

Huddle Guide

for Children 4-6 years old

Hopekids Huddle Time (25-30 mins)

Week 3 (23rd June)

Big Point: We Stand Firm in Doing God's Work

God's Word: Put on the Armour of God (Ephesians 6:10-19) + The Story of Nehemiah (Nehemiah)

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 do I stand firm in doing what is right?

Preacher's/Teachers' Note: The Gospel brings us to be at peace with God, ensuring our Salvation when we believe in God (**Helmet of Salvation**). The Gospel also brings us to be at peace with God and be ready to share it with others (**Shoes of Peace**). Yet, we are always at war in the spiritual world and the devil discourages us from doing what is right and good, but instead, to do bad or stay in sin. Sometimes he makes sure we are in uncomfortable places for doing the right things. But when we can stand firm in doing God's good work, as God will help us through. We can find strength and encouragement in Him, just like Nehemiah!

Helmet of Salvation: We are already saved as God's people, our minds protected from Satan!

Shoes of Peace: Our feet is rooted in the Gospel that keeps us at peace with God, and we can stand strong in Him.

MATERIALS HIGHLIGHTED IN YELLOW ARE Prepared by Prep Team
Huddle leaders prepare and ensure material in BLUE are ready

BEFORE SESSION:

Logistics and Prep Team:	Open the LINK and scroll down to week 3
Huddle Leaders:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Read through this guide and Story Cards 2. Collect Huddle Time Box and Materials from respective Storage areas 3. Ensure all Huddle Time box, materials and stationery in box are sufficient and in order. <i>If not, inform your Room IC/Env. Leader!</i> 4. Ensure craft materials are well-distributed to each Huddle Time box.

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 other children to say hello to each other and especially to new kids! :)

Gather children to the mat and sing in the tune of [London Bridge]:

Make a circle Big and Round,
Big and Round,
Big and Round!
Make a circle Big and Round,
Big and Round!

Alright HopeKids, everyone raise your hands up to the skyyyy!

And now everyone bend down and touch your toesssss!

Now everyone let's be a jellyfish and shake away all your tiredness and sleepiness if you have any!

Yay, now, sit down in our circles!

ALRIGHT, remember we have this new rule in our small group time! 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 THERE ARE NEW FRIENDS:

There are new friends in our midst. In HopeKids, we value each and every friend we meet.

Let's go around and introduce your name to our new friends and give one another a hi-five.

→ **If time permits:** go one round to share each and everyone's names to our new friends and give a hi-five/fist-bump/teach a secret handshake!

→ **If no time:** Ask the new friend for his/her name and everyone says hello!

Huddle Activity 1 - Recap and Link (15 mins)

(ensure kids understand and able to apply what preacher preached in small group setting)

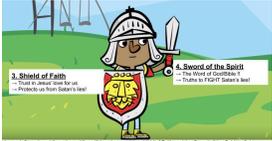
Week 3 - Nehemiah Story Cards



Wow, HopeKids it's now already WEEK THREEEEEE of our READY FOR BATTLEEEE series !!

So here's a quiz question for you!

