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**ABOUT GOD**

God is the one and only true God, yet He exists in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. God is the Creator, so everything belongs to Him and is under His control. God is holy, so He is righteous, majestic, and loving. God is all knowing and purposeful, so He's at work to bring about His will. No person, thing, or idea compares to God.

**ABOUT THE SCRIPTURES**

God reveals Himself to us through the Bible, and it is 100% accurate, reliable, and authoritative.

**ABOUT PEOPLE**

People are made in God's image and for His pleasure. But everybody falls short of God's intention, or ideal, for people. In other words, everyone has sinned. As a result, we are all separated from Him, even though He wants an intimate relationship with each of us.

**ABOUT SALVATION**

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**Outer Wall**  
Armor of God  
Ephesians 6:10-18

### BOTTOM LINE

**God gives you what you need to keep going.**

### MEMORY VERSE

"Let us not become tired of doing good. At the right time we will gather a crop if we don't give up."  
Galatians 6:9, NIV

### LIFE APP

**Determination—deciding it's worth it to finish what you started.**

### BASIC TRUTH

**I can trust God no matter what.**

**PRELUDE:** Setting the tone for the experience  
For Leaders Only  
Create the Environment

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**SOCIAL:** Providing time for fun interaction  
Ideas for Early Arrivers  
Keep Going

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**STORY:** Communicating God's truth in engaging ways  
Opener  
Worship  
Bible Story  
Prayer  
Closer

**10**  
MINUTES

**WORSHIP:** Inviting people to respond to God  
"Let It Be Known" from *Movin' Me*  
"Our God" from *Jesus Music Box*

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**GROUPS:** Creating a safe place to connect  
Suit of Armor  
The Sword of the Spirit  
Memory Verse Maze  
Prayer

**HOME:** Prompting action beyond the experience  
GodTime  
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### GETTING READY

#### SOCIAL: PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION

(Choose one or both of these activities.)

##### Early Arriver

- An offering container

##### Keep Going

- No supplies needed

#### GROUPS: CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT

(Choose as many of these activities as you like.)

\* If you don't have time to do all these activities, be sure to do activity #2.

##### 1. Suit of Armor (application activity / review the Bible story)

- Roll of aluminum foil
- Bible

##### \*2. The Sword of the Spirit (application activity)

- Cardstock; 1 piece for each kid
- Markers
- Scissors
- Bibles

##### 3. Memory Verse Maze (memory verse activity)

- Print the "Memory Verse Maze" Activity Page; 1 for each kid
- Pencils
- Bibles

##### Prayer

- Kids' swords from "The Sword of the Spirit" activity

##### Additional Resources:

- Make copies on cardstock or email this week's GodTime and Parent Cue cards.
- Tell parents about our additional family resources: **Studio252.tv**, **CUE Box**, and the **Parent Cue app**. To find out more about these great resources, go to <http://www.Studio252.tv/leaders>.



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## SOCIAL: PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION

Welcome kids and spend time engaging in conversation and catching up. Get ready to experience today's story.

*Before kids arrive, pray for each regular attendee by name. Pray for those who might visit your group for the first time. Thank God that He gives each of us what we need to keep going. Pray that your few would recognize these areas of their lives and ask for God's help in having determination. Do the same for yourself, and consider sharing this with your few today.*

### 1. EARLY ARRIVER IDEA

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Offering container

#### WHAT YOU DO:

- Collect kids' offerings as they arrive.
- Ask kids to share stories of how they showed determination this week.
  - How did they keep going when things got hard or when a job was bigger than they thought?
  - Did they encourage any friends or siblings to push through on something?
  - Did their parents or other family members notice their determination?

### 2. KEEP GOING

**WHAT YOU NEED:** No supplies needed

#### WHAT YOU DO:

- Instruct kids to do physical movements as you call them out.
- As they follow your instructions, continue encouraging them to keep going, even if they get tired.
- Make up your own movements, or do some of the following: jumping jacks, running in place, clapping, hopping, skipping in place, sit-ups, push-ups, etc.

