

# Huddle Discussion Guide

for Children 7-12 years old

## Hopekids Huddle Time (35 mins)

### Week 4 (30th June)

**Big Point:** We Protect and Pray for Others!

**God's Word:** Put on the Armour of God (Ephesians 6:10-19) + An Angel Rescues Peter from Prison (Acts 12: 1-18)

**Memory Verse:** "Put on all of God's armour. Then you can remain strong against the devil's evil plans."  
Ephesians 6:11 (NIRV)

**Life Question:** How should I pray for those around me?

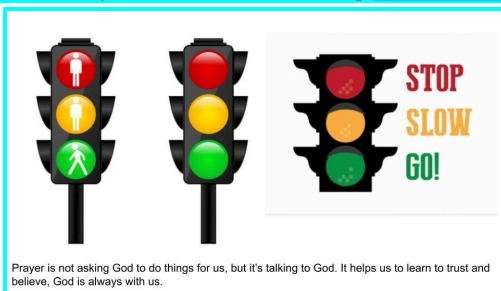
**Preacher's/Teachers' Note:** We have established that we are always at war in the spiritual world, where there is a constant battle between good and evil. The Armour of God is not meant to just protect ourselves, but also others. As a community of God's people, being Ready for Battle is also to pray for God's protection and help for our fellow Christians and the Church. Pray for all to be strong against the devil's plans.

(Acts 12:1-18) When Peter was imprisoned because of doing good things like teaching others about Jesus, the church came together to pray for him. God heard them and sent an angel to free Peter from prison! Prayer can strengthen us and result in miracles!

**BEFORE SESSION:** Huddle leaders are to collect Huddle Guide Material Box from respective cabinet/storage area and ensure there are enough working stationery!

To prepare:

- Load or print out the following: **TRAFFIC LIGHT**



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**Welcome - huddle leaders/ volunteers to welcome ALL and especially NEW kids**

*Address each of them by name and affirm how their presence is important and valuable! Get kids to say hello to each other and especially to new kids - in a way that is appropriate to your age group! :)*

Hello HopeKids! Welcome to Huddle Time, which is your small group time! Okay at the count of 3, we shall form a circle and sit down!

**TEACHERS PUT ON YOUR SERIOUS AND FIRM TONE TO ESTABLISH THE FOLLOWING:**

**ALRIGHT, remember we have this new rule in our small group time we started since before**

**Campference! It's a very simple and easy rule and that is: **No talking when someone else is talking!****

→ So, if I, the teacher is talking, the rest of you have to be quiet to listen, so everyone can hear me.

→ If a friend is talking, the rest of you, including teacher have to be quiet to listen.

→ If you want to say something, you can raise your hands, like rule B in our BEST rules! :) Okay?

→ If kids are not cooperative and continue to be playful, don't continue but express the need for them to learn respect and following rules.

**GAME:**

Alright, we are now going to play a game! This should be a simple and familiar game to you! It's a classic game of BROKEN TELEPHONE! HAHHAHA!

Have all the kids sit in a circle. Whisper a phrase into the first child's ear, then have them whisper it to the next child, on and on until it reaches the last child. Have the last child say out loud what they heard.

Tell them the original phrase, and share a laugh at how it changed. Use tricky phrases to throw the kids off.

E.g. - "Sandy sells sandy shells on the slushy slopes."

- "We bare bears eating blue and black berries on a board."
- "Pikachu peeking through a picket fence."

After a few rounds, make it clear how the message got muddled from one person to the next, but when we talk with God, he always understands exactly everything we say, even when we don't say things out loud, even when what we say is messy and muddled.

**Huddle Activity 1 - Discussion (15 mins)**

*(Leaders: ensure you went through these questions beforehand and have some answers)*

Alright HopeKids, we are now in the last week of our Ready for Battle series! I know that you all are

great learners but we are going to keep repeating and keep repeating to make sure you really don't forget.

So, here are some questions to test you what you have been learning over the past 3 weeks:

Is our battle/fight in the human world? → No!!

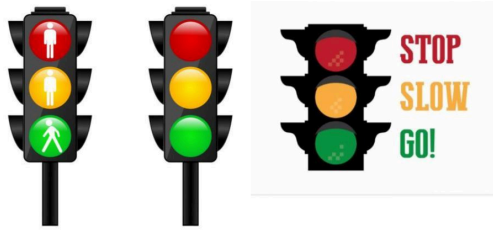
1. Where is our battle/fight? → The Spiritual World
2. Who is our enemy? → Satan/the devil
3. Are we left alone to fight Satan? → No. We are not alone because God is with us!
4. Since we have God, does God make us strong? How? → Yes! He gave us the Armour of God!

