



Series: "You Can Be a Hero: Lessons on the Armor of God"

Lesson 3 – Battle Strategy: "Knowing Our Enemy" (Eph. 6:10-13)

*Introductory game – "Opposites Battle Challenge" (10 min)

Two teams line up on opposite sides of the room while the Game Host stands in the middle holding a stack of cards with words face down. Members of teams count off and number themselves. Game host calls both teams #1s to the center to face off. He turns one card over and calls out the word. The first person to slap their hand over the card and say the opposite of the word out loud gets one point for their team.

Good	Bad (Evil)
Light	Darkness
Truth	Lie
Love	Hate
Life	Death
Right	Wrong
Friend	Enemy
Create	Destroy

*Review Lesson 1 & 2 (5 min)–

Lesson 1 – Timothy is our example of becoming a hero for God using Paul's instructions in 2 Timothy 2:15 – With genuine faith we keep uniquely living for Jesus through spiritual training to correctly wield His Sword.

Lesson 2 – Ephesians 6:10 Our victory is based on Who we are following; Jesus is already the Conqueror – the King of Kings & Lord of Lords, and with Him we become more than conquerors in life. (Romans 8:36)

Introductory Questions: (5 min)

Earlier we matched opposites. Were the opposites equal to each other?

Which of the words that we used describe God? Who do you think the others describe?

Which do you think describe Heaven? Which do you think describe Hell?

Key Take Away: Opposites are NOT always equal. Satan is NOT just the opposite of God!
"Greater is He who is in us (Jesus) than He (Satan) that is in the world! " 1 John 4:4

Scripture Focus: Have everyone turn to Ephesians 6. Have students take turns reading one verse at a time of verses 10-19.

Tonight we will focus on "why" God gives us spiritual armor. Reread Ephesians 6:10-13. Have students give the reasons they see in these verses.

Battle Strategy: Know your enemy.

Gather surface information. Ask students to write things they already know about Satan on a large sheet of paper or whiteboard. Discuss what they wrote.

Make sure the following are covered:

Point 1: Satan was created. Jesus is the Creator.

- Satan was a Cherubim – Ezekiel 28:2b-17
- Also called Lucifer (KJV Isaiah 14:12-18), Satan (Luke 10:8), Devil (Eph.6:11)

*Jesus verses – John 1:1-3; Colossians 1:16

Point 2: Satan is fallen. Jesus is Risen.

- Author of Sin/Fell because of Pride – Isaiah 14:12-15/Ezekiel 28:15

*Jesus verses: Revelation 1:17-18/1 Timothy 6:15-16

Point 3: Satan is the Father of Lies. Jesus is The Truth.

- Called Father of Lies– John 8:44/Genesis 3:1-24
- Disguises himself as an angel of light – 2 Corinthians 11:14

*Jesus verses – John 1:4-5; John 8:12; John 14:6

Point 4: Satan is a murderer-Life-taker. Jesus is Our Savior – Life-giver.

- John 8:44 murderer; John 10:6-18 / 1 Peter 5:8 destroyer;

*Jesus verses – John 10:10

Point 5: Jesus is Sovereign. Satan is NOT.

- Satan must have God's permission – Job 1:6-12/Luke 22:31
- Satan's future has already been determined by God – Rev. 20:7-10

Review: Review the main points -

Jesus is God. He is the Creator. He has won the victory over death & sin; He is Truth & can be trusted. : Jesus is the only Sovereign King! 1 Corinthians 15:57

Then end by comparing the "lions". *Jesus described as the "Lion of Judah" (Rev. 5:5); Satan just a roaring lion in 1 Peter 5:8.

*So to sum up Ephesians 6:10-13 – "**Be aware...but don't despair!**"

Prayer Time:

Pass out journal sheets with Max Lucado's simple prayer prompts. Have students write a prayer to Jesus in their own words. Encourage them to take time to do this every day.

1. Father,
2. You are good.
3. I need help. Heal me and forgive me.
4. They need help.
5. Thank you.
6. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Prayer Journal

Father,

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I need help. Heal me and forgive me.

They need help.

Thank you.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Love,

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(Ephesians 6:10-12)

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Point 2: Satan is _____. **Jesus is _____.**

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Jesus described as the _____ (Rev. 5:5); Satan just a _____
_____ in (1 Peter 5:8).

“Be aware...but don’t despair!”

Word bank: created, Creator, fallen, giver, Judah, liar, Lion, lion, murderer, NOT, of, risen, roaring, Savior, Sovereign, taker, Truth