#### WHAT YOU SAY:

"Whew! That was exhausting, but you were determined to keep going even when it got hard. **[Transition] Let's go to Large Group, where we'll hear more about what happens when we keep going.**"

Lead your group to the Large Group area.



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## GROUPS: CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT

Create a safe place to connect and learn how the Bible story applies to real life experiences, through interactive activities and discussion questions.

### 1. SUIT OF ARMOR *(application activity / review the Bible story)*

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Aluminum foil, Bible

#### WHAT YOU DO:

- Stand in the middle of your space, and read the Bible passage aloud: Ephesians 6:10-18.
- Then read the passage again, but after you list each piece of armor, pause and let the kids create that part out of aluminum foil and put it on you.
- While they work, talk about the spiritual significance of that piece of armor.
  - Belt of Truth (waist): Know God's truth
  - Armor of Godliness (chest): Do what we know to be right
  - Good News of Peace (feet): Be ready to tell others about Jesus
  - Shield of Faith: Believe that Jesus will do what He says He will do
  - Helmet of Salvation: Protect our minds from bad or evil thoughts
  - Sword of the Spirit: Know and use God's Word

#### WHAT YOU SAY:

"God doesn't have physical armor like this for us to wear as we go throughout our lives. But He does provide us with the things we need to do what we need to do. We can face anything when we remember we have all of God's resources to draw from, like all the pieces of armor. So when things get tough, remember: **[Bottom Line] God gives you what you need to keep going.**"

### \* 2. THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT *(application activity)*

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Cardstock, markers, scissors, Bibles

#### WHAT YOU DO:

- Set out the markers and scissors, and give each kid a piece of cardstock.
- Tell kids to draw a sword on their cardstock. It should be as large as they can make it.
- Ask kids to think of a time when they typically have a hard time, such as when they're frustrated by homework, tired during a soccer game, or their little sister is driving them crazy.
- Tell kids to find a verse that they can remember when they need to keep going in that situation. They can use smartphones with Internet access to look some up, and you can give them the following options and/or come up with some of your own:
  - Any verse from today's passage: Ephesians 6:10-18
  - 2 Chronicles 15:7
  - Joshua 1:9
  - Isaiah 41:10
  - Mark 10:27
  - Philippians 4:13



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- Instruct kids to write the verse on their sword.
- Allow kids to decorate their swords and cut them out.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

"I want you to take your 'swords of the Spirit' home with you as a reminder that **[Bottom Line] God gives you what you need to keep going.** He is always with us, He never fails us, and He is more powerful than anything. When you need strength to keep going, remember your verse, pray, and read God's Word, and He will help you through anything." **[Make It Personal] (Tell kids about a time you relied on God to keep going. How did He help you?)**

**3. MEMORY VERSE MAZE (memory verse activity)**

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Memory Verse Maze" Activity Pages, pencils, Bibles

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Hand out "Memory Verse Mazes."
- Tell kids first they need to solve the maze, but to draw lightly on it.
- Then they should write the verse along the solution to the maze, making sure to fill up the entire path.
- Say the verse together a few times.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

"I really hope you're not getting tired of mazes this month! Our verse tells us to 'not become tired of doing good.' That doesn't really apply to mazes, but it does apply to life. God wants us to have determination and decide it's worth it to finish what we started. **[Bottom Line] God gives you what you need to keep going,** and when you do, you'll discover it was more than worth it!"

**PRAY AND DISMISS**

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Swords from "The Sword of the Spirit" activity

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Ask kids to hold their swords and silently pray that God will help them trust Him to give them what they need to keep going.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

**[Bottom Line] "God gives you what you need to keep going.** He is always there for You, and His Word is just a Bible, an app, or your sword away. Trust in Him to always help you keep going. And I am going to trust that YOU will not get into any sword fights as you leave here today!"

As adults arrive to pick up, tell them to ask kids what their swords are for.