



SEEING WHAT IS UNSEEN

Putting on God's Armor

This week we are focusing on the seventh piece of armor—prayer. Prayer is an invisible piece of armor. Prayer is talking, listening, and having a relationship with God. Prayer is what helps a person get ready to use the armor God gives us.

KEY VERSE: “Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere.” Ephesians 6:18

BIBLE STORY PASSAGE: 2 Kings 6: 8–17

- Read the Bible story about Elisha in 2 Kings 6: 8-17 together.
- Ask the following review questions:

Q1: What did Elisha's servant see when he woke up? A1: *The enemy army with horses and chariots around the city* (v. 15)

Q2: What did Elisha pray to God? A2: *That God would open the servant's eyes* (v. 17)

Q3: What did the servant see when God opened his eyes? A3: *The hills full of horses with chariots of fire* (v. 17)

Q4: What do you think God wants us to learn from the story of Elisha and his servant?
A4: *We can know Satan is at work whenever we see chaos or sadness, but when we pray during these times, God shows us that He is more powerful than Satan.*

Q5: How can Christians use prayer to defeat the enemy? A5: *We can pray for God to give us the armor we need to defeat Satan and live for God.*

GO DEEPER

Read Ephesians 6:10-11. Paul tells us the reason people need to put on the Armor of God. Discuss what you think this reason is based on the scripture.

Read Ephesians 6:18-19. Count how many times you see the words pray, prayer, or petition. Paul knew the importance of praying to God. He knew Satan would try to deceive people, even Jesus' followers! Prayer is the way to activate God's armor in your life. It guards believers from Satan's attempts.

MY PRAYER TIME

Prayer is talking and listening to God. Below is a prayer plan that can help you as you pray. If you do not already have the habit of praying every day, use this plan to help you start. If you already pray every day, use this plan to help you think about ways to pray.

Praise. Praise is thanking God for who He is and what He has done. Praise gives honor and thanks to God.

Repentance. When you pray, God may point out ways you are choosing your own way instead of God's way. Repentance is being sorry for what you have done wrong. It also brings change in your mind and life as you ask God to help you stop choosing your own way and to choose His way.

Asking. Ask God for what you need. Think about and pray for others.

Yes. 2 Corinthians 1:20 tells us that each of God's promises is "yes" in Him. That means you can trust God to do what He has promised to do. It also means you can pray using Bible verses, knowing that God will know and do what you need.

Try praying for these things this week:

Day 1: Thank God for being powerful and mighty!

Day 2: Ask God to show you how to show kindness to someone at school.

Day 3: Pray for your parents, your pastor, and President Trump.

Day 4: Pray for people who live near you to trust Jesus as their Savior.

Day 5: Pray for Christians in other countries, who can not worship freely and safely.