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Series: Prayer Walk Mall
Fall Year 2, Lesson 25

Security Central— Praying For Protection

Take Home Point: *Pray for protection against the devil's schemes. *Repeat this phrase throughout the lesson.

Bible Event: Ephesians 6:10-18; 1 Peter 5:8

Key Verse: Ephesians 6:11, "Put on all the armor that God supplies. In this way you can take a stand against the devil's strategies."

We will help kids know:

- The devil schemes against us by suggesting thoughts for our minds.
- God wants us to pray for protection against the specific attacks of the devil.
- Jesus won the victory over Satan through the cross and offers that victory to us.




We will help kids feel:

- Alert to hear the subtle voice of temptation.
- Confident in their battle against temptation.
- Comforted in God's forgiveness when they fall into temptation.

We will help kids do:

- Identify different kinds of alarms, how they sound, what they are for, and how they make us feel.
- Participate in an alarm-sounding contest.
- Set new goals for the week and journal about their prayer progress.

THIS LESSON'S ROADMAP

DESTINATION	PAGE #	DISCOVERIES ON YOUR JOURNEY	SUPPLIES NEEDED
Small Group Warm-Up 	3	Students will think about and discuss times when they have been scared, sounding an alarm for times when danger is near.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • button • scary Halloween mask (optional)
Large Group 	4 7 7 10 11	<p>Overview</p> <p>Name and Store Introduction: Presenter, N.M.E. Down, offers mall customers protection against the enemy's schemes.</p> <p>Alarm Contest: The boys and girls face-off in a contest to see who can demonstrate the most authentic sounding alarms.</p> <p>Protection Gear: The presenter describes each piece of the full armor of God as he/she dresses a volunteer.</p> <p>Teaching Point: The Lord's Prayer – Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Jesus wants us to acquire spiritual protection for ourselves.</p>	<p><i>Props needed for the mall:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • security-related items • alarms or flashing lights • presentation sized map of Prayer Walk Mall <p><i>Character props:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • portable earphones • sound magnifying funnel or megaphone • alarm demonstration slips (p. 12) • alarm button • alarm-related candy such as Fireballs, Red Hots, or Hot Tamales <p><i>Costumes:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • nametag for security guard • security officer or authority figure outfit and/or accessories • full armor of God costume for a child volunteer
Small Group Application 	4	Groups will review some of the ways the evil one attacks, review the armor of God, when to put it on, specific attacks on themselves personally and wrap up with goal setting and journaling.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • prayer journals

Small Group Warm Up: 15 minutes



Purpose: *Get pointed in the right direction!* Build relationships and help guests feel at ease. Do the learning readiness activity that will point your group in the right direction for the lesson.

As kids gather: Listen to memory verses from last week and give coupons for memory verses, remembering to bring your Bible, and bringing a guest.

Supplies: Large, standard, sewing button and if the shepherd has any scary Halloween mask, he/she might bring it in just as an attention grabber (optional)

Begin with this thought provoker.

Think about the scariest thing you remember from a Halloween event.

Place a button in the middle of the floor. Announce that this is the alarm button to be used after hearing a scary story each student shares. Have someone come up with a good alarm sound to be made when the button is pushed.

Next, have students share their scary Halloween moment. After each child shares, have him/her push the button to sound the alarm signifying imminent danger. Then say:

If the devil appeared right here, what would you do? Think about that for a moment. When you are ready to share, tell the group and then one of us will press the alarm button and make a sound after you have given your answer.

As kids give answers, sound the alarm.

Oftentimes, we think of the devil as a very scary figure with a very scary face. Certainly, during Halloween time there are many pictures of him and of his power. Some people think the devil is so powerful he can never be stopped. Others think that he doesn't even exist and that he is just a fictional character. Both of those ideas are lies.

The devil is a real spiritual being but he does not have unlimited power. In fact, God wants us to pray so that we would have power against the schemes that Satan plans for us. Did you know that the devil or demonic spirits are around us much of the time and we have the power to make them flee?

