David said moreover, The LORD that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine.

1 Samuel 17:37
How are you doing this month? Don’t you just love summer? I love the summer time! Not only can we have a really great time swimming and gardening but we also get to enjoy God’s wonderful creation!

Guess what else you can enjoy this summer? Yes, that is right, you guessed it, Dubuque Youth Camp! There will be a camp this year! To learn more information go to page 23!

In this issue of **K.I.T. for KIDS** we have a really fun craft that I think all of you will LOVE! Also, the Word from Mrs. Davis is a follow up to last month’s lesson from Mrs. DeLap - something we hope all of you will enjoy and learn from!

Included in this issue is an AWESOME fact sheet about Europe! It is super interesting, so be sure to check it out!

Don’t forget to give your brain some great exercise by doing the fun puzzles and word activities!

We love hearing your thoughts and testimonies so when you get a chance send us a letter or go ahead and shoot us an e-mail! Our contact information is on the back cover by the very cute and funny comics by Miss Susie (you have to check those out, too)!

Until next month, much love and God bless!

Moriah and the **K.I.T. for KIDS** staff.

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Mrs. Davis: Praise the Lord! Are you ready?
Children: Yes!
Mrs. Davis: Let us pray. Father God, we come before You humbly this day. Thank You so much for Your presence, O God, and thank You for Your word. We are so grateful that even though many people are going astray by false doctrines, You are bringing forth the truth in our midst and teaching us Your truth. Thank You that the personality of truth can abide in our souls. We pray, O God, that what we are hearing today would bring even more truth into us that we would be like You and that we would be pleasing in Your sight. In Jesus’ name, amen.

I wonder who can remember the word that Mrs. DeLap brought to us two weeks ago.
Josiah: It was about the writers.

Mrs. Davis: The writers, yes. What was the point that she was bringing forth?
Johanna: That the people who she had the testimonies of went through very hard times.
Mrs. Davis: Yes, they went through very hard times and yet gave a good testimony. What did she say we are to do?
Christopher: We are to have testimonies, too.
Mrs. Davis: Yes! We are to have testimonies, too! I have a testimony to share with you today, but I want you to be part of it. We are going to do it the following way: I have written down my testimony. I am going to project it on the wall and I want you to help me read it. I will read the letters and you will read the pictures. This way, everybody who is here, even though they may not know the letters yet, can read with us. Ready, set, go… (see next page).
I had a call from one who has two grandchildren - a and a .

Grandma , but the and the live in a , where nobody knows . The came to visit the and the and read them . Both the and the gave their to .
Praise the Lord! Isn’t this an exciting testimony? I was so blessed to hear it! Do you know, children, that you are part of it? If it were not for you, we would have never started the K.I.T. for KIDS. But because of you, God spoke to us and now the K.I.T. for KIDS is being sent all over the world. And you are part of this wonderful testimony where two children came to know Jesus. Can you imagine how the heavens rejoice because of one sinner coming to repentance? This time the heavens rejoiced twice. Praise the Lord!

Mrs. DeLap was telling us that we need to have testimonies in our lives whether gained in easy times or in hard times. Now, we live in the year 2007. What do we know is going to happen soon?

**Caleb:** There’s going to be tribulation.

**Mrs. Davis:** Yes, a big tribulation is about to come. What do we have to do in order to be ready for this tribulation?

**Christopher:** Prepare!

**Mrs. Davis:** Very well - prepare. How are we going to prepare ourselves?

**Isaac:** By getting right with God.

**Mrs. Davis:** Getting right with God. Praise the Lord. There has been one thing on my heart today and that is the fact that we need to have the experience with God. We have to have those testimonies with God that when trouble comes we can say, “You know what, devil? At that time years ago, when I was in trouble, God delivered me. It was a small thing and small trouble, but the same God that delivered me then, will deliver me even now!”

I want to tell you something very important, children: when the trouble comes, the testimony of your parents is not going to be sufficient for you. You need to have a testimony of your own.

Now, let me ask you a question. What did Aunt Lisa talk about last week?

