



Lesson 3: The Shoes of the Gospel of Peace

Main Idea: Being ready with the Gospel of peace enables us to stand firm and share the Good News with others.

Scriptures: Ephesians 6:15, Romans 10:15, Acts 8:26-40

Gospel Connection: By sharing the Gospel of Peace, we grow closer to Jesus, spreading His love and making a positive difference in the world.

Bible Story: "Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch" - In Acts 8:26-40, Philip shares the Good News of Jesus with an Ethiopian official, demonstrating the readiness provided by the Gospel of Peace.

ONE80 MC: "Good morning, young warriors! Welcome back to ONE80 We hope you're ready for another exciting week as we continue to learn about the spiritual armour God has given us to stand strong in our faith.

Remember, we are soldiers in the Lords army. The bible says in Ephesians 6:12 that when we choose to follow Jesus we are fighting a battle, not of flesh and blood but of powers and principalities of darkness. We need some serious armour to protect us in this battle. Our amazing God, knows exactly how tough the battle is out there and just how sneaky the tricks of the devil are. So he has

given us armour that He calls us to dress ourselves in everyday, so that we will be able to stand firm when the enemy comes at us.

OK lets see what we can dress our soldier in. Can I have a volunteer please: We have already learned about the Belt of Truth, which helps us hold on to God's truth and stand strong against the enemy's lies *Place item on volunteer. Last week we learned about THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, and how it guards our heart. This week... Can I have a drumroll please.....we are learning about the Shoes. Shoes of the gospel of peace.

Think about a footballer without his or her football boots or a farmer without wellies. They are not ready to do their work without their footwear. It was the same for the Roman soldier, he wasn't ready to march without his sandals on. So, this part of the armour is about being ready, but ready to do what? To spread the gospel of peace. What is the Gospel of Peace? Allow a few students to answer. The Gospel of Peace is that Jesus came and died on the cross for our sins and then rose from the dead and ascended into Heaven. This means that if we believe in Jesus Christ and ask Him to forgive us of our sins, then we can live a peaceful life without worry. We don't have to worry because we know we are going to Heaven. Why do you think we have to prepare our feet with this? Let a few students answer briefly. Our job as warriors for God is to let as many people as we can know about the Gospel.

OK Because we are learning about SHOES today:)) Let's have some flip flop flinging fun! The object of this game is to fling the flip flop off your feet and into the bucket. We want to be dressed in the right shows, the shoes of the gospel of peace- anything else needs to be flung off. Volunteers, your aim is to try and fling a flip flop off your foot (no hands) and see how many times you can fling it in the bucket in 60 seconds!

Great job everybody.

Worship (song liked on YouTube)

We learnt a new song last week. If I could have the action team up again. We are going to sing about this armour that we need to put on everyday!

1. Got my God Suit on

Bible Story (Phillip and the Ethiopian) (Acts 8:26-40)

ONE80 MC: "Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch

"Today, boys and girls, we're going to dive into a story from the Bible that shows us the power of the Shoes of the Gospel of Peace. This story takes place in the book of Acts, and it's about a man named Philip and an Ethiopian official. Now, let's travel back in time to the dusty roads of ancient Gaza..."

"Philip was a follower of Jesus. He loved God very much and wanted others to know about God's love too. One day, an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip.

READ: Acts 8:26.

The angel told Philip to go to the desert road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." "Do you think Philip ignored the angel and went about his day? No, he didn't. Philip put on his Shoes of the Gospel of Peace and went where God asked him to go." "On this desert road, Philip met a man from Ethiopia, who was an important official in charge of all the treasury of the queen of the Ethiopians. This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship God, and now he was returning home, sitting in his chariot and reading the book of Isaiah, a part of God's Word."

READ: Acts 8:27-28.

"What do you think Philip did when he saw the Ethiopian official? (Pause for responses.) That's right! The Spirit told Philip to go and join this chariot. So Philip ran up to the chariot, and he heard the man reading from Isaiah."

READ: Acts 8:29

"Philip asked the man, 'Do you understand what you're reading?' The official replied, 'How can I understand unless someone explains it to me?' And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him in the chariot."

