



Here's what happens...

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Bible Point:

We fight evil with peace.

"Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm" (Ephesians 6:13).

Through the Week

- Have each person in your family grab the pair of shoes he or she will wear the most this week.
- On the soles of the shoes (either on the bottom or the insole), use a permanent marker to write "peace." Your little ones won't be able to read the word, but if you write it for them and tell what you're writing, they'll know what it says!
- Whenever you put on those shoes, ask God to help you wear his shoes of peace that day.
- Looking at your shoes can also be a good reminder in non-peaceful moments!

Church Announcements

Dear Parents, I hope all is well at your home. We at FBCLV want to supply you and your child with Bible lessons, fun videos and craft materials for this week.

- Wednesday evening and Sunday morning children lessons and videos can be viewed and downloaded via <http://fbclv.com/ministries/kids/> or on the Facebook page at First Baptist Church of La Vernia Kids Ministry.
- If you would like a craft bag for your child, please swing by the church for curbside pickup; someone will be standing by between 3 PM and 6 PM this Wednesday.
- The bag will contain both Wednesday evening and Sunday Morning lessons and activities.
- Also, we would like your child to send their fellow classmates post cards to each other during this time of separation. We will supply your child post cards with stamps and add them to the lesson bag upon request.

Talk About This...

- Tell one way you're going to make peace with someone this week.

1 April 2020 FBCLV Wednesday Evening Lesson 3:

THE ARMOR OF GOD: SHOES OF PEACE

Dig into the Bible

Read: Ephesians 6:10-12, 15; Luke 22:47-53; John 18:1-11

In This Passage: Paul talks about the spiritual battle we're fighting against evil and tells us to put on the shoes of peace that comes from the good news about Jesus. Just as shoes help a soldier walk safely in a battle, the shoes of peace help us when we face evil. Jesus chose to walk in peace even when his enemies arrested him. Though his friend Peter wanted to fight with violence, Jesus chose peace.

Bible Point: We fight evil with peace.

Summary Verse: "Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm" (Ephesians 6:13).

Dig Deeper

You'll Be Teaching: We fight evil with peace. The words fight and peace might seem like opposites to kids. Help them see that fighting evil doesn't have to mean violence. In fact, one of the best ways God equips us in the battle against evil is with the shoes of peace!

Think About: What's a situation in your life where it feels like peace is losing? Give it to God and ask for his shoes of peace.

Dig Into Prayer: Ask God to put the shoes of peace on each of your kids' feet.

Watch: Talk-About Video 3: Peacekeepers

<https://vimeo.com/showcase/6359811/video/365090834>

Discuss and Watch "Peacekeepers" Say: We're learning that we fight evil with peace.

Ask: Tell about a time you kept peace in a tough situation. Share your own story first.

Say: Keeping peace can be hard! There are some people who need to try to keep peace in really tough situations every day! Let's hear from one of them.

Ask: After watching this video, would you want to be a police officer? Why or why not?

Officer Spencer said talking calmly with someone in person can help keep peace. How could you try that tip this week?

Say: You don't have to be a police officer to keep the peace. In fact, you're all peacekeepers because you're all in God's army, fighting against evil! But this battle isn't fought with violence; we fight evil with peace.

Craft:

- Shoelace Tags
- Supplies; thin cardboard
- scissors
- aluminum foil
- glue sticks pens
- hole punches
- several pairs of sneakers with laces (optional)

Easy Prep Make a sample craft to show kids.



Make a Set of Shoelace Tags Show kids the sample craft you made. Set out the supplies to share, and have kids follow these directions to make shoelace tags. Cut a rectangle out of cardboard. It should be about 1x3 inches, but you can adjust the size as you'd like. Just set the piece on your foot to make sure it doesn't look too big or too small for your preferences. Tear a piece of aluminum foil that will wrap all the way around your cardboard. Glue the aluminum foil to the cardboard, cutting off any

excess. Punch a hole on each side of your shoelace tag. Use a pen to write the word “peace” on the tag. You can also add swirls or lines around the word. Repeat so you have one tag for each shoe.

Practice Lacing Have kids unlace their shoes so the laces come out of the top two holes. Kids can then thread the laces through the tags and re-lace them. If you have kids who don’t have on shoes with laces, they can practice on extra pairs of sneakers you brought.



Talk About It

Ask: Talk about when you like to wear sneakers or other shoes with laces. What would it look like to show peace in those times?

Say: The Bible compares peace that comes from the good news of Jesus to wearing shoes. And not just any shoes—armor shoes! These shoes would protect a soldier’s feet. Your shoelace tags may not protect you from physical harm, but they can remind you to put on your spiritual shoes of peace when you’re up against evil! We fight evil with peace.

Have kids wear their shoelace tags home or take them home and put them on a laced pair of shoes as a reminder to wear God’s shoes of peace.