



Prayer Warrior



THE MISSION AIM

A Christian Soldier is a Prayer Warrior who is always in communication with God. Prayer helps us guard our hearts and minds and makes us ready to face any battle.



KEY VERSE

Philippians 4:6-7: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."



Pre-Mission Activity



Supplies Needed

- Copies of Declaration Prayer (See attachment page 7)

Directions

DO: As recruits enter the room, have them find a buddy and sit to practice reciting the Declaration Prayer. One recruit can use the paper to guide and assist, while the other recruit attempts to say it from memory.



Mission Uplink 1



Have ready YouTube playlist: "Season 2 – Armour of God Episode 6: Prayer Warrior"

Play "Armour of God (S2) Episode 6 (1/3)". Episode begins with the *Ready to Serve* theme song, followed automatically by the MISSION # 1 VIDEO. Pause the video when the MISSION # 1 CARD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete Mission # 1.

If using PPT for video, have AOG-Episode_6-Prayer_Warrior.pptx ready and play slide one. Pause on the MISSION # 1 CARD so you and your recruits can complete Mission # 1.



Mission #1



Supplies Needed

- A variety of clothing/accessory items (i.e., socks, shoes, hats, shirts, sunglasses, pants, skirts, necklaces, coats, bags...) - two of each item.
- Checklists of what the “captain” of each team will need to wear for the mission. (If playing more than one round, you will need to have a different list for each round- so it’s not too easy! A couple sample of checklists have been added to this lesson.) (See attachment on page 8)



Mission Assignment

SAY: Oh no! Michael seems to be stuck in the RTS van. Well, hopefully the team can help him out while we work on the mission we’ve been assigned. Let’s read our mission (reading missing card from satellite uplink). “Recruits, we need you to determine why communication with God through prayer is so important! Don’t forget to take a look at Ephesians 6:18 and Philippians 4:6-7 to see what scripture has to say about it! Report back when finished.”

SAY: Alright team, our final mission for the “Armour of God” is to look at the final piece of the armour - prayer. What did the commander say prayer is like? (*a walkie-talkie, computer, a communication tool*)

SAY: While prayer isn’t an actual piece of the armour, it is necessary in order to stay in touch with our leader - God. Like Michael said, communication between troops and base camp is vital! We need to be in constant contact with home base in order for our armour to be effective and useful. I’ve got a great game we can play to help us better understand why prayer is so important in our fight the enemy: Satan.

DO: Split the group into two teams: Team A and Team B. Choose one leader for each team (this should be someone who has strong communication skills- not a quiet or shy individual). Have each leader stand at one side of the room and the teams at the other. Scatter the various dress-up items around the room. Note: If you really want the recruits to burn some energy, make the space between them larger and spread the supplies further around the room.

SAY: Your mission today is to find the clothing items your leader needs in order to complete their dressing mission. I will give a checklist to each leader, so they will know what they need to put on in order to finish the mission. As a team, you will take turns, one at a time, picking up pieces of clothing off the “battlefield” and dressing your leader. After your turn, run back to your team and high-five the next person. This will signal to him or her that it is his or her turn to go. Here is the trick: Team A, you are allowed to talk to your leader and your leader is allowed to talk to you. Team B, you may NOT talk to your leader and your leader is not allowed to talk to you. If a member of Team B brings something that their leader doesn’t need to complete the mission, the leader simply removes it and tosses it back into the “battlefield”. The first team to complete their checklist wins.

DO: Give the checklists to the leaders (only they can see them) and start the game. Be sure to remind Team B that they are not allowed to communicate in any way.

SAY: Team ____ (hopefully, it should be A) has completed their mission! Alright, leaders can return the items to the “battlefield” and we will try another mission.



DO: Have the recruits reset the supplies and hand the leaders a new checklist.

SAY: We're going to try this again, only we're going to reverse the rules. Team A, you cannot talk, and Team B, you can talk. Ready, set, go!

DO: Play another round of the game and have the recruits help tidy up after it's done.

SAY: Excellent job, teams! How did being able to communicate with the leader help you be more successful at completing the mission? *(They could tell us what to do, we could ask questions, we could work together on a plan, they could tell us how close to being finished we were, etc...)*

SAY: You're right! That is why prayer is so important when dealing with Satan's attacks. God is our leader- he has a plan for us and knows what it best. By keeping in communication with God, he can help us to know what steps to take in "battle", we can ask him for help when we need it and we can share information with him about our successes and struggles.

SAY: Christie has asked us to take a couple verses of scripture to help Ryanne understand how prayer is an important part of the "Armour of God". Let's open our Bibles and see.

