

The Armor of God: Helmet of Salvation Ephesians 6:10-12, 17; Acts 16:25-40



Here's what happens...

Paul talks about the spiritual battle we're fighting against evil and tells us to wear the helmet of salvation. Paul and Silas wear their helmets when they tell about Jesus. They get thrown in jail, but God sends an earthquake. Then, instead of escaping, they help their jailer find salvation!

Bible Point:

We fight evil with salvation.

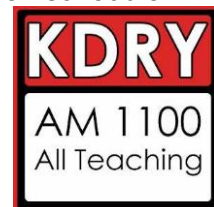
"Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm" (Ephesians 6:13).

Through the Week

- Have each person in the family find a sports helmet or bike helmet to decorate. If you don't have either, that's okay! Grab hats instead.
- Decorate your helmets with stickers that remind you of how Jesus has saved you.
- Find whatever stickers you have that you can use to decorate your helmets. If you have plain white mailing labels, use those to make your own stickers!
- If you're decorating hats instead of helmets, stickers may not stick very well. You could use permanent markers (help kids with this step) to draw inside the hats.
- Whenever you put on your helmets or hats, you'll have a reminder that you're already wearing a helmet—the helmet of salvation.

Church Announcements

Hello Parents, this is Pastor Mark from FBCLV. When I young man and still living at home, my Mom would listen to KDRY 1100 AM radio. The station has a lot of Pastors that teach from God's word and I learned a lot. I highly recommend the station for your children to listen to these teachers of the Bible. So please tune in either by radio, i-tunes, there is an app and on face=book. Go to kdry.com and check out their schedule.



Craft bags will be available for curbside pickup Wednesdays from 3 to 6:30 pm.

Talk About This...

- What's something you'd never consider doing without wearing a helmet?



Supplies

- duct tape in a variety of colors
- scissors
- permanent markers (optional)
- "Open-Door Chains Instructions" handout (download [here](#))

Easy Prep

- Make a sample craft to show kids.



Make Chains That Keep a Door Open

Show kids the sample craft you made. Set out the supplies to share, and have kids follow the instructions on the "Open-Door Chains Instructions" handout to make chains that keep doors open.

- Cut a strip of duct tape that's around 8 or 9 inches long.
- Fold the strip in half the long way and press the two sticky sides together, but at one end, leave about an inch open.
- Loop the strip to stick the sealed end into the open end, and then seal it.
- Repeat, looping each new strip of duct tape through the last one before sealing it to make a chain at least five links long.
- Make a separate chain that's at least five links long.
- Cut two pieces of duct tape the width of the tape and press the sticky sides together.
- Cut slits on opposite sides of the duct tape square as shown so you can stick chain links through both sides.
- Using strips of duct tape that are each about 4 inches long, make two shorter chain links to go through the slits on both sides of the square. Loop each one into one of your existing chains.
- If time allows, use permanent markers to decorate the chain links. You could write the Bible point: We fight evil with salvation.

Try It Out

Say: **When Paul and Silas were in prison, they had chains on. Life before salvation is like being in prison with chains on, but our prison is sin and death. But Jesus came to open the door and set us free, just as he did for Paul and Silas. When we have the helmet of salvation because we're friends with**

Jesus, we're not in chains with sin anymore! And here's the cool thing about the chains you just made: They can keep a door from latching to remind you of how Jesus opened the door to set us free.

- Have kids try out their chains on the door to your classroom.
- They will link one chain on the doorknob on the inside and the other chain on the doorknob on the outside, keeping the chain as tight as possible. (The chain will probably loop around each doorknob with the links closest to the center. The extra loops will hang down to resemble a long chain.)
- When you try to close the door, it either won't close all the way or will close but not latch so it's easily pushed open.
- Make sure all the kids get a turn to try their chains on the door.

Talk About It

Ask: • Earlier I said that life before salvation is like being in prison with chains on. What does that mean to you?

- How is salvation like being set free?

Say: Our unseen enemy wants to keep us in chains, prisoners of sin and temptation. But that's not what God wants! He sent Jesus to die for us so we could be freed from those chains. We're set free when we put on the helmet of salvation, and we fight evil with salvation.

Have kids take their open-door chains home and use them when they want to keep a door from latching. If any kids don't have round doorknobs at home, they can connect the chain to another type of doorknob and something inside the room to keep the door open.

Open-Door Chains Instructions

1. Cut a strip of duct tape that's around 8 or 9 inches long.

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3. Loop the strip to stick the sealed end into the open end, and then seal it.

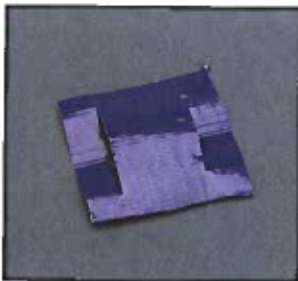
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