



Week 4- Shield of Faith

(Jesus helps me trust God)

Bible Story: Peter Walks on Water (Matthew 14:22-33)

Summary: Peter walked on water when he looked at Jesus. I can be brave and trust God because Jesus is with me.

Shield of Faith: For a soldier, the shield blocks things that try to hurt them. For me, the Shield of Faith helps me trust God and not be afraid.

Free Play (10-15 min)

ONE80 VOLUNTEERS: *Set up an inviting space for the children for their arrival. Gentle music playing, and interesting toys/stations set up for free play.*

Story Based activity (In Circle) (10 min)

Pack away the toys and gather children on the mats.
(Ephesians 6:15)

ONE80 Volunteer: Good morning everyone. We have been learning about being soldiers in God's army? Do you think you can all be soldiers? I want you to stand up straight **encourage children to stand up straight like soldiers.* Back straight. When I say 'attention!' I want you to put your hand on your head like this and say 'Yes sir'. OK let's try it.

ONE80 volunteer: 'Attention!'

Kids: Yes sir!

ONE80 volunteer: Alright, now lets march. Up, 2,3,4.....up, 2,3,4. *Lead kids in a march around the class and call them to attention every now and then.*

Wow what smart soldiers you are! Let's sit down quickly on the carpet. Do you know what kind of clothes soldiers wear? Soldiers need to wear special clothes that protect them in battle.

**Show picture of armour.*

They need a helmet, a breastplate, a sword, a belt, boots, a shield and a sword. This soldier looks super smart and ready for battle.

The Bible teaches us that as Jesus's soldiers we have been given very special armour so that we can stand strong against the tricks of the devil. Today we are learning about the Shield of Faith - Can you say 'Shield of Faith?' {Kids repeat 'Shield of Faith'} this is trusting Jesus no matter what.

OK Soldiers. Are you ready to get dressed in this special armour??? OK let's stand up and put on the armour together.

Repeat after me: **pretend to be placing that armour on as you say it.*

ONE80 volunteer: Put on the helmet of salvation

Kids: Put on the helmet of salvation

ONE80 volunteer: The breastplate of righteousness,

Kids: The breastplate of righteousness,

ONE80 volunteer: The belt of truth,

Kids: The belt of truth,

ONE80 volunteer: The boots of the gospel of peace on our feet,

Kids: The boots of the gospel of peace on our feet,

ONE80 volunteer: Take up the shield of faith

Kids: Take up the shield of faith,

ONE80 volunteer: And the sword of the spirit,

Kids: And the sword of the spirit,

ONE80 volunteer: And we'll go out

Kids: And we'll go out

ONE80 volunteer: In the power

Kids: In the power,

ONE80 volunteer: And the name,

Kids: And the name,

ONE80 volunteer: Of the Lord, Jesus Christ!

Kids: Of the Lord, Jesus Christ!

Wow, little soldiers! You look so smart dressed in the armour of God! Lets come and sit down again.

Bible Story: (In Circle) (10 min)

Jesus Walks on water (Matthew 14:22-33)

ONE80 Volunteer:

Do you remember what piece of armour we are learning about today? We are learning about the shield of faith!! Trusting Jesus no matter what.

Today's Bible story is all about a brave friend named Peter—and something AMAZING that happened on the water!

One night, Jesus' friends were in a boat. The wind was blowing (Can you make the sound of blowing wind?) and the waves were moving (Can you make the sound of crashing waves?). Suddenly, they saw someone walking on the water!

{Show the picture of Peter walking on water toward Jesus}



It was Jesus! He was walking on top of the water. Peter called out, "Jesus, if that's you, tell me to come to you!" Jesus said, "Come!" So Peter stepped out of the boat...

{Slowly lift one foot and pretend to walk carefully}

Peter was walking on water! He trusted Jesus and wasn't afraid. But then—uh oh!—he looked at the big waves, and he got scared.

{Show the picture of Peter starting to sink}



Peter began to sink! He shouted, "Help me, Jesus!" And guess what? Jesus reached out and grabbed him. Jesus said, "Why did you stop trusting me?" He pulled Peter up, and they both climbed into the boat.

{Show the picture of Peter and Jesus smiling together}

The wind stopped. Everything was calm. Peter learned something very important:



Jesus helps me trust God, even when it feels a little scary.

Can you say that with me? Jesus helps me trust God!

PRAYER TIME:

Dear God, Thank You for Jesus. He helps me be brave. He helps me trust You. Even when I'm scared, You are with me. I love You, God.

In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Worship Time (songs 'liked' on YouTube) (10 min)

ONE80 VOLUNTEERS:

Song #1: [Full Armour of God](#)

Song #2: [Armour Of God](#)

Song #3: [Armour of God](#)

Snack Time (5 min)

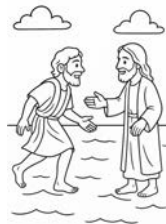
Invite children to all sit down for snack time. Check for allergies and provide a suitable snack! Thank Jesus for the food.

Colour sheets (10 min)

ONE80 Volunteers: Craft: Please hand out colour sheets for the children to colour.to colour.

Pick Up Time:

Please only play these videos if everything else has been covered.



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