Today we will learn we can **pray for protection against the devil's schemes.*

Large Group Overview: 20-30 minutes



Purpose: *Help kids observe what the Bible says. Present the Bible event in creative fashion. Help kids begin to interpret what it means.*

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Small Group Application: 20-25 minutes



Purpose: *Help kids map out the meaning of the Bible event in their lives. Use the questions to stimulate discussion, but don't feel tied to them. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide you. Include personal examples from your own faith journey. The example of Christ at work in your life will leave lasting impressions of how Christ can work in the children's lives.*

Use your Bibles! Children need to learn how to look up references and follow along when scripture is read aloud. Allow for quality time of prayer at the close of the lesson.

Observation Questions: What happened?

Have kids refer to Ephesians 6:10-18.

According to Ephesians 6:12, who is and who is not our opponent?
(Rulers, authorities and the powers that govern this world of darkness, and spiritual forces that control evil in the heavenly world. We do not fight a human opponent.)

How does recognizing our opponent make a difference in our strategy for spiritual warfare? *(When we realize the battle is a spiritual battle, we will use spiritual weapons like prayer and the armor of God. It makes a difference also in the way we see other people who we feel might be attacking us.)*

How many times in this passage do you find the word, “Stand.” *(Four times.)*

So, who does our fighting? *(God fights for us. Notice the only offensive weapon is the Sword of the Spirit or God’s word.)*

According to verse 18, what else should we do in addition to standing our ground? *(Pray and be alert.)*

Interpretation Questions: What does this mean?

How can you remain alert to Satan’s schemes?

How can the belt of truth help you? *(We can know the difference between God’s truth and Satan’s lies. We have to know what the Bible says to know if something is God’s way or not.)*

How can the breastplate of God’s approval (or righteousness) help? *(We can know for sure that Jesus’ death and resurrection makes us right with God, and so we won’t believe Satan if he says we are not worthy.)*

How can we put on the shoes of the Good News that gives peace? *(We should always be ready to give a reason for the hope that lives within us. Our battle is easier when we have others join in with us, therefore we should spread the good news of Jesus so God’s army will multiply.)*

How can the shield of faith protect us from Satan’s flaming arrows? *(When we have trust in Jesus and have faith in God to provide all we need, Satan’s lies cannot penetrate.)*

How can the helmet of salvation protect our thinking? *(We can know with certainty that in trusting Jesus as the sacrifice for us, we will be saved. Satan cannot cause us doubt.)*

How does the sword of the Spirit work? *(God’s word is powerful and cuts through the lies of Satan. We can use his truth to answer back just as Jesus did when tempted in the wilderness. See Hebrews 4:12.)*

Application Questions: What does this mean to me?

What most often do you hear the sneaky, quiet voice of Satan telling you to do or not do?

Why is listening to Satan’s lies dangerous? *(It leads to destruction.)*

What lie(s) might Satan try to tell you if you went from temptation to committing that sin? *(God will not forgive me now. I am not good enough to go to heaven. I can't help it, I will always keep doing this bad thing.)*

What is the truth? *(We can always repent and God will forgive us. We are saved because of Jesus not because of our good works. We have Jesus' power to resist temptation through God's word.)*

What alarm might you sound when you recognize Satan's voice? *(Examples might be: Danger, danger, alert! Dear God, protect me now!)*

Our key verse is Ephesians 6:11 which says, "Put on all the armor that God supplies. In this way, you can take a stand against the devil's strategies."

How does it make you feel that God supplies your armor? Why?

Application Activity:

Have kids open their prayer journals to record their prayer goals and specific requests. Talk aloud about the goal of increasing the amount of time they will spend in "sit down and talk" time with God. Have them think and write about what "voices" they hear from the evil one and what they think they want to tell God during prayer. Have them journal these thoughts in their books.

Today we learned that we can **pray for protection against the devil's schemes* and God will fight for us.

Closing Prayer:

Let kids pray for specific concerns. Then thank God that through Jesus, the battle with Satan is already won. All we need to do is to stand strong in God's protection. Ask that the Holy Spirit remind all to stay alert, to always be prepared with God's protective armor, and to pray in every situation.