DO: Read aloud the following scripture verses or have a couple of confident readers in your squad read Philippians 4:6-7 and Ephesians 6:18.

SAY: What do these verses tell us about prayer? *(Prayer gives us peace, protects our hearts and minds, it keeps us alert and prepared, pray about everything at all times, it goes with thanksgiving, etc.)*

SAY: A lot of these things are closely related to the jobs of the "Armour of God". For example, the peace that comes with prayer allows us to trust in God's truths. Prayer also helps us to strengthen our "Breastplate of Righteousness" and "Helmet of Salvation" that protect our hearts and minds. Prayer helps us to know what to believe, what decisions to make, what to say in difficult situations. Prayer is our way to check-in with God to make sure our armour is strong and secure.

SAY: The excellent thing about prayer is that when we, as soldiers, are in constant contact with God, we never have to be scared about going into "battle". We are never alone!

SAY: Let's get back to the Recon Team and see how the setup is going...and if they've noticed Michael's absence yet!



Mission Uplink 2



YouTube: Play "Armour of God (S2) Episode 6 (2/3)". Pause the video when the MISSION # 2 CARD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete Mission # 2.

PPT: Click to advance to next slide. Pause video when MISSION #2 CARD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete Mission # 2.





Mission #2



Supplies Needed

- You will need the following for the six prayer stations the young people will participate in:
 1. Belt of Truth: Large white paper, markers, enough copies of “The Rights of Children” for each recruit. (See attachment on page 9)
 2. Breastplate of Righteousness: pictures of leaders within your church (just use strips of paper with their names on it, if you can, get pictures).
 3. Shoes of Readiness: copies of “A Prayer for Missionaries” (used Lesson 3) (See attachment on page 10)
 4. Shield of Faith: cardboard or card stock in the shape of a giant shield, tape or something to secure the shield to the wall, post-its, markers.
 5. Helmet of Salvation: baking trays or small trays with sand or salt in them.
 6. Sword of the Spirit: Blank note cards (or paper cut and folded into cards), colouring tools, pens, copies of common words or phrases recruits might need to spell.
 7. Device with quiet music (worship music or instrumental music)



Mission Assignment

SAY: We’ve got our next mission for today, let’s all read it. (Reading mission card from satellite uplink). “Your mission is to use the tool of prayer to focus on the “Armour of God”. Travel in small groups to the prayer stations that your leader has prepared for you and spend time in prayer. You may pray individually or with a friend. Blessings!”

SAY: Now that we have discovered all the parts of the “Armour of God” I want us to pray over the use of those parts. Let me explain each station to you and then we will take some time to move around the room to each station and pray.

Belt of Truth: At this station, you have the opportunity to design posters to put up in our church that remind people about what every child has the right to. Pick one of the ideas listed at the station and design a poster. As you are doing this, pray over those children whose rights are not being met.

Breastplate of Righteousness: At this station, our focus is on praying for those people who provide us with an example of how to live in a righteous way. Inside this box, there are pictures (or names) of leaders in our church, along with what their leadership role is. Pick a picture out and pray for that leader, asking God to give them wisdom and guidance. If you finish early, put the picture back in and feel free to pull out a new one to pray for.

Shoes of Readiness: At this station, our focus is on praying for those people who spend their lives sharing the Gospel. There are copies of the “Prayer for Missionaries” for you to read aloud on your own or with a friend.



Shield of Faith: At the Shield of Faith station, your prayer focus is on giving thanks to Jesus that he is faithful. On the sticky notes, write or draw things that God has been faithful in providing: friends, favourite foods, courage, etc., and stick it onto our shield. Write as many items as you can think of and say a quick word of thanks before you stick it up. You can also use this station to write questions you have for God and take time to sit quietly and listen to what he has to say.

Helmet of Salvation: The focus at this station is you. Use the salt (sand) trays to draw or write about things that are concerning you. Worries you have, situations where you need God's help, anything in your life you want to bring to God! Write something with your hands in the salt (sand), pray to God about it and then wiping it away. Wiping it away represents letting go of that situation and putting it in God's hands.

Sword of the Spirit: This final prayer station is a time to prayer for the needs of others. If you know of a situation someone else is dealing with: sickness, sadness, loneliness, tests, etc., create a card for them to let them know you are praying for them. There are papers here with some words you might need help spelling. After you create the card, or as you create the card, pray for that person's need.

SAY: Are there any questions?

SAY: You may not make it to every station during our prayer time. Try not to overcrowd at stations - a few people at a time works best.

DO: Spread recruits to various stations and turn on music. Mingle around the stations to assist and pray with recruits.

DO: Have recruits rotate to a new station every five minutes or so.

