

EPHESIANS



**NOVEMBER 9
TODDLERS**

OPENING

As kids arrive be sure they are engaged in an activity. For the next 3 months, we will be walking through the book of Ephesians. For our toddlers we will take the theme of the passage and read a story or sing a song to teach the principles.

COLORING SHEETS

Available for any kids who want to color.

STORYTIME

Watch Bible Story for Toddlers: The Armor of God. Talk about how God loves us so much and always takes care of us!

SNACK

Gather kids to pray and eat snack together.

BIBLE STORY

Ephesians
6:10-13

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PRESCHOOL**

OPENING OPTIONS (first 25 minutes)

- Coloring Sheet and Table Games
- God's Warrior Crown: Allow kids to color and staple together to fit their head. Talk about how God is always with us and can help us!

CLEAN UP SONG and BIBLE BOX

- About 25 minutes into the service, play clean up song and gather kids on carpet.
- Use the Bible Box story to tell the story with Bible Box props
- Pray on the carpet and head into snack time.

SNACK

- Gather kids at tables to eat snack as soon as they return
- Snack Question- How does God take care of you? (Get ready for lots of answers and throw in a few of your own)

CLOSING OPTIONS (as time allows after snack)

- Finish craft or coloring
- Free play

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NOVEMBER 9 BIBLE BOX

Hey friends, I'm so glad you came to church today! Let's see what's in our Bible Box today!

Look - there's a scarf! Wrap around your neck. This keeps me safe and warm so I won't cold just in case it snows today!

And my sunglasses! Put on sunglasses. These help my eyes so see better when it's too sunny outside.

Oh, I really need my bike helmet! Place helmet on head. This keeps my head safe in case I fall down!

I have to wear these things to protect myself. That means that they will help keep me safe from getting hurt. Take helmet, sunglasses and scarf off.

In the Bible, Paul tells us that God loves us so much that He gives us special gifts to help us protect our love for God and keep it safe and strong. Everyone hold up your strong arms.

We call these gifts the Armor of God. Armor is something that people wear to protect themselves. We can't see God's armor but we know it is there and God is protecting us.

Watch Bible Story for Toddlers: The Armor of God.

Then sing and dance along to the video *Armor Up*. (We will use this video again next week.)

Pray- Thank you God for loving us so much and always keeping us safe and strong.
Amen

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**NOVEMBER 9
KINDER-1ST**

OPENING OPTIONS

- Coloring Sheet and Table Games
- God's Warrior Crown: Allow kids to color and staple together to fit their head. Talk about how God is always with us and can help us!

WORSHIP and STORYTIME

- Leave one volunteer to clean up the room and prepare goldfish during storytime so you are ready to go right into small group time.

SMALL GROUP TIME (When you return to your classroom, gather students on the carpet right away for small group time. You may not get through all of the questions—that's okay! Use the ones that make the most sense for your class and the time you have. You can pass out snacks as kids sit quietly on the carpet)

- Who gives us the strength to do what's right? (God does! We can be strong in the Lord and trust His power to help us.)
- Why do we need God's strength? (Because we can't do everything on our own. God helps us make good choices and say no to sin.)
- Who is our real enemy? (The devil — not people. The devil wants us to do wrong, but God helps us do what's right.)
- What kind of battle are we in? (A spiritual battle — one we can't see. It's between God's truth and the devil's lies.)
- How can we know what's true? (By reading the Bible and praying! God's Word helps us know what's right.)
- What does God tell us to put on to be ready? (The armor of God! It helps us stand strong and follow Him every day. We are going to learn more about this next week)
- Pray together: Ask God to make you strong and help you always stand firm in His truth.

CLOSING OPTIONS

- Finish craft and free play

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2ND-3RD**

OPENING OPTIONS

- Coloring Sheet and Table Games
- God's Warrior Crown: Allow kids to color and staple together to fit their head. Talk about how God is always with us and can help us!
- Code Breaker: Use the code sheets around the room to break the code. For anyone who finishes they can have a piece of candy as they leave.

WORSHIP and STORYTIME

- Leave one volunteer to clean up the room during storytime so you are ready to go right into small group time.

SMALL GROUP TIME (When you return to your classroom, gather students on the carpet right away for small group time. You may not get through all of the questions—that's okay! Use the ones that make the most sense for your class and the time you have. You can pass out snacks as kids sit quietly on the carpet)

- Read Ephesians 6:10-13. Who does Paul tell us to be strong in? (In the Lord and in His mighty power. Our strength comes from God, not from how tough or smart we are. When we depend on Him, we can stand firm even when things are hard.)
- Why do we need God's strength? (Because we can't fight sin or make good choices on our own. We all face temptations or tough situations. God's power helps us do what's right and follow Him.)
- What kind of battle is Paul talking about? (A spiritual battle — not one we can see. It's a battle between God's truth and the devil's lies. It happens in our hearts and minds when we choose between right and wrong.)
- Who is our real enemy? (The devil — not people. Sometimes we might get upset with others, but the Bible says our real enemy is Satan, who wants to trick us into disobeying God.)
- What are some lies the devil might try to make us believe? (God doesn't love me, I don't have to obey, No one will find out, etc. Satan wants us to doubt God's goodness, but God's Word reminds us of what's true.)
- How can we tell what's true and what's a lie? (By reading God's Word, praying, and remembering what the Bible says. The more we know God's truth, the easier it is to spot a lie. God's Word is our best defense.)
- What does verse 13 tell us to do to get ready for battle? (Put on the full armor of God. God gives us spiritual armor to protect us and help us stand firm. Next week we'll learn what each piece does!)
- Pray together that you would all trust and rely on God to stand firm against the enemy. Pray that God would remind you that we are all on the same team.

CLOSING OPTIONS

- Finish opening activities

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WORSHIP and STORYTIME

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**NOVEMBER 9
4TH-5TH**

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- Table games and activity sheets
- Code Breaker: Use the code sheets around the room to break the code. For anyone who finishes they can have a piece of candy as they leave.

WORSHIP and STORYTIME

- Leave one volunteer to clean up the room during storytime so you are ready to go right into small group time. Set up chairs in a circle for small group time.

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