



Week 6- The Sword of the Spirit

(Jesus helps me follow God's word)

Bible Story: Hebrews 4:12- "For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart."

Summary: God has given us 1 weapon- his word! We need to know God's word and be able to use it!

Sword of the Spirit: For a soldier, the sword helps them fight back. For us the Sword of the Spirit is God's Word—it helps me know what's true and follow Jesus.

Free Play (10-15 min)

ONE80 VOLUNTEERS: *Set up an inviting space for the children for their arrival. Kids praise and worship 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 sword of the spirit - Can you say 'Sword of the spirit?' {Kids repeat 'Sword of the Spirit'} this is using the bible as our sword.

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!

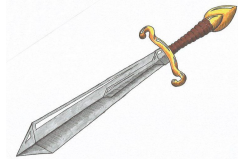
Kids: Of the Lord, Jesus Christ!

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

Bible Story:

ONE80 Volunteer:

Today we are learning about the Sword of the Spirit, this is our last piece of armour, but actually it isn't armour, is it? It's a weapon! *#Show picture of a sword:*



A sword doesn't protect, it attacks! It's a weapon! So God has given us the sword of the spirit so we can fight! But what exactly is the sword of the spirit? "the word of God". Which is what? The Bible! God's Word!



"Why is it important to read your Bible?". The Bible is an important, true book and it's God's actual words. We need to learn and study it, so we can learn more about Him. If we read our bibles and do what God tells us to do, we will grow in Jesus, just like a beautiful tall tree.



The Bible can do it all: teach, correct, and train so we can be ready for everything. This is our "how-to" to be a Christian. It helps us to care for others, how to love them and even tell them about Jesus.

The bible says: "For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart." **Show picture of the animated bible.*



This verse says the Bible is, "living and active". Is my Bible breathing right now? No. Does it have a heart beat? Nope. But it is as helpful and it can help us to live. We need God's word every day.

PRAYER TIME:

Dear Lord, we thank you for giving us your Word, the Sword of the Spirit, to guide us and protect us. We ask for your help to understand and do what the bible says. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.

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

ONE80 VOLUNTEERS:

Song #1: [Read your bible](#)

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: Please hand out colour sheets for the children to colour.



Pick Up Time:

Please only play these videos if everything else has been covered: [The Armour of God](#)