

Living on Mission



MISSION—

An assigned task

Jesus told His followers to make disciples of other people. He also promised to be with them to the end of the age as they worked on their mission.



KNOW

God has given us everything we need to live on mission with Him.



UNDERSTAND

We have a real enemy who wants to discourage us from fulfilling our mission.



DISCOVER

Our mission is to make disciples of all nations by the power of the Holy Spirit.

KEY VERSE: "WE ARE HIS WORKMANSHIP, CREATED IN CHRIST JESUS FOR GOOD WORKS, WHICH GOD PREPARED AHEAD OF TIME FOR US TO DO."

—EPHESIANS 2:10



JESUS GAVE THE GREAT COMMISSION

After Jesus had been raised from the dead, He met with His disciples over the next 40 days. During that time, Jesus told them even more about God's kingdom. Then Jesus' eleven disciples went to a mountain in Galilee.

When the disciples saw Jesus, some of them worshiped Him. But some of the disciples still doubted. Then Jesus went up to them and said, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth." Jesus is God the Son; He always has authority. But after Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead, God gave Him all authority in heaven and on earth. Jesus is the King over all creation, and He rules over God's kingdom.

Jesus gave the disciples—and everyone who follows Him—a job to do. He said, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel. Make disciples of people from every nation." A disciple is a follower. Jesus wants His followers to tell people all over the world how to be rescued from sin and death by trusting in Jesus' death and resurrection. Then those people who believe would become disciples of Jesus too.

Jesus also said, "Baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." When believers are baptized, they show the world that they have turned from sin and trusted in Jesus as their Savior. Jesus continued, "Teach them to obey everything I have commanded you." Disciples who love Jesus will want to obey Him. Then Jesus said, "Remember this: I am always with you, until the very end of the age."

Jesus also said, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you. You will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

After Jesus said these things, He went up into heaven. The disciples watched Jesus until a cloud hid Him from their sight. All of the sudden, two men appeared. The men were wearing white clothes. These men asked the disciples, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up into heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come again. He will return in the same way that you have seen Him going into heaven."

— based on Matthew 28:16-20 and Acts 1:4-14





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Jesus gave the disciples the Great Commission, but it wasn't just for them. It is a command for all of us. Every person who believes in Jesus has a responsibility to share the gospel—the good news about Jesus. Our mission is to make disciples of all nations by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Key Verse: Ephesians 2:10

Key Passage: Jesus Gave the Great Commission (Matthew 28:16-20; Acts 1:4-14)

BIBLE STORY

Read the Bible story for Session 8 on page 63 of your child's Activity Book and ask the following review questions.

- › **Q1:** What had been given to Jesus in heaven and on earth?
- › **A1:** All authority (*Matt. 28:18*)
- › **Q2:** What was the job Jesus had for His disciples?
- › **A2:** Go make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything He has commanded them. (*Matt. 28:19*)
- › **Q3:** What was the last thing Jesus told them?
- › **A3:** He would be with them. (*Matt. 28:20*)
- › **Q4:** What is our mission?
- › **A4:** Our mission as believers is to make disciples of all nations by the power of the Holy Spirit.

DEEPER STUDY

Read Ephesians 6:10-20 together. Remind your child that the armor of God is not a physical armor that

we carry around or wear. The armor Paul talks about was his way of communicating the protection God gives believers to live on mission. Discuss the following questions.

- › **Q1:** How does learning about the armor of God encourage us?
- › **A1:** Learning about the armor of God reminds us that God has given us everything we need to live on mission for Him.
- › **Q2:** Who is our battle against?
- › **A2:** Our battle is against Satan and the powers of evil.
- › **Q3:** Besides putting on the armor of God, what did Paul tell the church to do?
- › **A3:** He told the church to pray at all times in the Spirit.

PRAY AND JOURNAL

Lead your child in prayer, thanking God for giving us what we need to live on mission and stand strong against evil. Pray that God would guide your family to fight the good fight and expand His kingdom.

Encourage your child to complete the daily pages in the activity book this week. Look back with your child and discuss what God has taught him through this study.

DOUBLE MATCH

1. Match each picture of a piece of armor to its title in Ephesians 6:10-20.
2. Number the titles in the same order as in Ephesians 6:10-20.
3. Find the letter in the picture that matches #1. Write the letter in the blank at the bottom of the page. Continue with #2 and so on to #6.
4. Read your message!

#1 BELT OF TRUTH

#6 [] OF THE SPIRIT

#5 [] RIGHTEOUSNESS LIKE AN ARMOR ON YOUR

#2 [] OF FAITH

#4 [] OF SALVATION

#3 [] READY FOR GOING

THIS IS WHAT GOD GIVES CHRISTIANS TO HELP THEM FIGHT THE ENEMY.

