



BIBLE STORY:

Jesus is Tested in the Desert
Matthew 4:1-11

NEED TO KNOW:

Hold Up the Sword of the Spirit

MEMORY VERSE: (with motions)

Put on (cross arms on chest)
all of God's armor,
(move hands from head to toes)
then you can remain strong
(make muscles with arms)
against the devil's plans
(put fists on hips)

Ephesians 6:11 (make book with hands)

NOTE: links to resource pages are highlighted in blue; click to access

GATHER & SHARE

WHAT TO DO:

- Have a Rock, Paper, Scissors game time! Play three rounds with the same person and the one who wins two games out of three gets to challenge someone else. See who is the Rock, Paper, Scissors champion! For a video on how to play, click here: [Rock, Paper, Scissors](#)
- There's one piece of armor that is our greatest weapon against the enemy. Do you know what it is? It is the Sword of the Spirit, which is God's Word, the Bible!
- Try this experiment. Play the "quiet game" only don't have a winner for who is quiet the longest. Instead, while no one is talking, listen and call out the sounds you hear. Maybe you hear a ceiling fan or the refrigerator; a dog barking or a bird singing.
- We may hear a lot of different sounds every day. Sometimes we may hear the enemy telling us lies and tempting us to do the wrong thing. That's why we need the Sword of the Spirit! Say this out loud:

Hold up (put one fist in the air)
the Sword of the Spirit. (make sword fighting motion)

BIBLE STORY

SUPPLIES:

- [Bible Story Map](#), [Bible Story Sheet](#)

WHAT TO DO:

- Give each person a Bible Story Map or a plain piece of paper to make their own. If using your own paper, divide it into four sections by folding it in half one direction and then the other. Open the paper and be ready to draw in each section when prompted. If using a printed copy of the Bible Story Map, follow the instructions for what to do in each box of the map.
- Read the Bible Story Sheet. Pause for everyone to draw when instructions are given.

ASK:

- How did Jesus stand firm against the devil? (by telling him truth from God's Word)
- Jesus knew that God's Word was His best weapon against the enemy's lies. Do you know what else God's Word, the Bible, is called? (the Sword of the Spirit)
God's Word is our greatest weapon against the enemy.

BIBLE STORY SKIT

- Now that you've read the Bible story, watch the Bible Story Skit online by clicking on [Elementary Bible Story Video](#) on the website or going to [Harborside Kids](#) on YouTube.

EVERYDAY HERO CHALLENGE

- After the Bible Story Skit video, complete the **Everyday Hero Challenge** and submit your answer. Complete the challenge and enter to be included in surprise drawings during this series.



MEMORY VERSE

WHAT TO DO:

- Have you memorized the memory verse? Have someone video you saying it from memory and send it to <http://tricia@harborsidechurch.org> !

FAMILY ACTIVITY

SUPPLIES:

- [Pictionary Cards](#) (print them from the ones online or make your own using these as a sample), [Leader Guide](#)

WHAT TO DO:

- Play Pictionary by taking turns choosing a Pictionary Card (or choose one online) and drawing it for the others to guess. For a greater challenge, give the person drawing to the count of 15 (count out loud) to draw as much as they can. Call time, then see if others can guess the picture.
- After the picture has been guessed, read a question from the Leader Guide.

SHIELD OF ARMOR

- Add the Helmet of Salvation to your shield this week in one of the boxes. You can use the example online – click on “[Everyday Armor Shield](#)” or use the one in your supply bag.
- Keep your shield where you can see it to remind you each day to “put on your armor” and be ready to add the next piece of armor to your shield next week.



PRAY

- Pray together as a family. Have a place to write down prayer requests that are shared and answered prayers, too.
- Pray that you would believe all Jesus did for you and to remember to wear the helmet of salvation to help you know and never forget God’s love for you.

WORSHIP

- Check out the Worship at Home playlist on our page to choose some songs to sing together.