



# Fighting the Fight of Faith

## MAIN IDEAS

- **We are all in a spiritual battle.**
- **Satan fights against the faith of believers and tries to discourage them from believing the promises of God.**
- **The battle for faith must be fought in the Lord's strength and with spiritual armor.**

## MEMORY VERSES

*Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.  
11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.*  
—Ephesians 6:10-11

## SCRIPTURE

- 1) Psalm 77:1-4, 7-8, 11
- 2) Psalm 94:14
- 3) Ephesians 6:10-11



## LESSON SUMMARY

We are all in a spiritual battle—a battle for faith. This is a battle only God can win. He will strengthen the Christian in the battle against the enemy of his soul, and only He can give an unbeliever saving faith and defeat Satan's grip on his soul.

Listening to feelings and entertaining the doubts that Satan throws in his fiery darts causes a lot of problems for Christians. But God has given spiritual weapons to fight spiritual battles. Christian faith is not a feeling—it is founded on real, solid truth. God's truth defeats the enemy of our souls. The Word of God is a powerful weapon against the lies of Satan and our lying emotions. The Holy Spirit fights for us, and God Himself will be our strength if we confess our need of Him. We do not fight our battles alone!

God has also given other Christians to strengthen us in battle—reminding us of the promises of God, strengthening us with the Word, holding us up in prayer. But we must not be passive in this battle, battered about by doubt, fear, and worry. We must be aggressive; soldiers don't sit passively on the sidelines. Like Asaph, we must recall the mighty deeds of the Lord—both from the Bible and in our own lives. God is a mighty God who does not lose battles. Run to Him as you face the battles in your life.

*Pray that God will strengthen you for the battles you face. Ask Him to make you aggressive in the fight of faith and disciplined in it. Pray that your child will understand that there is a battle for his or her soul and only God can win that battle.*

## AS YOU WALK BY THE WAY

- *We are all in a battle. What is that battle? Is it a real battle? What does it mean to "fight"? [Make sure your child understands that it takes effort to fight; it is not passive.] What are some things that Christians can do to fight the lies of the enemy, doubts, fears, and temptations? [Discuss fighting with the Word of God, remembering the promises, encouraging each other, remembering the faithfulness of God, praying for each other, and asking God for strength.] Tell your child about a spiritual battle the Lord helped you to win.*
- Talk with your child about his or her spiritual condition. Don't assume that the battle for his soul has been won. Explain that faith is a gift from God. Look at Ephesians 2:8-9 together, and pray for your son or daughter.

## ACTIVITY

Below are some promises of God that we have learned this year. They are good weapons to fight against the lies of Satan. Fill in the missing words with words from the word bank.

**Word Bank:** hears, forsake, stand, refuge, hope, good, forgive, goodness, support, joy

*1 John 1:9—If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to \_\_\_\_\_ us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

*Psalms 46:1—God is our \_\_\_\_\_ and strength, a very present help in trouble.*

*2 Chronicles 16:9a—For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to give strong \_\_\_\_\_ to those whose heart is blameless toward him.*

*Jeremiah 29:11—For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for wholeness and not for evil, to give you a future and a \_\_\_\_\_.*

*Psalms 34:17—When the righteous cry for help, the LORD \_\_\_\_\_ and delivers them out of all their troubles.*

*Psalms 30:5b—Weeping may tarry for the night, but \_\_\_\_\_ comes with the morning.*

*Romans 8:28—And we know that for those who love God all things work together for \_\_\_\_\_, for those who are called according to his purpose.*

*Psalms 94:14—For the LORD will not \_\_\_\_\_ his people; he will not abandon his heritage.*

*Psalms 27:13-14—I believe that I shall look upon the \_\_\_\_\_ of the LORD in the land of the living! <sup>14</sup>Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!*

*Isaiah 40:8—The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will \_\_\_\_\_ forever.*