7th, 2026

SERIES

Demon Slayers: Week One

BEFORE GROUP

BOTTOM LINE:

Jesus has already won, so we can stand our ground.

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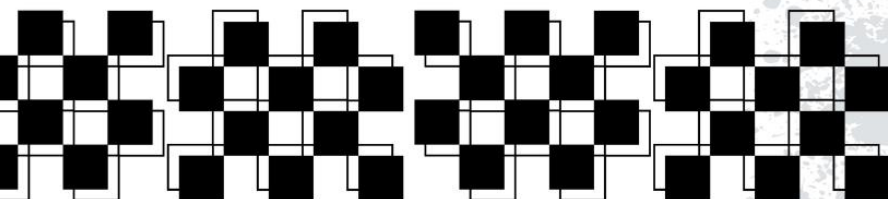
- Ephesians 6:10-12
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-5
- 1 Peter 5:8-11
- John 10:10

GOAL OF COMMUNITY GROUPS:

For students to understand that the real battle isn't with people. It's in the unseen spiritual world.

THINK ABOUT THIS:

Before you step into your group, realize that many of your students are exhausted because they are fighting spiritual battles with physical weapons. They come in carrying heavy burdens from drama at school, conflict at home, and intense internal anxiety, unaware that there is a spiritual enemy seeking to steal their peace and purpose. Your students don't need to be frightened by the idea of spiritual warfare, nor do they need to see a demon behind every minor inconvenience. They need spiritual eyes to discern what is really going on beneath the surface. As you lead, create a space for them to process their struggles, and help them realize that recognizing the true enemy is the first step toward walking in the strength that Jesus provides.



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DURING COMMUNITY GROUP

HIGH/LOWS & OPENING

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DISCUSS THIS

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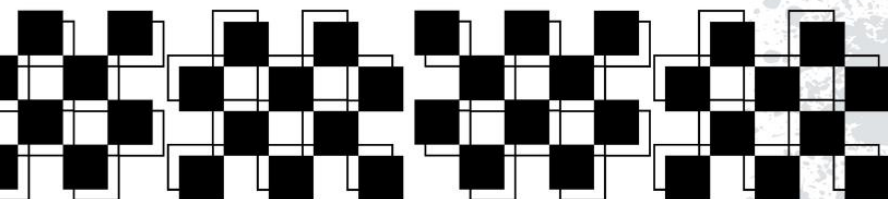
1. If you could have spiritual "X-ray vision" for one day at school, what do you think would surprise you most about what burdens people are carrying?
2. What is one situation at school or home where it's super easy to get into an argument with someone?
3. When you hear the words "spiritual warfare," what pictures or thoughts pop into your head?

LEVEL 2:

4. In Ephesians 6:12, Paul says we don't fight against "flesh and blood." How does remembering that change the way you react when a friend or classmate treats you unfairly?
5. The Bible calls Satan a "liar" and a "roaring lion." What are some common lies you hear today about worth, identity, or future?
6. How can you tell the difference between a normal bad day or hard circumstance and a spiritual attack meant to drag you away from God?

LEVEL 3:

7. What is one personal "stronghold" or mental trap (like anxiety, comparison, or bitterness) that you feel the enemy repeatedly uses against you, and how can this group pray for you to stand firm?



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October 14th, 2026

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Demon Slayers: Week Two

BEFORE GROUP

BOTTOM LINE:

Because Jesus is the living truth, we can silence the world's lies.

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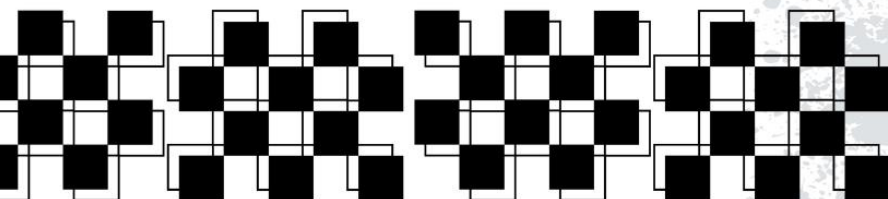
- Matthew 4:1-4
- John 8:31-32
- 2 Corinthians 10:5
- Psalm 119:105
- Proverbs 4:23

GOAL OF COMMUNITY GROUPS:

For students to understand that some of Satan's biggest weapons are lies, but God's truth always wins.

