

# Armor of God

## "How to Win Against Sin"

### Lesson 4

## Shoes of Gospel/Peace

Scripture Reference:

**Read: Ephesians 6:11-18:**

*<sup>11</sup> Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. <sup>12</sup> For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. <sup>13</sup> Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. <sup>14</sup> Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, <sup>15</sup> **and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.** <sup>16</sup> In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup> Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. <sup>18</sup> And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.*

## **Ephesians 6:15:**

*"And on your feet wear the Good News of peace to help you stand strong"*

### **Intro:**

First – let's review what pieces of armor we have already learned about. Do you remember?

- \* **The belt of truth** - helps us stand firm so that we don't trip over Satan's lies.
- \* **The breastplate of righteousness** - protects our heart because knowing we are right with God through Jesus makes us confident to stand firm and keeps us from falling in to sin.

So, how do you think the Shoes of the Gospel & Peace will help you?

**This piece (peace) of the armor of God helps us stand firm in life's storms as well as for eternity. It is worth going and sharing it with others!**

**So, how do our shoes help us? Let kids come up with answers:**

*\*(they protect our feet when we are walking outside. They can also help us to not slip and slide on certain surfaces – right?)*

As part of the Armor of God.... The shoes (or boots) are referred to as the Peace. How does having peace with God help us?

**1 - The Peace** - Shoes help us stand firm - God's peace grounds us in life.

- Ask what would happen if a football player wore regular shoes out onto the field rather than cleats. What is different about cleats? They players could slip in the grass and on the field right? Cleats have little spikes to help the players feet grab on to the ground.
- Roman soldiers also wore shoes with spikes that helped them stand firm as their shoes gripped the ground.

God's peace helps us stand firm even in the storms of life. When we know Jesus as our Savior we receive peace with God and the peace of God. What an important part of the armor of God! We can have this peace by KNOWING the word of God, KEEPING His promises in our hearts and minds and REMEMBERING them when we face troubles. If we stand FIRM in our beliefs, we can conquer difficult situations and trials or temptations.

Knowing that we have peace with God helps us stand firm. Remember God is greater –

- **1 John 4:4 says:** "Greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world."
- Jesus has already been victorious over Satan. Remembering these truths each day is putting on the armor of God.

## **2 – Shoes also help us walk down a path or road – they protect our feet on rocky paths.**

### **The Path - Shoes of the Gospel can help us lead others to God's peace.**

- What if you were to go to an amusement park for the very first time. You had no map to tell you where anything was and no one to help guide you. You may never find the rides you want to go on or the things you want to see. You would feel lost.
- Without Jesus in our lives, we are walking around life blindly without a map so to speak. Coming to church and reading our Bible can help us learn the way around, and others sharing the directions to salvation helps us know the way out of sin and hopelessness!
- But let's say you go to a park you have been to many many times, but this time you bring a friend who has never gone. You know your way, so you can help them see all the best things and ride the best rides! You're their map, their guide.
- When we accept Jesus' salvation, He opens our spiritual eyes and we are no longer blind! Now we can help others find their way to Jesus!

The enemy, Satan's goal is to take as many as he can to hell with him to suffer and be separated from God for eternity. God wants us to move forward and share with as many people as we can, about His Good News. before it's too late. We do this by sharing with them that they too can have peace with God and also the peace of God.

Let's make sure they know that God does not want to be their enemy; He offers us peace through Jesus Christ. The path is simple – turn around from going our own sinful way and return back to our loving Father Who has His arms open wide!

### Prayer Time:

Ask the students to think of people that helped them know God better and thank Him for them. Then think of people they know that may not know Jesus and ask God to reveal Himself to them and ask Him how they can share Jesus with them.

Then challenge them to remember these all week and continue to pray for each.

**Memory Verse Ephesians 6:11 (ESV) "Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil."**

**Craft:** Sandals – Go Forward firmly planted in the word of God and able to share His peace.

**Here's what you'll need:**

- Foam sheets
- Foam shapes or stickers
- Glue
- Pipe cleaners
- Hole punch
- Beads
- Magnetic tape strips

To begin making the flip flops, first trace your child's foot or one of their sandals onto a foam sheet and cut it out. Then punch out 3 holes for the strap.

Cut the pipe cleaners in half and string the beads.

To secure each strap, simply thread it through the hole and fold it over the back. Add a magnetic strip.

Decorate.



## **Activities: Practice “Put on the Full Armor of God” Song**

Video: Full Armor of God

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aG0zhy8sHzQ>

Video: Daniel & the Lion’s Den. Stand Firm

<https://app.pureflix.com/videos/267051046563/play?autoplay=true&recommended=q%3Aveggie%20tales%20>

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~ *Teacher Chrissy*

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