

LESSON OVERVIEW

Big Idea: God wants to keep us safe from lies.

Key Question: How does God protect us?

Memory Verse: *You are loved by God the Father. You are kept safe for Jesus. Jude 1:1*

Overview: We're continuing to talk about the book of Jude. It may be one of the smallest books in the Bible but it has a very big message. Jude was a leader in the early church and he happened to also be the little brother of Jesus. Isn't that cool? We learned that his job was to travel around to different cities teaching people about Jesus. Last week, we learned that part of his job was also to warn the people not to believe lies that were going around. Some people were saying that Jesus didn't die for our sins and that God didn't care how we lived. That's why Jude wrote this postcard to teach the people the truth. Not only did Jude want to warn people about lies, he also wanted people to know that God wants to protect them from lies. In fact, God has given us special gear to protect us and to make us strong. It's like a special super suit! The Bible calls it the armor of God. It's kind of like the protective gear you wear in sports or when riding your bike. God's armor protects us from lies and other things that don't honor God. He even gives us a sword to fight off bad stuff. Our sword is the Bible! God's Word helps us to know what's true so we can fight off lies.

CLASSROOM AGENDA

- 5 min **PLAY:** Begin working on Activity Page #1.
- 5 min **WARM UP:** Do you play any sports that require special gear? List what you wear and why do you need it.
- 5 min **PREVIEW:** Write out the Big Idea and Memory Verse and Key Question on a whiteboard. Have the kids copy it down on Activity Page #1. for (2nd-5th)
- 20 min **LARGE GROUP:** Gather for songs and videos with other kids. Then return to small group to finish this guide.
- 5 min **RECAP:** Read the Lesson Overview from the Teacher's Guide and then answer the KEY QUESTION.
- 5 min **EXPLORE:** Read [Ephesians 6:13-17](#). List all of God's armor. How can each piece be used to protect you?
- 10 min **PLAY:** Choose a group activity from Activity Page #2.
- 5 min **CLOSE:**
 - What piece of the armor are you most excited to have?
 - Share prayer requests and pray as a class.

TEACHER TIPS

Allow each kid to share. The point: Get kids thinking about the protective gear they use to do sports and activities that are meant to protect them. God gives us protective gear, too.

Answer: Through the protective armor He gives us and leading us with His word, the Bible.
 God loves us more than we'll ever know. He doesn't ever want us to feel lost or confused. He gives us the Bible so we can know the truth from lies. He gives us the special armor to protect us and to remind us that we belong to Him.
Bonus Questions: What types of things do your parents want to protect you from? How do you show your family that you love them? How do you show God that you love Him?
4th-5th: What are some examples of lies people might say about Jesus or the Bible?

Belt of truth: helps you to know a lie when you hear one
Body Armor of righteousness: protects your heart because Jesus lives in your hearts and makes you right with God
Shoes of peace: protects you and makes you brave to share the love of Jesus with others.
Shield of faith: protects you from hurtful words or lies others throw your way by blocking it from entering your hearts.
Helmet of Salvation: protects you from being fearful because you know the truth about what Jesus did for you.
Sword of the Spirit: protects you from believing lies by attacking them with the truth of the Bible

Allow each kid to share.

ACTIVITY PAGE #2

Classroom Activities **K-1ST**

Option #1

Tootsie Pop Armor of God

- Give each kid a tootsie pop
- Give each kid a tootsie pop template (**page 5**), precut
- Let the kids color the cutouts
- Have kids hold the tootsie pop upside down and have kids tape the feet to the bottom of the pop(see picture below)
- Have kids tape the face to the stick, right above the pop (see picture below)
- Have kids tape the memory verse feather to the back of the head.



Supplies needed

- tootsie pops, one per kid
- tootsie pop template(p5) precut, one set per kid
- crayons/colored pencils
- tape

Bonus Activity:

Play **Name the person or thing**
Give clues to the class to see if they can guess the words below.

Bible
Jesus
church

Option #2

Shield of Faith

- Give each kid a shield template (**page 6**)
- Have kids cut out the shield
- Have the kids color and decorate their shields
- Give each kid a tootsie pop to enjoy

Supplies needed

- Shield template(p6), one per kid
- scissors
- crayons/markers
- tootsie pops, one per kid

Bonus Activity:

Play **Name the person or thing**
Give clues to the class to see if they can guess the words below.

Jude
heaven
Bible

1 Discover Truth

Watch this week's lesson video as a family (see link above) and fill in the blanks.

1. God wants us to stay safe from _____.
2. Ephesians 6:13 says, "Therefore, put on every piece of _____ so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil.
3. The armor of God is: the belt of _____, the body armor of God's _____, the shield of _____, the helmet of _____, the sword of the _____, and the shoes of _____.

2 Talk about it

Answer these questions together as a family.

1. What happens when you lie to your parents? How do you feel when someone lies to you?
2. What protective gear do you wear in the sports or activities you enjoy? Why is this gear important?
3. From what kinds of things does God want to protect us? How does He protect us?
4. Read [Ephesians 6:13-17](#). List God's armor. How can each piece be used to protect you?
5. Read [1 Thessalonians 5:14-15](#). Make a list of the commands in this passage. What is wrong with being lazy and mean? Why shouldn't you pay back evil for evil? Why should you help others?

3 Live it out

Memorize this week's Bible verse:

"You are loved by God the Father. You are kept safe for Jesus Christ."

Jude 1:1

Bonus: Read these additional passages as a family this week.

- Read [Romans 15:2](#). How can you help your friends to do what is right?
- Read [2 Thessalonians 3:3](#). How does God's strength help you?
- Read [Psalm 5:11](#). Refuge is a fancy word for trust. Why should you trust God? How does God protect you?



NAME: _____

ACTIVITY PAGE #1

K-1st Grade



BIG IDEA

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MEMORY VERSE

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Jude 1:1



PUT ON THE ARMOR OF GOD



