

# Names of God

Huddle 10: *Jehovah Sabaoth – The Lord of Hosts*



## SETTING THE ATMOSPHERE

As children arrive, collect the “In” slips and see which grade they are in for their huddle teams. Remember to check all slips to make sure children are to be in Up & Out this hour.

### Team Time

Each team leader (student leader) should spend time getting a conversation started within the team to find out more about each child. Spend time today discussing the following questions up front...

- Who remembers the name of God we learned last week? (*Strong Tower*)
- What does it mean that God is our Strong Tower? (*run to him for refuge, shelter, he protects us, etc*)
- Read Psalm 91:11 and 1 Samuel 17:45.
- Review our Up and Out verse (Matthew 22:37-39) if time allows.

### Huddle Teams

- 1st & 2nd grade girls
- 1st & 2nd grade boys
- 3rd & 4th grade girls
- 3rd & 4th grade boys

### Opening Prayer

Leader prays for the group.

## LESSON HUDDLE

Let's all come over together and get started this morning. Good morning, Up & Out! Where we look up (pause for the group to respond) **TO GOD** and look out (pause) **TO OTHERS**.

What comes to your mind when you think of angels? Do you think of soft, fluffy, white wings with glowing halos? Often angels are portrayed as soft, floating, childlike figures. However, the Bible gives us a different picture – one of power, strength and protection.

Our name of God for this week is Jehovah Sabaoth (să bā ōt) – the Lord of Hosts. A host is an army. Our God, Jehovah Sabaoth has a hosts of angels – armies and armies of angels – that He can send to fight for His people and for His great name!

Angels are messengers. We read how they were used to tell the shepherds the good news that Jesus was born. They are also warriors. They fight for God! They do what He tells them to do as

their commander. Psalm 91:11 reads “For he (God) will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.”

If we look at David we see how knowing God as the Lord of Hosts can give us peace rather than worry and courage rather than fear. Remember when Saul’s army was afraid of Goliath? Goliath was big and strong. He was mean and he didn’t like the Israelites. As the Israelites looked at him they were afraid and didn’t want to fight him. Except for David. David wasn’t afraid of Goliath. He saw the same person the rest of Saul’s army saw, but David also saw something else. He saw God’s power more.

As David went to fight Goliath, he said:

“You come to me with a sword and with a spear and with a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defiled (1 Samuel 17:45)

Although we will probably not be faced with a big and mean giant like Goliath in our daily life, we do have moments that are challenging, scary, and even dangerous. We can find hope, peace, confidence, and courage in knowing the Lord of Hosts is our God and that He will command His angels to guard us.

This week your mission is to remember the names of God and think on how powerful, perfect and good He is as He commands His angels. Thank God for the protection He provides that we often overlook. Praise Him!

*Huddle Up, Pray, & Break*

## **ACTIVITY: Behind the Guard**

Materials:

- Paper bombs (paper balls) or dodgeballs

DIRECTIONS:

Divide up by teams. If attendance is low you can combine teams. The goal is to have enough kids on a team that can circle up and protect one team member.

Have one team be the enemy and the other be the strong army. Have one person from the strong army team or a team leader be the one being protected – this person represents us!

Have the strong army surround the person to protect him/her and then allow the enemy team to throw paper bombs trying to hit the person inside.

Variation: Have the strong army work together to guide the person safely through the room while being protected.

Switch up as many times as interest holds. Wrap up the activity by tying the game back to how the Lord directs His armies of angels to guide and protect. This can also be used to remind us that God is our Strong Tower.

### **ACTIVITY: Crayon Resist Painting**

#### **MATERIALS:**

- Sketch Paper (cardstock or other thicker paper)
- White crayons or white wax candle
- Water color or poster paint
- Paint brush

#### **DIRECTIONS:**

Write the names of God (or just one name and meaning) on the paper with a white crayon. Try to make heavy strokes as you draw. Prepare thinned down watercolor or poster paint on your palette. Paint over the sketch paper to reveal what was written.



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