READ: Acts 8:30-31

"Now, this was Philip's chance to put on his Shoes of the Gospel of Peace and share the Good News with the Ethiopian official. The man was reading a prophecy about Jesus, but he didn't know it was about Jesus. So, Philip started with that very scripture and told him the Good News about Jesus."

READ: Acts 8:32-35.

"What happened next was amazing. As they traveled along the road, they came to some water, and the Ethiopian official said, 'Look, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?'"

READ: Acts 8:36.

"Philip and the official stopped the chariot, and Philip baptized him right then and there! The man went on his way rejoicing, and Philip continued to preach the Gospel wherever he went."

READ: Acts 8:38-40.

"Now, this story shows us how important our Shoes of the Gospel of Peace are. Philip was ready to share the Good News of Jesus with the Ethiopian official, and because of that, the man learned about Jesus and was baptized!"

How to share this Gospel

We know that we need to clothe ourselves in the shoes, so that we are ready to tell others about Jesus. Jesus tells us in the bible that we need to go out into all the world and share this good news with others- but how do we do that?

One way we can do this is to tell them about the ABC's of salvation.

"A" means you **accept** that you're a sinner and need somebody to help you out of your sins.

"B" means you **believe** that Jesus Christ has already died for all of your sins and wants you to follow Him for the rest of your life and someday go to Heaven.

"C" means you **confess** your sins to Jesus and ask Him to come into your heart and forgive you of your sins. If you haven't already done this in your own life, then how can you show other people how to do this? Ephesians 6:15 says that we "put on the readiness that comes with the gospel of peace." This means we have to be ready to tell others about Jesus. 1 Peter 3:15 tells us how to do this. 15 "But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect."

*Repeat the ABCs and possibly test it.

Pray

BACK TO CLASSROOMS

Small group Discussion, Reflection & Prayer

Split into 2 groups- preferably boys and girls. Create an atmosphere where children feel welcome and comfortable to share. Play worship music in the background. A calm worshipful atmosphere should be created. Please prepare prayerfully for this time and do not rush it. Pass a talking object around, giving each person an opportunity to share.

ONE80 Volunteer:

"You all did such a fantastic job today during our main lesson! I saw so many of you listening attentively to the story of Philip and the Ethiopian official. It's great to see you engaging with God's word and learning about the Shoes of the Gospel of Peace.

Now, we're going to talk more about what we learned in our small groups. Here are some questions to get us started:

1. What did Philip do when the angel of the Lord told him to go to the desert road?
2. How does this show us what it means to wear the Shoes of the Gospel of Peace?
3. Can you think of a time when you had the opportunity to share about Jesus with someone else? How did it go?

GRADE 2-5 QUESTIONS

1. What does it mean to you to wear the shoes of the gospel of peace?
2. Can you think of a time when you had the opportunity to share about Jesus with someone else? How did it go?
3. We learnt about how we can share the gospel using the ABC's today - Accept your sin, Believe in your heart and Confess your sin to Jesus. Is there someone in your life that you think needs to hear the gospel?
4. In 1 Peter 3:15 tells us to..." Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect." Lets practise sharing the good news of Jesus with a partner in the group using the ABC method.

Prayer Requests:

Does anyone have any prayer requests today? We can pray for anything - whether it's something you're thankful for, something you're struggling with, or a prayer for someone else. We can also pray and ask God to help us to listen to Him.

*Allow time for children to share- and jot down their requests. Make sure each child's request is prayed for. As a volunteer you can lead this prayer time by asking specific children to pray for specific requests, break into pairs and pray for each other or you can pray corporately- however you feel led.

Let's pray together.

'Dear God, thank you for teaching us about the Armor of God, especially the Shoes of the Gospel of Peace. Help us to be like Philip, ready to share Your Good News with others. We ask for Your guidance and strength to stand firm in

our faith. We also lift up the prayer requests that have been shared. Please comfort, guide, and help us in the situations we're facing. We ask all these things in Your name, Amen.'

Memory Verse Challenge

Hand out the memory card packs and in pairs or small groups, children try to unscramble the verse. First team wins. (Prizes in tote)

Ephesians 6:11, "Put on the full armour of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil"

Video link: [The Armour of God](#)