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# Alliance Kids News

*Diving deep into the big story of the Bible - God's plan to rescue His people through His Son, Jesus Christ*



## The World Is Against God

*Ephesians 6*

Each year, numerous local churches fill backpacks for children in their communities who have limited access to school supplies. They schedule a Saturday morning to pack hundreds of backpacks full of pencils, paper, notebooks, scissors, erasers, and more to ensure that children are well-equipped for school.

Imagine if they filled the backpacks with candy, toys, tools and dirt. Imagine that instead of paper and pencils, kids received empty soda cans and grass seed. Sure, those children may be ready to swing by the recycling centre and start a landscaping project, but they would not be ready for what was in front of them.

In Ephesians 6, at the conclusion of Paul's letter to his friends in Ephesus, Paul reminded the Ephesians of the tools they needed to remain faithful in the combative culture they were living in.

The tools Paul described are not a hammer and nails. In fact, the tools that Paul exhorts them to use are metaphors for the spiritual characteristics and disciplines that are essential to guarding against the spiritual attacks of the devil and actively combating the lies of the evil one.

Paul reminded the Christians at Ephesus to put on truth, righteousness, readiness to take the gospel, faith, salvation, and the Word of God. We can pursue and hold tightly to these distinctive characteristics of those whose hope is in the gospel of Jesus Christ; and in so doing, we'll be equipped to stand firm in the faith.

Why are these things so essential? As Paul says in Ephesians 6:12, "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this darkness, against evil, spiritual forces in the heavens." Paul says you're not fighting a physical battle, but a spiritual one. Be sure you are equipped with the right tools for the task at hand.

In the same way, the kids in our communities need pencils and paper to be equipped for school, we need these spiritual characteristics and disciplines to grow and be equipped for the spiritual battle that we are facing each day. Be sure you gather the right supplies; it will make all the difference.

Check out the [Gospel Project At Home](#) for resources designed to help you lead a family worship experience as well as suggestions for morning and evening prayer times and family activities.



## Family Talking Points

### CHRIST CONNECTION

*This is the big idea of how this week's Bible story points to Jesus*



#### **2 & 3 year olds**

Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. He showed that He has power over death. Jesus died on the cross for our sins and rose from the dead. Everyone who trusts in Jesus will live forever with Him.

#### **4 year olds & Kindergarten**

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#### **Grades 1-6**

When Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, He showed that He has power over death. Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life." Jesus died on the cross for our sins and rose from the dead. He gives eternal life to those who trust in Him.

## BIG PICTURE QUESTION & ANSWER

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### **2 & 3 year olds**

Why do people not choose Jesus?

People choose what they want rather than what God wants

### **4 year olds & Kindergarten**

Why do people not choose Jesus?

People are born with sin and choose what they want rather than what God wants.

### **Grades 1-6**

Why do people reject Jesus?

People reject Jesus because all people are born with a sin nature and want to please themselves rather than obey God.

## KEY PASSAGE

*This is a Bible verse that relates to what your child will encounter each week of this unit. We are also challenging each Alliance Kid to memorize this verse!*



**He was despised and rejected  
by men, a man of suffering who  
knew what sickness was. He  
was like someone people turned  
away from; he was despised, and  
we didn't value him.**

**Isaiah 53:3**



**If your child struggles with memorization,  
click on the links below to memorize the  
memory verse song!**

## PreK -Kinder Song

[Youtube](#)

## Elementary Song

[Youtube](#)



**People were unkind to Jesus.**  
Isaiah 53:3

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Matthew 21: Mark 11: Luke 19: John 12