

Things to take:

Question box with pens & paper.
 Door welcome sign, register & rules.
 Foil trays and rolled up newspaper.
 Armour cards, dice, paper, scissors, tape.
 Lord's Prayer meditation print out.
 Song, words and actions.
 Salt dough plaques & paints **or** Zig zag cards & coloured pencils **plus spares.**

Session Aim:

To explain that there is a battle going on between good and evil but that God has already won.

**'Our father in Heaven, holy is your name.
 Your kingdom come, your will be done. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our sins as we forgive others who sin against us. Help us to resist temptation and save us from the evil one.'**

Matthew 6:9-13

Game as they arrive and register: Tray bash

Get the children in a circle. Give two kids a foil cake tray each (you can get these from the supermarket) which they have to hold with one hand only. In their other hand they will need a rolled up newspaper taped together, which they have to use to knock the other persons tray out of their hand (no hitting of body parts allowed!) They first person to lose their tray swaps with another child to play the winner of the previous round. Continue until all children arrive.

Rules & Question Box

Game: Armour

Get the kids into small groups. Give each of them an armour card (from 'extras' section of the download) a dice, paper, scissors and tape. Explain that they need to choose someone to be a model. Everyone else has to take it in turns to throw the dice. Whatever number they get they have to make that piece of armour (if it hasn't been made already) and stick it on the model. The team that completes a decent set of armour first wins.

Bible bit: Ephesians 6:10-18

See if any of your group can remember the armour of God from term 7. Print off and cut out the person and armour from the 'extras' section of the download. As the kids remember each piece of armour explain it then stick it to the person outline.

Talk:

The Bible calls this armour 'the armour of God' and it tells us that we need the armour of God to protect us from the 'evil one' - the devil. The devil is working against God, trying to stop us doing the things God wants us to do.

Sometimes we might be tempted to do things we know are not right, the devil loves to get involved in things we do that go against what God wants. The devil is nothing to be afraid of though, God has already defeated the devil by sending Jesus to die on the cross for all the bad things that we do. But he is still around and we need to protect ourselves from his tricks by putting on the armour and trusting in God.

Pray

Choose a prayer activity from the creative prayer ideas in the 'extras' section of the download, and continue with your prayer journal.

Testimony: Resisting temptation

Get a leader to share an age appropriate story about a time when they had to resist temptation.

Response: The Lord's Prayer Meditation

Get the children to find a space and lie down on the floor. Read out the Lord's Prayer meditation from the 'extras' section of the download. You could also play some quiet music in the background.

Song & Actions: The Battle Song

The song, actions and PowerPoint are all in the 'songs' folder of the download.

Memory verse: Salt dough painting/ Zig zag cards - Matthew 6:13

This week the words to paint/write are 'Help us to resist temptation and save us from the evil one.'

N.B. bring some spares for anyone who missed a week.

Game: Temptation to Laugh

Sit down in a circle and challenge the kids to take it in turns to say to the person next to them 'I love you very much, will you marry me?' without laughing. The person then has to try and reply 'I love you too but I won't marry you' without laughing.

Pray: Kids Rock prayer before they leave.