



THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT

Depending Upon God's Word

This week's armor is the Sword of the Spirit. Roman soldiers carried two swords: one big and one small. Paul wrote about the smaller sword, which was like a knife. It was very sharp and could be easily reached. Soldiers used it for close combat, or fighting.

KEY VERSE: "Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit—which is the word of God." Ephesians 6:17

BIBLE STORY PASSAGE: Matthew 4:1-11

QUESTIONS

Armor of God: Together read Ephesians 6:17 to introduce this week's armor. "Why do you think this piece of armor is important?"

BIBLE STORY

Read today's Bible story about how Jesus was tempted (Matthew 4:1-11). Ask the following review questions:

Q1: Why did Jesus go into the wilderness?

A1: *He was led by the Holy Spirit. (v. 1)*

Q2: What was the first thing Satan tempted Jesus to do? Why was Jesus hungry?

A2: *Turn the rock into bread; Jesus was hungry because he had not eaten in 40 days. (v. 2-3)*

Q3: How did Jesus respond each time Satan tempted Him?

A3: *With verses from God's Word (v. 4, 7, 10)*

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Discussion Questions:

Q4: What do you think God wants us to learn from the story of Jesus being tempted?

A4: *Satan tries to make us sin, but the Holy Spirit can help us use God's Word to resist temptation.*

Q5: How can Christians use the Sword of the Spirit?

A5: *We can learn and remember what God says in the Bible. We can use God's Word to defeat Satan whenever he tempts us.*

PRAY TOGETHER