1. Is our battle/fight in the human world? → No!!
2. Where is our battle/fight? → Spiritual World

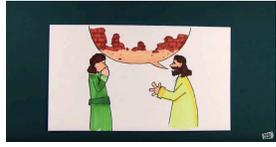
	<p>3. Who is our enemy? → Satan/the devil</p> <p>That's right, HopeKids!!</p> <hr/> <p>So HopeKids, we are fighting the battle against Satan the enemy, on our own or with God? → With God!</p> <p>Who makes us strong? → God!</p> <p>What does God give us to make us strong? → The Armour of God!</p> <p>That's right, and we have learnt about 4 different pieces of Armour let's see if you remember!</p>
 <p>1. Belt of Truth Helps us know what is truth from God and what are lies.</p> <p>2. Breastplate of Righteousness God cleanses our hearts from all unrighteousness so that we can be holy. It is the right relationship with what Jesus did every day for us!</p> <p><small>Last week, we learnt about the Belt of Truth and the Breastplate of Righteousness.</small></p>	<p>1. Belt of truth!</p> <p>We put on the belt of truth so that we know what is truth from God, and what are lies from Satan. The truth of Jesus is what holds everything we believe together, like how a belt holds your pants in place.</p> <p>2. Breastplate of Righteousness</p> <p>We are given a new clean heart is made clean and God takes away all the sin and darkness in our hearts when we believe in Him. This is a new righteousness and helps us to do right!</p>
 <p>3. Shield of Faith Trust in Jesus and His love. Protects us from Satan's lies!</p> <p>4. Sword of the Spirit The Word of GOD (Bible)! Helps us fight Satan's lies!</p> <p><small>In week 2, we learnt from Jesus Himself: How we wear the shield of Faith and the Sword of the Spirit to fight against Satan's lies and stand up to temptations.</small></p>	<p>Also, God gives us 2 other pieces of Armour to help us to fight the lies and tricks of Satan. Like what Jesus used when Satan tried to trick him to sin. From Jesus' example, we know we can stand up to Satan's lies!</p> <p>3. Shield of Faith</p> <p>Trusting and believing in God's love for you, which can protect you from Satan's tricks.</p> <p>4. Sword of the Spirit</p> <p>This is the Word of God which are truths you can use to fight Satan's lies!</p> <p>Today, you learn 2 more pieces or armour that COMPLETE our Armour of God!</p>
 <p>5. Helmet of Salvation Tells us we are already saved! Reminds us we are God's people! Remembers us are God's people!</p> <p>6. Shoes of Peace God's love is always with us Brings us peace and to be at peace with God!</p> <p><small>Today, we learnt what will complete the Armour of God! The Helmet of Salvation and The Shoes of Peace!</small></p>	<p>The first is the Helmet of Salvation, which tells us we are already saved, once we believe in God or Jesus. Being saved reminds us that we are God's people and protects our minds from Satan.</p> <hr/> <p>The second is the Shoes of Peace. We have to stand and have our feet rooted in the Good News of God's love for us, so that we can stand strong against the devil.</p>



Once, there was a man who believed in God. If he believed in God, do you think he is saved? → Yes.

Yes, his name was Nehemiah and he was someone who believed in the love of God and followed after God.

So Nehemiah, has the helmet of salvation. *paste helmet*
And he also has his feet rooted in the shoes of peace. Let's see how did Nehemiah stand firm in doing God's Work! *paste shoes*



Nehemiah lived at a period before Jesus, when the City of God's people was in ruins. God's people were also suffering under another country's King.

God gave Nehemiah a very big work of rebuilding the city wall, but he was at first far away as he was working for the king.

Yet, because God was the one who called Nehemiah to rebuild the City wall, God made the King somehow allow Nehemiah to go back to his own city, so Nehemiah can rebuild the temple.



But when Nehemiah and the people started to build the Temple and the walls in the city, many troubles come his way.

In Bible times, God's people have enemies. But it's a bit different from us now, because now, is our enemy in the human world? → No.

That's right, no, our enemy is? → Satan/In the spiritual world.

But at that time, God's people were not just fighting against Satan, but also real enemies. And these enemies will stop God's people from following God and do what God tells them to do! So... many many enemy groups come to Nehemiah and tried to stop him from rebuilding the Temple.



The first time, they made fun of Nehemiah. But Nehemiah remembered that God loved them. He used the shield of Faith *show shield* and God made the enemies go away.



The second time, the enemies threatened to attack Nehemiah and his work at the temple! But once again, Nehemiah used the shield of Faith and even the belt of Truth by reminding his people that God is great and powerful, God will protect them! *paste cross*



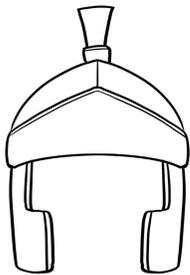
After that, there were even more things trying to stop Nehemiah from building the temple. But did Nehemiah and the people continue building and building the temple?

→ Yes!

Was Nehemiah able to stand strong in doing God's Work? → Yes

Do you think Nehemiah would be able to stand firm and continue doing what God told him to do if he didn't believe in God? → No.