THINK ABOUT THIS:

Your students are constantly bombarded with messages about who they should be, how they should look, and what will make them happy—and many of those messages are subtle, destructive lies from the enemy. Students often internalize negative thoughts ("*I'm not good enough*," "*Nobody cares*," "*God is disappointed in me*") without realizing those thoughts are spiritual attacks designed to break their confidence in God. Before your group meets, remember that you aren't just facilitating a Bible study; you are helping them learn how to fight for their minds. Model what it looks like to be honest about mental and spiritual battles, and help them practice taking those deceptive thoughts captive and replacing them with the truth of Scripture.



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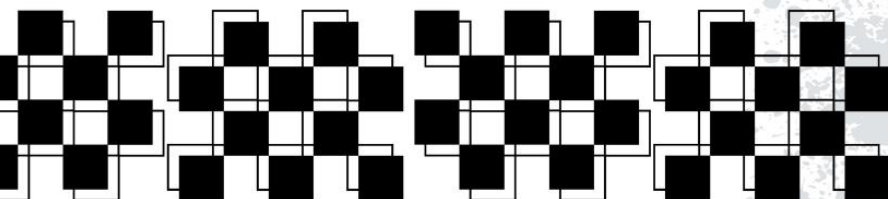
1. What is a fake news story or rumor you once heard that sounded completely true at first?
2. If you could replace one negative thought that pops into your head during the school week with a positive truth, what would it be?
3. On a typical day, where do you absorb the most messages about who you should be (e.g., social media, friends, family, music)?

LEVEL 2:

4. When Jesus was tempted in the wilderness, He used God's Word to answer every lie. Why is simply trying to "be strong in your own head" not enough to stop a spiritual lie?
5. What is the difference between feeling an emotion (like guilt or insecurity) and believing a lie attached to that emotion?
6. Read 2 Corinthians 10:5. What does "taking a thought captive" look like practically when you start feeling overwhelmed by comparison or fear?

LEVEL 3:

7. What is one specific lie about your identity or worth that you have struggled with recently, and what specific verse or biblical truth can you memorize this week to fight it?



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Demon Slayers: Week Three

BEFORE GROUP

BOTTOM LINE:

You don't fight with your own strength, you fight with God's gear.

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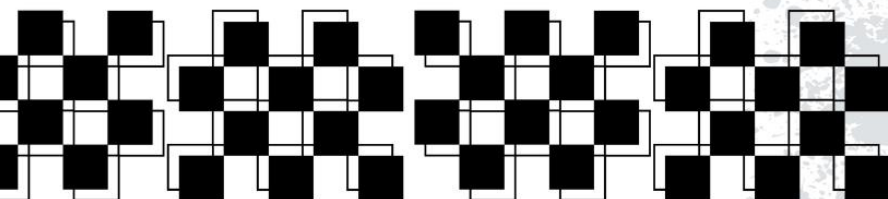
- Ephesians 6:13-18
- Romans 13:12-14
- 1 Thessalonians 5:8
- 2 Corinthians 6:7

GOAL OF COMMUNITY GROUPS:

For students to understand that relying on our own strength will fail, but relying on the armor of God will succeed.

THINK ABOUT THIS:

Students often feel helpless when spiritual resistance hits because they rely on their own willpower, emotions, or spiritual habits to get through. When those fall short, they feel like failures. Your students need to understand that the Armor of God isn't gear they have to fabricate on their own—it is Christ's armor given to them. As you lead your group, make the symbolism of Ephesians 6 practical. Help them see that suiting up is simply choosing to walk in the protection, truth, and salvation Jesus has already won for them, equipping them to stand confident no matter what flaming arrows get thrown their way.