Great job, HopeKids. So we are not yet going to recap the different armours and I hope you remember them. But, today we learnt that there is one more WEAPON that God gave us than can make us strong.

It doesn't look very much like a weapon, but it fights Satan's lies and tricks and actions just as well as the Sword of the Spirit, and it also makes us STRONG. It is called... \*makes praying hands\* PRAYER !!

Okay, so let's have a discussion on what is prayer. :)

1. What is prayer → Talking to God
2. Is there a specific way of praying to God?  
→ No, even though there are guides in prayer  
→ PUSH (Pray Until Something Happens)  
→ The Lord's Prayer  
→ ACTS (Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication)  
→ But you can express yourself to God in anyway and anywhere. But of course, you must have respect for God, and believe that He is able to do it for you.
3. What are some experiences you have in prayer?  
→ How about difficulties?  
→ Is there anytime that God answered your prayer?
4. Is prayer telling God to do things for you?  
→ No  
→ You know HopeKids, prayer is not about asking God to do things for us. But it is for us to learn to trust and believe that God will always be with us.  
  
God might not answer us in the way we want, but God always has a plan that is to help us to grow stronger.



Prayer is not asking God to do things for us, but it's talking to God. It helps us to learn to trust and believe, God is always with us.

Take for example this traffic light. What does the traffic light do? → tell the cars when to:

- Go (green)
- Stop (red)
- Yellow/Orange (Wait or slow down)

Sometimes it's annoying when we get to the traffic light and its red light and we have to stop. But what will happen in the traffic light is always green?

→ It might be dangerous and we might run into accidents.

→ That is why God or even our daddies/mummies/caretakers will not let us go wherever we want or do whatever we want.

There are moments when God says yes to our prayers, so he gives us the green light. (Give example)

There are moments when God has to say no, just like how sometimes we ask daddy/mummy for something and they say no, because it's to protect you. Maybe it's not safe or not good for you. (Give example - e.g. going on a huge rollercoaster when you are not tall enough) Or God wants you to get stronger (E.g. God doesn't heal you because he wants you to get stronger as you fight the sickness).

There are moments when God says wait because he has something better for you, or you got to grow to be a bit older and bigger first. (Give example.. E.g. going out alone...)

But God will always be with us, and He wants the best for our hearts to learn and grow. Just like God was with Peter.

On the outside, it might not look like Peter was a hero, being thrown in Prison, but because he continued to stand strong in believing Jesus and even getting others to follow Jesus. He was truly a hero.

5. What would you do if you were Peter's church friends? What if teacher \_\_\_ was put in prison? What will you do?

6. What are the church members doing when they pray?

→ Fighting against the dark forces of evil and Satan

→ If God did not miraculously saved Peter from prison... does that mean God didn't hear

their prayer? → NO

7. You know Hopekids, prayer is also more for you than for God. When you pray, you are moulding yourself, your heart and your will to be closer to God and become more like God's. You are slowly accepting God's heart for you rather than asking God to do things for you. You are remembering you belong to God, and that helps you to make the right and wise choices. Eventually, you are protecting yourself and when you pray for others, you are also protecting others from Satan.

### **Huddle Activity 2 - Reflection 1+1 (10 mins)**

So HopeKids, through this series, what did you learn about? What are the different things that God has given you to make you strong?

1. Belt of Truth, which is the truth of Jesus, telling us what is true
2. Breastplate of Righteousness, the clean and new heart God gives us when we believe in Him.
3. Helmet of Salvation which reminds us we are saved and protects our minds from Satan's tricks.
4. Shoes of Peace, which is the Good News of Jesus we stand on.
5. Shield of Faith, trusting in God's love for us which protects us from Satan's lies.
6. Sword of the Spirit, the Word of God that can attack all the lies of Satan
7. PRAYER - what makes you strong, fights Satan and protects you against Satan

Today, think of 1 person you want to pray for and write down your prayer for that person. :)

### **Wrap up & Pray (3 mins)**

*(Leaders, are allowed to use their own words, these are for leaders who needs some guidance!)*

Dear Jesus,

My fight is in the spiritual world,  
Against Satan the enemy.  
Thank you for giving me the armour of God,  
To make me strong.  
Thank you for always being with me,  
And I know I can always pray  
So that I can stand strong in following You, Jesus.

In Jesus' name, Amen!

**Announcement & Pack Up (3 mins)**

Huddle leaders to do any announcements for next week's kids service

**AFTER SESSION:** Huddle leaders are to clear any rubbish and keep Huddle Guide Material Box in respective cabinets/storage areas