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Nehemiah also trusted in the Good News of God saving him and taking away his sin, so Nehemiah had peace with God, and his feet were planted in the goodness of God. *paste shoes*

Nehemiah BELIEVED in God and KNEW in his heart and head, that God has already saved him from all his sins. He already had the helmet of Salvation *Paste helmet*

On top of that, he also had all other parts of the armour, He used the shield of Faith many many times. If we want to stand firm in doing God's Work like Nehemiah, we need to know we already have all the parts of the Armour of God. God has already given us, and we already have them.

Shall we pray together?

Pray - 1 min (keep it short for younger kids - 1 idea per phrase!)

Dear Jesus,

My fight is against Satan the enemy.

Thank you for giving me the armour of God,

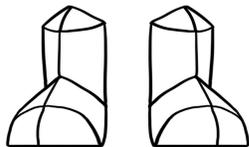
To make me strong.

I know my Salvation is sure when I believe in you.

Help me to plant my feet strong in the shoes of Peace.

So that I can stand strong in doing God's Work!

In Jesus' name, Amen!



Huddle Activity 2 - 10 mins

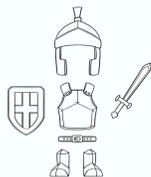
(craft time)

Continued craft: My Armour of God Picture Book

Note: HopeKids are making a Picture Book which leaders are to **keep for them till the end of this series. :)**

→ **As June is Holiday Season, do keep extras for regular kids in your group!**

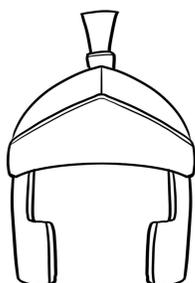
HopeKids: Ready for Battle
The Armour of God



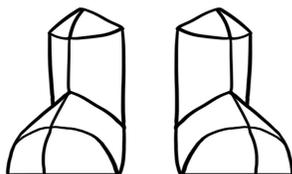
Name: _____

1. Alright HopeKids, for this READY FOR BATTLE series, we are learning about the what of God? → Armour of God!
2. That's right and those of you who were here last week, we already started on our Armour of God book! I'm going to give it out now! If you were not here, don't worry, I will give you a copy, and we will just start with week 3 first.

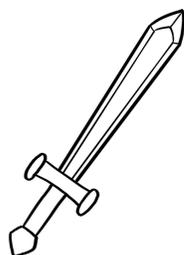
New kids: Once you receive it, please write your name at the front!



3. Alright, let's flip to where you see Week three. Week **THREE!**
4. Today, you learnt another two parts or the armour of God.
5. *Show helmet* This is the? → Helmet of Salvation which reminds us that we are already saved in Jesus.
6. Yes, the helmet of Salvation! Awesome job. As the helmet is given to you, (start giving out) you paste it into your book first, okay! → Give out and allow time for kids to paste.



7. Alright, what's the other part of the armour you learnt today?
8. *Show Shoes* And this is the? → Shoes of Peace! Our feet has to be planted and rooted in the Gospel of Jesus! :)
9. That's right, the Shoes of Peace, the Gospel! The good news of Jesus. Same thing, you paste it into your book first. → Give out and allow time for kids to paste.



10. Alright HopeKids. Nice job! Now, you can colour and trace the words there which says "Helmet of Salvation" and "Shoes of Peace".
11. You know HopeKids, last week we were making our Shield Cards for Father's Day, so we didn't colour our Armour. Last week we learnt about the:
→ SHIELD OF FAITH: Which is the trust we have in Jesus
→ SWORD OF THE SPIRIT: The Word of God
So let's colour and trace last week's Armour as well! :)

Pack Up - 3 mins

AFTER SESSION - Huddle Leaders To ensure:

1. Stationery is still available
 - a. Glue sticks/double sided tape
 - b. Colour pencils are sharpened
 - c. Sharpeners and scissors in working condition
 - d. Markers and pen have ink and still working
2. Pack all extra materials neatly to be returned
3. Gather all printouts to be returned
4. Keep all Huddle Materials and place things to be returned in respective box that is labeled "To be Returned"
5. Return all boxes to respective storage areas