**Johanna:** About us needing to exercise.

**Mrs. Davis:** What do we need to exercise? Primarily, we need to exercise our faith in God that when the trouble comes, we have those testimonies of faith.

I have a story to tell you. I actually have a number of stories today, but I want you to help me with my stories. So, let me start with this one. Something happened to me this past week and I wonder if you can figure out what it was. I lost my...wallet. Yes, I did. The wallet had my last grocery money in it. Do you know that I have never lost my wallet in my entire life? I had it stolen once, but I never lost it. But last week I did. So, I prayed and I praised the Lord; Mr. Davis prayed and Grandpa Schneider prayed, but still I couldn’t find my wallet. After praying for several days, what do you
supposed happened?

Isaac: Nothing!

Mrs. Davis: Exactly. Nothing! However, one day Mr. Davis was meditating on the Lord and the Lord spoke to him about my wallet. He didn’t speak to me, He spoke to him! He said, “Go to the car and the wallet is in such and such a place.” So, he went to the car and guess what? The wallet was right there with all my money! Now, it was in a place that a blind man could have seen it! I had searched throughout my whole car many times and yet, I couldn’t find it. When I got the wallet, I shouted, “Hallelujah!” I have a testimony now that when I lose something, God knows where it is and I can tell him, “God, remember that time when I lost my wallet and you spoke to Mr. Davis about it? Can you speak to him again? Or, can you speak to me this time and find it for me because it is very important to me?” This is my testimony that I can go back to. I came to know God in a little greater measure because of this. It might seem very little, but for me it is not little at all, because it proved that God is taking care of me. In the time of my need, God is taking care of me.

I wonder how many of you know the story by Mr. Gruver where he talks about the rope. Again, I need everybody to help me “read” this story. I’ll tell it to you as Mr. Gruver tells it. It is called The Rope.

Mr. Gruver had a rope on his porch. It didn’t belong to him but to somebody else. The people who owned it were supposed to come and pick it up. He told his children, “Children, don’t touch the rope!” Well, guess what? The children took the rope, tied it on the tree and were swinging on it.

Now, Mr. Gruver came home after a very hard and tiring day. While he was parking his car, one of his boys came running up to him. He cried, “Dad, Dad, they’re gonna steal the rope!” Mr. Gruver ran to him and said, “No, don’t cut that rope, it’s not mine.” The boy on the ground jumped to him real quick, pulled out his knife and said, “I’m gonna kill you!”
boy on the tree, “Cut the rope!”

Mr. Gruver said again, “Don’t cut it, it’s not mine.” He was afraid but he knew that it would not bring God much glory if he just died there in front of all his children because of the rope. Then, the Holy Spirit spoke to him saying, And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God (Romans 8:28). So, he knew that he was in God’s hands, his children were in God’s hands and those two rugged boys were in God’s hands, too. Then, he said again, “Uh, don’t cut it, it’s not mine. I have to give it back.”

When the young man on the ground saw that Mr. Gruver was not afraid at all (at least that’s what it seemed), he dropped his knife and said, “Why weren’t you afraid? I could have killed you!”

Mr. Gruver replied, “I was scared to death, but I belong to Jesus.”

So, the young man said, “Well, when I am feeling better, can I come back and talk to you about this Jesus?”

Do you know that God knew exactly what was in the young man’s heart and what would be the thing to trigger him to desire Jesus? What do you think happened at the end? The young man came to Mr. Gruver’s house and accepted Jesus. Praise the Lord! Not only that, but his sister accepted Jesus too and they have been serving the Lord since then as far as I know.

Isn’t this a beautiful testimony? But listen to this. So that you would believe me, I brought Mr. Gruver’s book with me and am going to read you something. He says that we need to exercise our faith. I’ll tell you something: when I heard this story I thought, “God, I’m not sure if I ever want to get in a situation like this. I’m not ready for that.” But then I read the following. Listen to what Mr. Gruver has to say, “I want to encourage you that if you ask the Lord to help you understand this, he won’t start you with a knife at your throat…” Praise the Lord! This is not going to be my beginning! “…but he will start with smaller things like a disagreement with your brother or your sister, your husband or your wife, your neighbor or somebody on the highway.” What he is actually saying is that in order to be able to have these big testimonies, we first have to start small. Nevertheless, we have to exercise our faith.