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Large Group Presentation: 20-30 minutes

Visiting Protection Central in Prayer Walk Mall

Props:

- *any props designating a place of protection, such as: a safe home sign or a police type emblem*
- *shelves*
- *“Pick a number” sign with a Post-it note for numbers*
- *alarms or flashing lights displayed on a shelf*
- *presentation sized map of Prayer Walk Mall with stores labeled (from last week)--
- An arrow says, “You are here,” pointing to Security Central*
- *portable earphones*
- *sound magnifying funnel (looks like a megaphone), made with a rolled up piece of paper*
- *notes for volunteers with the type of alarm sound they will be asked to make*
- *alarm button*
- *alarm-related candy such as Fireballs, Red Hots, or Hot Tamales*

The Character:

- *nametag for the sales clerk named N.M.E. Down*
- *costuming to make the presenter look like a security officer or authority figure*
- *full armor of God costume for a child volunteer, also displayed on a shelf: belt of truth, breastplate of righteousness, helmet of salvation, shield of faith, sword of the spirit, and sandals to spread God’s word and give peace*

Name and Store Introduction

Kids, welcome to Prayer Walk Mall where you can receive a closer walk with God. Thanks for coming to my store today...Security Central. I am Nathan Mark Edward Down. Pretty big name, huh? That’s why I only use my initials N. M. E. Down. That’s right, N.M.E. Down. I have some coupons to pass out for protection against the enemy’s schemes. The devil prowls around like a roaring lion seeking souls that he might devour. Come in and check out what I have here for the protection you need.

Volunteer Selection and Alarm Contest

Let me see if I can find some mall customers. I need three boys and three girls.

Select volunteers to come forward and give each volunteer a note with the type of alarm sound they are asked to make.

Here we have different alarms. (Designate the volunteers.)

Have the girls in the audience guess what type of alarm sound each girl volunteer makes, and the boys in the audience guess for the boys' team. However, each team should gather together and agree upon an answer, choosing a spokesperson to give their team's answer.

Here at Security Central, we pride ourselves on the kinds of alarms we have. Here, check these out.

The contestants take turns demonstrating the sounds with the audience guessing.

- Ambulance
- Fire alarm
- Alarm clock
- Car Alarm
- Foghorn alarm
- Tornado alarm

The winning team will be rewarded with some kind of alarm-related candy such as Fireballs, Red Hots, or Hot Tamales. Give some as a consolation prize to the losing team as well, because although their alarms weren't the most "recognizable," theirs were the most "original."

Satan's Whisper – Alarm Needed

We hear and notice alarms when danger is present, like when there is a fire or an emergency vehicle approaching. But does your alarm sound when Satan attacks you? (No...? That's what I thought.)

Well today, I'd like to sell you an alarm that goes off when Satan attacks so you can pray for protection. The Bible says in 1 Peter 5:8,

"Keep your mind clear, and be alert. Your opponent the devil is prowling around like a roaring lion as he looks for someone to devour."

The problem is that you may not recognize his voice. This is what it sounds like.

Actually whisper the word, "Whispers."

Oh, you could hardly hear that. Well, here, let me get my sound amplifier from the shelf.

Use the megaphone from the shelf and hold it to your ear as you continue.

You see, the battleground is in your mind and Satan has the ability to work with all the suggestions of the world around you and your own ideas so that all you hear is a whisper in your thoughts. A whisper that might say something like this:

- **Go ahead and cheat, no one is looking.**
- **You'll never amount to anything good.**
- **You're not worth anything.**
- **How could God forgive you after that?**
- **You shouldn't be happy with what you have.**
- **You must have what someone else has to be happy.**
- **Go ahead, say some of the bad things you heard about her, after all, they're true.**
- **Your parents will never find out, go ahead.**
- **It's too late. You're too tired to pray.**

How many of you have ever heard whispers like that in your mind? Well, your mind is the battleground that Satan attacks and it may not seem very scary or dangerous. But in truth, this is very serious because you are presented with the choice to follow or not to follow God.

There is another tactic he uses. Let's check this one out.

What everyone else does – Temptation Voice

Put on the earphones from the shelf.

Now, as you can see, I'm really rockin'! I'm listenin' to the tunes. I'm just in the groove like everyone else. The truth is that there are a lot of messages in our culture. Satan uses many of these to discourage us from doing what God wants. For example, have you ever heard this?