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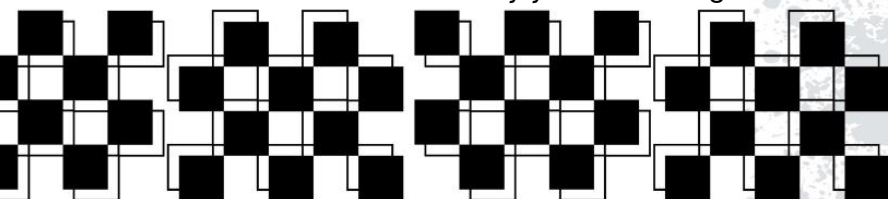
1. If you were stranded in the wilderness and could only bring three pieces of survival gear, what would you choose?
2. What is one piece of real-life protective gear (like a helmet, seatbelt, or phone case) that has saved you from a bad injury or accident?
3. Which piece of the Armor of God mentioned in Ephesians 6 sounds the coolest or most interesting to you?

LEVEL 2:

4. The "Shield of Faith" blocks "flaming darts" from the enemy. What are some "flaming darts" (e.g., sudden doubts, sudden fear, mean comments) that hit middle school students during the week?
5. How does wearing the "Helmet of Salvation" protect your mind when you feel like a failure?
6. The "Sword of the Spirit" (God's Word) is the only offensive weapon listed. How can you practically use Scripture to push back when you feel spiritually attacked?

LEVEL 3:

7. Looking at the armor (Truth, Righteousness, Peace, Faith, Salvation, God's Word), which specific piece do you feel most vulnerable in right now, and what is one way you can strengthen that area this week?



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October 28th, 2026

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Demon Slayers: Week Four

BEFORE GROUP

BOTTOM LINE:

Jesus has already conquered the enemy, so our prayers can have power.

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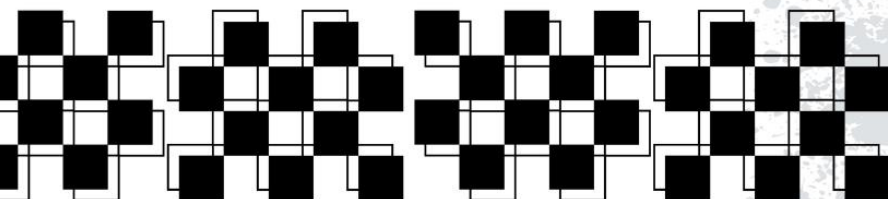
- Ephesians 6:18-20
- Colossians 2:13-15
- 1 John 4:4
- James 4:7-8
- Romans 8:37

GOAL OF COMMUNITY GROUPS:

For students to understand that since Jesus has already won, we fight our battle *from* victory, not *for* victory.

THINK ABOUT THIS:

As you close out this monthly focus on spiritual warfare, your primary goal as a leader is to leave your students with deep confidence, not spiritual fear. Many students feel like prayer is just a one-way wish list or a duty they do when they are in trouble. They need to see that persistent, Spirit-led prayer is how we enforce Christ's victory in our everyday lives. As you sit with your group, guide them to pray out loud for one another, for their schools, and for their families. Show them that when they pray in Jesus' name, they are speaking with the full authority of the resurrected King who has already conquered the darkness.



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1. If you knew with 100% certainty that your favorite sports team was going to win their championship game, how would you feel while watching them play?
2. What is one simple thing you can pray about this week when you feel scared, stressed, or angry?
3. When you pray, do you usually feel like God is listening right away, or does it sometimes feel like your prayers hit the ceiling?

LEVEL 2:

4. 1 John 4:4 says "He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world." How does that verse give a middle school student confidence when they face peer pressure or fear?
5. What is the difference between praying for victory (hoping God will somehow win) versus praying from victory (knowing Jesus has already won)?
6. Read James 4:7. What does it look like practically to "submit to God" first before you "resist the devil"?

LEVEL 3:

7. What is one area of your life, family, or friend group where you need to stop accepting defeat and start praying authoritative, persistent prayers of victory this week?