Do you children like to read adventure books? I know the boys do and sometimes the girls do, too. If you like to read these books, why don’t you make your life an adventure? Wouldn’t that be exciting? You can have an adventure every day. I’ll tell you a secret how to do this. Mr. Gruver told us when he was with us last summer that we should ask
God to SET US UP. Do you know what that means? It means to set us up for adventures, for the testing of our faith. He said we should get up in the morning and say, “Lord, here I am presenting myself, a living sacrifice unto You. I ask You that today You would increase my faith. Give me a situation in my life where I will have to exercise that little step of faith that will bring me closer to You.” Then, when you make that step, you will have the testimony for the time in the future when big things come and somebody will want to kill you, you will be able to look back and say, “God saved me at that time back then and He is going to save me now, too.” So, when you get up in the morning say, “Lord, I am here and I am presenting myself a living sacrifice. Give me the experience this day that my faith would increase.” Can we all do that? Then, at the end of the week, I want you to write a book of adventure testimonies.

Now, let me read you a story from the Bible. We all know it well, but I believe it is important for us to read it. If you have your Bible with you, you can open it to I Samuel 17. It is a story about David. Do you suppose David was a man of exercise? Oh, yes! How did he exercise?

**Caleb:** He killed the lion and the bear.

**Mrs. Davis:** Very good, he killed the lion and the bear. What else?

**Josiah:** He meditated on the Lord with his harp.

**Mrs. Davis:** Yes, very good. He meditated on the Lord with his harp and that was part of his exercise. Do you suppose that when he came before Goliath and slang the sling that that was the first time he had it in his hand? Oh, no. I am sure that young boy had to exercise a lot. When he saw the tree, he would sling and sling and sling.

Let’s read this altogether. We are going to start in verse 32, *And David said to Saul, Let no man’s heart fail because of him (Goliath); thy servant will go and fight with this Philistine.* 33*And Saul said to David, Thou art not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him: for thou art but a youth, and he a man of war from his youth.* Do you see it? David was just a young man, but he had the right answer for the king.

Verse 34, *And David said unto Saul, Thy servant kept his father’s sheep, and there came a lion, and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock:* 35*And I went out after him,
and smote him, and delivered it out of his mouth: and when he arose against me, I caught him by his beard, and smote him, and slew him. 36 Thy servant slew both the lion and the bear: and this un-circumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he hath defied the armies of the living God. 37 David said moreover, The Lord that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine. And Saul said unto David, Go, and the Lord be with thee. Amen.

You know, it was not just an idea that David had. He had an experience. David exercised and that is why he had the experience.

I want you all to exercise this week. I will give you an example of how you can exercise, but then, you have much more imagination then I do so you can just come up with your own exercise. For example, you get up in the morning just to find out that you have only one sock to put on. What happened to the other one? Are you going to say, “Mommy, I lost my sock.”? Or, are you going to go to God and say, “God, you set me up for this. Where’s the other sock? Can you please tell me?” Maybe the Lord will put a thought in your mind and say, “Remember? Look under your bed.”

What if I fall on the stairs and get hurt really bad? I can run to Mommy with, “Mommy, Mommy, my toe hurts! Mommy, Mommy, please help me!” Or, I can lie on the floor and I can say, “Oh God, You are my deliverer and my healer. The first Blood that came off Your back was there to heal me. Please, heal me now. And thank You, Lord, for setting me up for this, because I can exercise my faith.”

I will give you one more example and then, I will let you figure out the rest of them for yourself. Let’s imagine: my brother (or my sister) is really mean to me today. They are pushing me off the table. Whatever I do seems to be wrong. So, I decide it is my time to push them back. Is that the correct way? No, you’ll remember what Jesus taught you and when a situation like this arises and your sister or brother are mean to you, you say, “Oh God, this is what Mrs. Davis was talking about last Sunday. You are setting me up!” And you thank the Lord. Instead of getting upset, you can show love to your brother or sister and say, “Brother, even though you are mean to me, I love you anyway.”