- **It's okay to use bad language. After all, they use it on TV.**
- **If you want to be happy, all you need is more stuff.**
- **It's cool at school to make fun of the kid that everyone else makes fun of.**
- **Everyone says, "Oh, my God!" so saying it can't be that bad.**

Sound the alarm

Take a button out and put it on the table.

Here's the problem. We hear either the whispering voice of the devil, or what sounds like the voice of everyone going along with what is

wrong. If we go along with the crowd, the right thing to do seems wrong. So I need the audience to sound their own alarm voices when I press this, just so I can see if it works.

Press the button and have the audience sound an alarm or choose one or two kids to demonstrate their alarm sounds for the group.

We need to sound the alarm when we hear one of these messages coming from the enemy who wants to trip us up. He might even try to make these bad things sound good, as if we might enjoy them or that we would be better off if we did them. But the truth is, it will always bring pain in our life and create a distance between God and us. When we hear the alarm and are alerted to danger, we can call upon God and put on his special armor for protection.

The Full Armor of God

Read Ephesians 6:10-13

“Finally, receive your power from the Lord and from his mighty strength. Put on all the armor that God supplies. In this way you can take a stand against the devil’s strategies. This is not a wrestling match against a human opponent. We are wrestling with rulers, authorities, the powers who govern this world of darkness, and spiritual forces that control evil in the heavenly world. For this reason, take up all the armor that God supplies. Then you will be able to take a stand during these evil days. Once you have overcome all obstacles, you will be able to stand your ground.”

Select a volunteer to come forward. Have him/her dress, piece by piece, in an armor costume, pulled from the prop display shelf.

The following dialogue refers to Ephesians 6:14-18.

1. Belt of Truth:

Ladies and gentlemen, what better protection can you find than what we have to offer you here at Protection Central? Take a look at this fine Belt of Truth. It reminds us that Satan talks to us in lies. But we know that the truth of God holds our armor together.



2. Breastplate of God's Approval:

Here we have a Breastplate of God's Approval. This reminds us that if we trust in Jesus as our Savior, in God's eyes we have God's approval. We have the power to live righteous lives. Wait until your friends see you in this! It's definitely all the rage now!

3. Helmet of Salvation:

Try on this Helmet of Salvation. We know in our minds that nothing can separate us from God's power and forgiveness for us. So, as long as we're wearing this, we can always have a positive attitude.

4. Shield of Faith:

This is the Shield of Faith that is able to put out the fiery arrows of the enemy. Don't leave home without this piece!

5. Sword of the Spirit:

Here we have the Sword of the Spirit, which is God's word, to defeat the lies of Satan.

6. Sandals of the Good News of Peace:

Finally, to get the complete set, you need the sandals to spread the Good News that gives peace. That means that wherever we go, we can share the message of peace through Jesus. Why not start that walk, right here at Prayer Walk Mall?

The Lord's Prayer—Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

So, take a look at the Bible. The way we put this armor on spiritually is to put these things on with prayer. When we pray, "*Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,*" we actually are praying that God delivers us from the evil one, Satan. We are asking God to help us recognize when we are tempted, to sound the alarm and put on his spiritual armor.

Let's pray. Dear God, thank you that you sent Jesus to die on the cross for us, defeating Satan. The battle has already been won. Help us to remember that we can be victorious with you. Help us to hear the subtle lies and temptations of the enemy and to sound the alarm of danger. Thank you that you have given us complete protection in the armor you provide for us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Appendix- Cut the following into strips:

Thank you for volunteering today. The sound you are to demonstrate is:

- **Ambulance**

Thank you for volunteering today. The sound you are to demonstrate is:

- **Fire alarm**

Thank you for volunteering today. The sound you are to demonstrate is:

- **Alarm clock**

Thank you for volunteering today. The sound you are to demonstrate is:

- **Car Alarm**

Thank you for volunteering today. The sound you are to demonstrate is:

- **Foghorn alarm**

Thank you for volunteering today. The sound you are to demonstrate is:

- **Tornado alarm**