

Activity I

Shield of Faith Craft

Give each child a cardstock shield. Have them glue the long blank strip down the center and then glue the short strip with the verse across that to make a cross.

Go over the verse with them as they color and add stickers, decorating the “shield.”

Lastly, have them turn the shield over and glue or tape the short blank strip to the back to act as a handle for the shield.

Supplies: cardstock shield (1 per child), short strip with verse (1 per child), long blank strip (1 per child), short blank strip of cardstock for handle (1 per child), glue/tape, crayons, stickers
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Activity 2

Fiery Arrows

Have the kids take turns throwing fiery arrows (red straws) at a large shield. Then have them try throwing half sized pool noodle “darts” at the shield. Then have each of them try throwing a full sized pool noodle at the shield.

The point: Sometimes the darts Satan throws at us seem small and sometimes they seem really big, but when Satan is throwing his fiery arrows of fear and worry at us, we can remember to stop them by holding up our shield of faith. The shield deflects his arrows. The arrows can only hit us when we let down our shield of faith.

Supplies: red straws, half pool noodles, full sized pool noodles
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Activity 3

Temptation Tag

Have the kids stand in a big circle (you can tape off a circle or square if you want to). Have one leader be the tempter. He/she will stand in the middle of the circle/square and cannot move his feet, but can bend and reach. Spread the candy out on the floor around his/her feet. At your “go” the children will try to get a piece of candy from the floor, without getting tagged by the leader. If the leader tags a child, he/she must go back to the circle/square and sit down.

Once everyone is sitting, explain that messing around with temptation is a dangerous thing to do. We may think we are getting away with it once in a while (like getting a piece of candy without being tagged) but eventually, we will be wrapped up in it like the toilet paper. We need to stay far away from it.

Supplies: individually wrapped candy

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Activity 4

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Each team will need a basket and wadded up paper balls. Place each team in a different corner with the supplies. The object of the game is for them to act as a shield around their basket to keep paper out while trying to throw paper wads into the other team’s basket. The team with the least amount of paper in their basket wins.

The point: Explain that when the Roman army joined its shields together, it became an almost unstoppable force. If those of us in God’s church join our shields - that is, encourage each other with our faith, building up and serving within the Body as we are able - we will become an unstoppable force able to take on any challenge.

Supplies: basket, wadded balls of paper

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