A [] [] [] [] [] F [] [] D

1 2 3 4 5 4 6 4

DIGGING DEEPER

Did you know that some of the armor of God was mentioned in the Old Testament, long before Paul wrote to the Ephesians? Find Isaiah 59:17. Which words sound like Ephesians 6:15-17? _____

The verse in Isaiah describes God putting on these special pieces of armor while the verse in Ephesians describes Christians. Think about the word righteousness. It means "right living." What do you think right living is? _____

How could right living help protect a Christian? _____



MARK IT UP

During this study, you have worked to memorize Ephesians 2:1-10. You will find the words printed below. Beneath them are instructions for you to mark different things in the Bible passage. You might want to complete each one with a different color pencil, pen, or marker.

Ephesians 2:1-10

- (1) And you were dead in your trespasses and sins
- (2) in which you previously lived according to the ways of this world, according to the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit now working in the disobedient.
- (3) We too all previously lived among them in our fleshly desires, carrying out the inclinations of our flesh and thoughts, and we were by nature children under wrath as the others were also.
- (4) But God, who is rich in mercy, because of his great love that he had for us,
- (5) made us alive with Christ even though we were dead in trespasses. You are saved by grace!
- (6) He also raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus,
- (7) so that in the coming ages he might display the immeasurable riches of his grace through his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.
- (8) For you are saved by grace through faith, and this is not from yourselves; it is God's gift—
- (9) not from works, so that no one can boast.
- (10) For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared ahead of time for us to do.

Mark the verses above as directed in each of the next steps.

-  MAKE A CHECK MARK BESIDE THE WORDS JESUS, CHRIST, OR JESUS CHRIST EACH TIME YOU SEE THEM.
-  MAKE QUOTATION MARKS AROUND THE VERSE YOU LIKE BEST IN THIS PASSAGE.
-  MAKE AN ARROW BESIDE THE VERSE THAT IS HARDEST FOR YOU TO REMEMBER.
-  MAKE A SMILEY FACE BESIDE THE VERSE THAT IS EASIEST TO REMEMBER.
-  MAKE A STAR BURST AROUND THE WORD IN VERSE 8 THAT MEANS A PRESENT.
-  DOUBLE UNDERLINE IN VERSE 10 WHAT IT SAYS WE ARE.



DIGGING DAILY

Digging in the Bible means...

- reading Bible verses,
- thinking about what the verses mean,
- discovering what God wants you to know.

At the end of each week’s study, you will have a page to use privately as you talk to God in prayer.

Each day will have a Bible passage for you to read and think about. Each day will also have space for you to journal your thoughts, feelings, and questions to God. Now, get digging!



READ EPHESIANS 6:11

What reason did Paul give for needing to put on the full armor of God? Circle your answer.

- TO PRAY BETTER
- TO STAND FIRM AGAINST THE ENEMY
- TO TELL MORE PEOPLE ABOUT JESUS

Paul knew that Satan is real and that he lies to people trying to keep them from doing what God wants. God gives the pieces of spiritual armor to help people resist the enemy.

Write your thoughts here, then talk to God about times you need help to know what is true and what is a lie.

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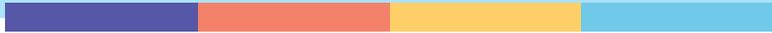
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READ EPHESIANS 6:14-15

Write the three pieces of God’s armor that are listed in these verses.

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)



Truth, righteousness, and readiness (or words like them) tell more about each of the three pieces of armor. Write the correct word next to each piece of armor you listed.

Which of these three pieces of armor do you need most? Talk to God about the help you need and thank Him for hearing your prayer. Write your other thoughts here.



READ EPHESIANS 6:16

Why do people need the shield of faith?

Flaming darts are the lies and temptations the enemy uses to try and tempt people away from God. Different people are tempted to do wrong by different things.

When might you be tempted to do something wrong?

Faith is trust and belief. When you are tempted to do wrong, your trust and belief in Jesus can help you make the right choice.

Remember, you can always talk to God. He knows what tempts you. He knows how hard it is to stay away from doing wrong. Tell God how you are feeling.





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READ EPHESIANS 6:17

If you looked up today's Bible verse, you used the sword of the Spirit! God's Word can always guide you in the right path.

Do you have a favorite Bible verse? Write it here or write where it is in the Bible.....

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Did you know you can pray Bible verses? You might want to pray one of these today:

PSALM 117:1-2

PSALM 119:16

PSALM 126:3



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READ EPHESIANS 6:18

Doesn't it feel great to know you can pray about anything? God always wants to hear from you. You can tell Him what makes you feel good, what makes you feel bad, or scared, or worried, or lonely, or anything else you can think of!

How are you feeling today? Talk to God about what makes you happy, sad, scared, worried, or anything else.....

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You can make notes about these verses or your prayer here.....

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