

Huddle Guide

for Children 4-6 years old

Hopekids Huddle Time (25-30 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!

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 Cards2. Collect Huddle Time Box and Materials from respective Storage areas3. 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 andddd Round!

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

And now everyone bend down and touch your toessss!

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 4 - [Peter in Prison Story Cards](#)



Heyyyyy HopeKids, it is now the last week of our READY for BATTLE series!

Here's testing you again.

1. Is our battle/fight in the human world? → No!!
2. Where is our battle/fight? → The Spiritual World
3. Who is our enemy? → Satan/the devil

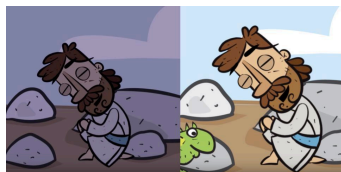
4. Are we left alone to fight Satan? → No. We are not alone because God is with us!
5. Since we have God, does God make us strong? How? → Yes! He gave us the Armour of God! :)

Wow, great job HopeKids! We have a lot of pieces of Armour in the armour of God and I'm not going to go through it yet...



But since we know that our fight is not in the human world but in the spiritual world... other than putting on the Armour of God to defend ourselves and fight Satan's lies... there is one other weapon we have.

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 !!



You know HopeKids, when Jesus was in the wilderness/desert and fasting from food and water... (This is the story we learnt two weeks ago!) Jesus also did a lot of praying. Both in the day and night!

That's another thing that kept Jesus strong despite the hunger and thirst for not eating and drinking for 40 days!

Today, we dived into another story to see how Prayer can protect ourselves and others. And it is one of Peter's experiences as a disciple of Jesus.



We learnt that Peter was a? → Disciple and follower of Jesus!

And after Jesus went back to heaven, Peter went around to different cities to do what? → Share the good news of Jesus to others.



Yes! Unfortunately for Peter, and also the other disciples... the King then, called King Herod, didn't like people sharing about Jesus and people coming to believe in Jesus. He wanted to stop everyone from spreading the story of Jesus.

Do you think Satan was using him to stop God's good work? → Yes. Yes, King Herod was not a believer or follower of Jesus. And what did he do to Peter? → Put Peter in prison.

And what did King Herod want to do to Peter? → Execute him! Which means... King Herod actually wants to punish Peter by killing Peter. :(



Even as Peter was in Prison, the people in the church... they were doing something very powerful. It may not look like they are doing a lot. But when they do this, it is fighting evil and the dark forces of Satan the enemy.

What were the people in the church doing? *point* → Praying!
Yes !! Praying !! And praying is a form of fighting against Satan and the evil dark forces.

We can pray for God to make us strong.

We can pray to ask God for healing when there is sickness or strength to FIGHT the sickness.

We can pray for God to protect us.

Which is what the church was praying for Peter. To pray for Peter's protection.



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.

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.

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.

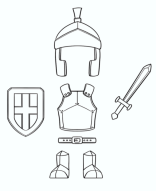
→ That is why God or even our daddies/mummies/caretakers will not let us go wherever we want or do whatever we want.

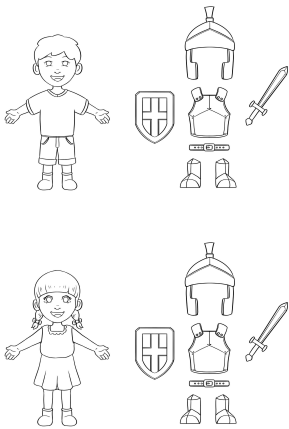
There are moments when God says yes to our prayers, so he gives us the green light. (Give example)

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 all to protect you. Maybe it's not safe or not good for you. (Give example - e.g. going on a huge rollercoaster) 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).

	<p>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 to primary school...)</p> <p>But God will always be with us. As God was with Peter.</p>
	<p>As the people of the church prayed for Peter... God heard the prayers of the church members, and sent an angel to rescue Peter from prison and execution!</p>
	<p>What happened? → Peter's chains disappeared. → The angel even led him out of the prison and through the guards.</p> <p>It was so miraculous! Does Peter know it was really happening? → No... But did it really happen? → Yes!</p>
	<p>Prayer may not look like a lot in the human world, but it is a very powerful weapon, especially in the spiritual world.</p> <p>And our fight is it in the human world? → No! It is in the? → Spiritual world!!</p> <p>It was so miraculous that when Peter appeared in front of the church members, they didn't believe it was him at first!</p>
<p>Page 2 again :)</p>	<p>So do remember, another way we fight Satan is by PRAYER! We protect and pray for others!</p> <p>And of course, we have the ARMOUR OF GOD!</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <p>Now, shall we all pray together? Let's pray!</p> <p>Pray - 1 min (keep it short for younger kids - 1 idea per phrase!)</p>

	<p>Dear Jesus,</p> <p>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.</p> <p>In Jesus' name, Amen!</p>
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<p>Huddle Activity 2 - 10 mins <i>(craft time)</i></p> <p>Continued craft: My Armour of God Picture Book</p> <p>Leaders, please return the kids their Armour of God Picture Book to BRING HOME!</p>	
<p>HopeKids: Ready for Battle The Armour of God</p>  <p>Name: _____</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Alright HopeKids, for this READY FOR BATTLE series, we are learning about the what of God? → Armour of God! 2. Some of you might not have the book yet, no worries, I have some copies here! Make sure you write your name once you received it okay!
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Alright, let's flip to where you see Week 4. Week <u>FOUR!</u> 4. Today, you didn't learn about any pieces of Armour, but what is one other weapon you can use to fight Satan and his lies? → <u>PRAYER !!</u> 5. That's right, so the Big Point is right there for you to trace. And after that, I want you to think who are some people you can and want to pray for? Draw and/or write in the space provided. :)

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. When you are done, you can flip to the last page. And I am going to give everyone an envelope to paste. *Gives out envelope*. 7. Alright. I am going to give you some Armour of God paper dolls, you can bring it home to cut and colour and play with your daddy/mummy/siblings/caretakers okay! Due to time, I just want you to put it in the envelope. :) 8. And that last page, you can fill in your name and declare boldly and bravely, you have the Armour of God and you can be Ready for? → BATTLE !!! :D :D
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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