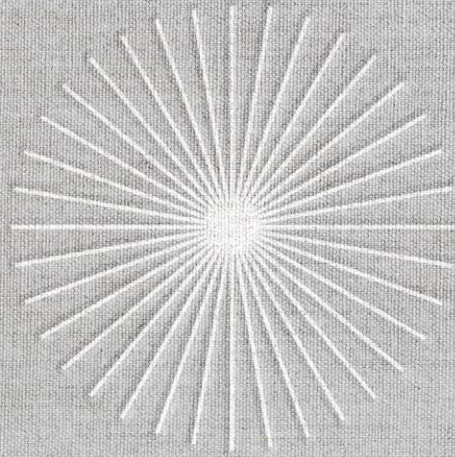


SPIRITUAL THINGS



Fighting for Others Spiritually (Matthew 12, 2 Timothy 2, Ephesians 6)
Spiritual Things - Tim Howey – February 23, 2025

Demons place lies in our minds to destroy the life God has for us

Spiritual warfare isn't a demon issue — it's a discipleship issue

Are you fighting for others spiritually (in the power of the Spirit)?

Spiritual victory isn't a "one-and-done" battle – it's a daily battle

Put on the whole armor of God Ephesians 6:11

Wage the good warfare 1 Timothy 1:18

Fight the good fight of faith 1 Timothy 6:12

Pray & share the Gospel (2 Corinthians 4:1-6)

When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest, and finds none. **Matthew 12:43 NKJV**

Then he says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' And when he comes, he finds it empty, swept, and put in order. **Matthew 12:44 NKJV**

Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last state of that man is worse than the first. So shall it also be with this wicked generation. **Matthew 12:45 NKJV**

Prayer, Spirit-led gentleness, & occasional offers to help

And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, **2 Timothy 2:24 NKJV**

in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, **2 Timothy 2:25 NKJV**

and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will. **2 Timothy 2:26 NKJV**

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Help them fight for themselves in the Spirit

Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. **Ephesians 6:11 NKJV**

Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, **Ephesians 6:14 NKJV**

and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace;
Ephesians 6:15 NKJV

above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. **Ephesians 6:16 NKJV**

And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;
Ephesians 6:17 NKJV

praying... **Ephesians 6:18 NKJV**

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This week's OWNit365 New Testament Plus Plan:

February 23 – Rev 12, Family Focus – Rev 12:7-12

February 24 – Zech 4, Family Focus – Zech 4:6

February 25 - Reflection & Prayer

February 26 – Rev 13, Family Focus – Rev 13:11-18

February 27 – Rev 14, Family Focus – Rev 14:1-5

February 28 – Rev 15, Family Focus – Rev 15

March 1 – Rev 16, Family Focus – Rev 16:17-21

February 23

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This month we are learning that Jesus loves us! We will learn that He loves everyone, especially kids too! We also learn that Jesus loves us all the time, no matter what!

Memory Verse: "Jesus loves kids." Mark 10:14 (Adapted for toddlers)

Heart of the Lesson: We Love Jesus Too!

Parent Connect: Today we learned that Jesus loves us and we can love Jesus, too. As you talk to your toddler about how much Jesus loves him/her draw some hearts on their coloring sheet. Your toddler can then color the hearts as a reminder that we love Jesus too!



In this series, we will learn about a few of the different miracles that Jesus performed during His ministry and the way that He blessed others.

Memory Verse: "Jesus looked at them and said, 'With people this is impossible, but with God all things are possible!'" Matthew 19:26 NIRV

Heart of the Lesson: Jesus Heals the Deaf Man | Mark 7:31-37

Parent Connect: In today's story Jesus heals a man who was deaf. Play a game with your kid by having them cover their ears and then you say a word and they have to try to figure out what you said. Take turns and have them say a word while your ears are covered. Talk about how hard would be if you couldn't hear. Pray and thank Jesus for loving us and for His miracles.



The Kid's Choice series gives our kids an opportunity to choose what we talk about. In this series, we will answer two questions that some kids have written in and asked, "Are there different types of prayer?" and "What are the gospels and why are they important?"

Memory Verse: "Then Jesus called for the children and said to the disciples, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like these children." Luke 18:16

Heart of the Lesson: What are the gospels? | John 20:30-31

Parent Connect: This week, we learned about the Gospels of the Bible and how they all tell the story of Jesus. Read the crucifixion story in each of the gospels (Matthew 27, Mark 15, Luke 23, John 19). Talk about what was different and what was the same in each account.

This series will follow along with the Adults to talk about the spiritual realm and help students learn ways to fight spiritually for themselves and others. We'll explore what beings exist in the spiritual realm and learn how to use tools like prayer and the Word of God fight attacks from the enemy.

Memory Verse: "For through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can't see—such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through him and for him." Colossians 1:16

Heart of the Lesson: How Do I Fight for Others Spiritually? We fight spiritually for others by praying for them and connecting them to Jesus through the church - 2 Corinthians 4:4-5, Ephesians 6:18, Ephesians 4:15-16

Parent Connect: This week, encourage your student to pray for a friend who may be going through a tough time. Set aside time for them to write down specific prayers for others, asking God to help them grow and protect them spiritually. They can even pray aloud for a friend, practicing standing in the gap for others

THE ARMOR OF GOD



The Bible says that we are in a spiritual battle every day. We have the choice to listen to and follow God, or to listen to and follow the enemy. But we don't have to be afraid! We know that God has defeated the enemy, and we can trust Him to care for us! This series, we're looking at the spiritual "armor" God gives us to protect us from the spiritual battle around us.

Memory Verse: So put on all of God's armor. Evil days will come. But you will be able to stand up to anything. And after you have done everything you can, you will still be standing. (Ephesians 6:13)

Heart of the Lesson: We can fight the spiritual fight with prayer and God's armor | Ephesians 6:18-20

Parent Connect:

- How can we ask God for help to "put on" our spiritual armor?
- Why is it important to stay ready for spiritual attacks?
- What can we share with others to be a part of growing God's family?
- Who is someone that might be discouraged in their faith that you can encourage this week?