

Armor of God Script

Teacher 1: Let's review all the parts of the armor.

Ask for a volunteer and have him put on or hold up the parts of the armor one at a time (or do so yourself). As you do, see if the kids can remember the name of it and what it means. Or, review each piece using the KNIGHT POSTERS and ARMOR PIECES.

Belt of truth: Believe God's Word is 100% true. Trust the truth. Tell the truth.

Breastplate of righteousness: Take on Jesus' righteousness, and choose daily to obey your King and do right.

Shoes of peace: Be at peace with God and ready to share him with others.

Shield of faith: Keep your guard up against Satan's fiery D-darts.

Helmet of salvation: Guard your mind against Satan's attempts to get you to mess up or give up.

Sword of the Spirit: Train your brain to know and use God's Word in specific situations.

Before we end, let's watch *Armor of God—Take One!* and see someone who doesn't know how to use his armor of God to fight Satan's fiery darts.

At this point, both teachers will work together for the following skit. Teacher 1 gets behind/inside the cardboard TV set with the darts, and Teacher 2 sits in a nearby chair (so it's easy for the darts to hit him) with a remote control, a math textbook, and a cellphone. Teacher 2 gets comfy in the chair, then pretends to turn on the TV set to check out what's on. At this point, Teacher 1 starts talking from inside the TV set.

Armor of God—Take One!

Teacher 1: Welcome to Headline News! Today's top story shows that the pandemic is continuing to cause havoc everywhere. Or substitute a current news story that is causing anxiety that children would know about. People feel there isn't anywhere to turn for answers, and fear is at an all time high. Throw or shoot a dart from the TV and hit Teacher 2.

Teacher 2: Act slightly wounded from the dart. Yeah, I feel so scared all the time about everything. Well, let's see what else is on today. Pretend to change the channel with the remote.

Teacher 1: Welcome to Paleontologist Planet. Today we'll be talking about the *Archaeopteryx* bird. This fascinating creature lived millions of years ago and evolved from dinosaurs originally. Throw or shoot another dart at Teacher 2.

Teacher 2: Slump down a bit more in the chair. Birds started out as dinosaurs? I didn't know that. Well, there's nothing I feel like watching, so maybe I should do my homework instead.

Pick up the math book and sigh. I'm not good at math. My teacher says I'm way behind. I'm so dumb. I'm just a loser. Teacher 1 throws or shoots another dart. Teacher 2 acts wounded. The cellphone then rings and Teacher 2 picks it up.

Teacher 2: Oh hi! Act amazed, as if you're hearing some juicy gossip. No, I didn't hear that about Jordan. He's such a jerk! I'm going to tell Chris! Teacher 1 throws or shoots another dart. Act wounded again.

Teacher 2: Well, I guess I better quit wasting time and get back to work. I'm just gonna check the TV one more time before I do. Pretend to change the channel with the remote.

Teacher 1: Today in Washington DC, another march turned deadly.

Teacher 2: Oh brother! I can't stand those people! Another dart from Teacher 1. Slump down and fall on the floor.

Teacher 1: Poke your head out from the TV and talk to the students. Time out! We're now going to rewind and see take two! This time, watch _____ use the armor of God to fight the fiery darts. Let's see what a difference it makes when he's on his guard and using God's Word.

Armor of God—Take Two!

Teacher 2: First put on the pieces of the armor you've been using all week, then sit down.

Teacher 1: Welcome to Headline News! Today's top story shows that the pandemic is continuing to cause havoc everywhere. People feel there isn't anywhere to turn for answers, and fear is at an all time high. Throw or shoot a dart.

Teacher 2: Have your armor in place. Deflect the dart. People may feel like there aren't answers, but there are! They're in God's Word! It's 100% reliable, and God tells us in 1 Peter to cast all our cares on him because he cares for us. God understands what we're going through—even the scary stuff! When I get really fearful, it helps so much to think about God and remember he's in control. Even if something sad or hard happens to me, I need to remember I can trust my loving God. Let's see what else is on. Pretend to switch channels.

Teacher 1: Welcome to Paleontologist Planet! Today we'll be talking about the *Archaeopteryx* bird. This fascinating creature lived millions of years ago and evolved from dinosaurs originally. Throw or shoot a dart.

Teacher 2: Deflect the dart. No, that can't be true because God's Word tells us in Genesis 1 that God created the world in six days. It's written in Genesis 1:1 that in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth, and he made each animal after its own kind. Birds were made as birds (*Genesis 1:21*). Dinosaurs were made as dinosaurs a day *after* birds (*Genesis 1:25*). They didn't change from one kind into another kind. And we know the world isn't millions of years old because we can add up the dates in the Bible and find that it's just thousands of years old (*Genesis 5, 11, etc.*).

Well, there's nothing on I feel like watching, so maybe I should do my homework.

Pick up the math book. Math isn't my best subject, but I'll try my best, because God tells us in his Word that whatever we do, do it heartily, remembering we're working for the Lord and not for men (*Colossians 3:23*). And even though sometimes I feel like a loser, I know that's not true. Psalm 139 says I'm fearfully and wonderfully made, and that God's works are wonderful. So even though I'm not great at math, I know God made me special, and he has a special purpose for my life.

The phone rings and Teacher 2 picks it up. Hmm, I didn't hear that about Jordan but I'm sure there's a logical explanation. Let's not talk about it anymore.

Look at your watch or the clock. Oh, look at the time! I need to get back to my schoolwork. But before I do, I'm going to check the TV one more time.

Teacher 1: Today in Washington DC, another march has turned deadly. *Throw or shoot a dart.*

Teacher 2: *Deflect the dart.* Another deadly gathering. I'm not surprised. Satan tries to get us angry at each other and

divided, sometimes to the point of actually harming each other. But God doesn't want us to hate the other people on this planet. Instead, because we're all related and made in his image, we should be treating each other with respect and kindness. Sometimes we may not agree, but God's Word tells us that as much as it depends on me, to live at peace with others, to be kind, and to not fight.

Teacher 1: *Stick your head out from the TV.* See what a difference it makes if you use the armor of God? Of course, God isn't asking us to actually walk around with a shield and helmet and sword and all that. But you understand that it means we're to use our spiritual armor when Satan lies to us and tries to trick our minds, like he did with Eve. We use the truth of God's Word to fight the enemy!

Teacher 2: Realize that the battle is really in your mind. Put one hand on your ear. *Do so.* Put the other hand on your other ear. *Do so.* The battle is between your two ears, if you get what I'm saying! The enemy wants to make you believe his lies. So keep your guard up and train your brain with Scripture! *Show the DAY 5 RHYME TIME POSTER.* Let's say, "Train your brain!" together. *Do so.*