

Large Group

The World Is Against God

Bible Passage: Ephesians 6

Memory Verse: Isaiah 53:3

Big Picture Question: Why do people reject Jesus?

People reject Jesus because all people are born with a sin nature and want to please themselves rather than obey God.



Countdown Video (3 mins)

Worship Song (4 mins)

Worship Leader briefly introduces self, welcomes kids, leads 1st worship song, and prays for the time.

Welcome (1 mins)

Large Group Leader tell kids what to expect to happen (1 minute)

- watch the lesson video
- retell the story.
- read the story from scripture

Watch the Lesson Video (4 mins)

Retell the Story (11 mins)

Lead the kids in a fun retelling of the story

Here are some resources to help you formulate this time.

Review what we learned:

Over the past two weeks, we have learned about how people rejected Jesus and chose not to believe He is the Son of God sent to save people from their sins. They even rejected Him when He performed miracles, like raising Lazarus from the dead. But Jesus continued to trust in His Father's plan and He went to the cross to die for the sins of the world, even when the world was against Him.

Today, our Bible story helps us learn that we can trust in Jesus' work on the cross to help us fight against sin and the evil of this world.

Today's Lesson

Every person is an enemy of God because every person sins. Jesus came to earth knowing the world was full of His enemies. The Bible teaches us that Jesus is the Light of the world, but that people loved the darkness rather than the light. Still, Jesus loves people and came to save them. He came to free people from the power of sin and evil. When we trust in Jesus, our sins are forgiven and we now have the power to say no to sin.

Paul taught believers that we need the armor of God to fight against evil. Evil is strong, but God is stronger. What were the pieces of armor Paul said Christians need to put on? [Allow responses and make a list.] We need the belt of truth to stand against the lies of the enemy. Next, the breastplate of righteousness. Faith in Jesus makes us right with God and guards our hearts. Next, we put on the gospel of peace as sandals for our feet. We can always be ready to talk about Jesus and share the gospel of peace. Then we can put on the shield of faith and obey God through our faith in Him. And we have the helmet of salvation which helps us remember our salvation in Jesus. Finally, the sword of the Spirit is the Word of God that guides us in truth and cuts down the lies of the enemy.

How does Jesus have victory over sin and evil? [Allow responses.] Jesus died on the cross and crushed the devil. His blood covers all our sin and the devil cannot bring up our sin against us. When Jesus rose from the dead, He defeated death and gives new life to all who believe in Him. The Holy Spirit lives in believers and gives them power to fight sin.

Christ Connection | Paul told believers to be ready to fight a spiritual battle every day. People and powers who are against God will be against us too. But Jesus died and rose from the dead. He had victory over evil. We can fight the battle against evil, knowing Jesus already won the war.

Read from the Bible (4 mins)

Ephesians 6:10-19

Remind Kids of Four Questions (1 min)

- What did you like about today's story?
- What did you find confusing?
- What did you learn about people?
- What did you learn about God?

Memory Verse Song (4 mins)

Worship Leader connects the lesson to the memory verse, leads the memory verse song with hand motions, and closes in prayer.