SAY: It's time to close our prayer time together. Stand where you are and let's pray the Declaration Prayer together.

DO: Lead the recruits in the Declaration Prayer.

SAY: Amen. Let's check back with the Recon Team.



Mission Uplink 3



YouTube: Play "Armour of God (S2) Episode 6 (3/3)". Pause the video when the FIELD MISSION CARD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete the Field Mission Project.

PPT: Click to advance to next slide. Pause video when FIELD MISSION CARD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete the Field Mission Project.





Field Mission Project



Today's PRAYER HUDDLE is incorporated into the Field Mission Project.



Supplies Needed

- Little notebooks or journals for each recruit (ones you can get at the store in packs for a dollar OR ones you create yourself out of cut paper and staples)
- Pencils
- Glue,
- Small copies of the Declaration Prayer that can be glued into the journals for each recruit (See attachment page 11)
- Small copies of "I Can Pray For..." for each recruit (See attachment page 12)

Mission Project

SAY: Recruits, we have one final mission for today. (Read mission card from satellite uplink.)
 "Your final mission is to create a tool that can be used to help you pray at home. Work with your leader to design your own Prayer Journal and learn how to use it."

SAY: I'm so glad the team finally found Michael. He was really stuck! Until he prayed to God for help, that is. What happened once Michael prayed to God? (*God gave him the idea to use the horn, his friends found him*)

SAY: It is important to keep that communication with God every day. Our final mission today is to design our own prayer journals that we can use to track the things we pray for, write questions to God and use as a guide when we don't know what to pray.

DO: Hand out a journal, the Declaration Prayer and I Can Pray papers, a pencil and some glue to each recruit.

DO: Have recruits glue a copy of the Declaration Prayer at the front of their journal. You may need to have them glue a part of it in and fold the rest in half to fit, depending on how small you make it.

SAY: This other piece of paper is for keeping some ideas of what we can pray for when praying to God.

SAY: Thinking about the stations we just used to help us pray, what are some things we can pray about? (*Others, Things We're Thankful For, Missionaries, Children's Rights, Worries/Concerns, Leaders/Role Models, etc.*)

DO: Have recruits list the ideas on the page and then glue the page into the journals.

SAY: Now that you have a Prayer Journal, you need to know how to use it. Every day you pray, write the date in your journal and then list the things you want to pray for. As prayer is answered, you can cross off the prayers that God has answered. The next day, write the new date wherever you finished the last days, and make your list again. As you begin crossing things off your lists, it's a great reminder about how God really does answer prayer. When you are really stuck on what to pray about, use the list we made to get ideas OR take time to pray the Declaration Prayer. You can also look at the book of Psalms with a family member and find a favourite chapter to read out as a prayer to God.

SAY: Great work today, Prayer Warriors! See you next time!





The Declaration Prayer

Today, I put on the Full Armor of God.
The Belt of Truth
Jesus - the WAY the TRUTH and the LIFE
The Breastplate of Righteousness,
Jesus – putting us in right standing with God.
The Shoes of Readiness,
Jesus – the Gospel we share everywhere we go.
The shield of Faith,
Jesus - the One we put our faith in.
The Helmet of Salvation,
Jesus – our Savior, died to give us new life.
And the Sword of the Spirit.
Jesus - the Word of God – Living and sharper than any
double-edged sword.
Today I stand as a follower of Jesus Christ –
Clothed in His Presence,
Protected by His Power,
And Surrounded by His love.

Round 1:

Communication Relay Checklist 1

- ✓ 1 shoe
- ✓ hat
- ✓ coat
- ✓ pair of pants
- ✓ mitts

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Round 2:

Communication Relay Checklist 2

- ✓ 2 **different** shoes
- ✓ shirt
- ✓ scarf
- ✓ bag/purse

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- ✓ scarf
- ✓ bag/purse

The Rights of Children

All kids have the right to...

Be safe

Play (not work)

Go to school

Have food and water

A Prayer for Missionaries

Awesome God, Thank you for missionaries.

For the men and women who spend their lives taking your message of love to people all around the world.

Thank you for the people who reach the lost with the Gospel.

Missionaries are amazing people, God.

Bless them with your love and strength they need to continue your work.

Prepare them with the "Shoes of Readiness", so that they will always be ready to share their faith.

Encourage them for their work is often thankless and forgotten.

The results of their sharing is not always an instant thing.

It can take a long time for someone to accept the Truths of the Gospel.

Help them to realize they are planting seeds that will one day grow.

Help them to realize that their work is valued by us.

Help me to be more like them.

Help me to be courageous in sharing what I believe with others.

Give me the strength, words and actions I need to spread your love to others.

In your name,
Amen!

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