This week is a special week of adventures. God is going to do something special for you this week and then, I want to read your testimonies in the K.I.T. for KIDS. You don’t know, it might be just
your testimony that will bring another boy or a girl to know Jesus. It could be your testimony that will save somebody’s life!

So, you can promise me that you will live an adventurous week by exercising your faith so that when the troubles come and we are in great tribulation and there is no water or heating in the house, you will be able to stand, because you will have the testimony. Praise the Lord.

Shall we read our K.I.T. for KIDS testimony together one more time before we finish? I’ll read the words and you can read the pictures.

We ask, Lord, that You would bless these children. We ask that they would not only have Jesus in their hearts, but that they would grow in Him, so that they too would have the wonderful testimonies that God is able to take care of them when the trouble comes. Amen.

Father in Heaven We Thank Thee

For flowers that bloom about our feet,
For tender grass so fresh, so sweet,
For song of bird and hum of bee,
For all things fair we hear and see,
Father in heaven, we thank Thee!

For blue of stream and blue of sky,
For pleasant shade of branches high,
For fragrant air and cooling breeze,
For beauty of the blooming trees,
Father in heaven, we thank Thee!

For mother-love and father-care,
For brothers strong and sisters fair,
For love at home and care each day,
For guidance lest we go astray,
Father in heaven, we thank Thee!

For this new morning and its light,
For rest and shelter of the night,
For health and food, for love and friends,
For ev’rything His goodness sends,
Father in heaven, we thank Thee!

-Ralph Waldo Emerson
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Translate the Morse Code below to decode a hidden message. Look at the coded letters at the bottom, find the letter for each code in the Code Box and write it above the code.
There is something we absolutely need in our lives so that we can please God. In order to find out what it is, use the words in the Word Box to finish David’s story below. Put one letter on each dash. Once you are done, read the letters in the brackets in the order they appear in the puzzle to find your answer.

And David said unto Saul, Thy servant kept his (___) (___) ___ ___ ___ ___ ___’ ___ sheep, and there came a (___) (___) ___ ___ ___, and a bear, and (___) ___ ___ ___ a lamb out of the flock: And I went out after (___) ___ ___ _, and smote him, and ___ ___ ___ (___) ___ ___ ___ it out of his mouth: and when he arose ___ ___ ___ (___) ___ ___ me, I caught him by his beard, and smote him, and slew him. Thy servant slew both the lion and the bear: and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he hath defied the armies of the living (___) ___._

David said moreover, The Lord that delivered me out of the paw of the (___) (___), and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine. And Saul said unto David, Go, and the (___) ___ ___ (___) be with thee.
Can you find your way through the maze to gain your testimony?
Next day, Lesina (less-in-ah) went down the mountainside carrying a heavy bundle, accompanied by Palko with a smaller one. As the sun rose at the valley’s end, Lesina turned to the boy.

“Palko,” he said, “the other day you said your sins were pardoned. How do you know that?”

“Because I have confessed my sins to the Lord Jesus, and He has taken them all away. I asked Him to and He has done it.”

Lesina looked wistfully at the boy as he said, “That’s something I cannot, no, and never will be able to say.”

“Why, Uncle, how can you say that? Jesus said He has power to forgive sins, and He is so kind He will do the same for you as He has done for me.”

Lesina shook his head. “No, not me. He cannot pardon me. Listen, Palko, I will tell you now what I have told no one else here. I’m telling you only that you may pray for me, so it will be a secret
between us. Some years ago I had a happy home with my beautiful young wife and our little one, a boy of twenty months. Gradually, however, I began to drink heavily and often I came home in a disgraceful condition.

“One day I entered the house in this state, and seeing only our little boy playing in the front parlor - he had only just begun to toddle about - I took him for a walk. My wife, who was sleeping in the next room was informed by a neighbor when she awakened that I had been seen about an hour before heading for the path to the forest, taking our son with me. On returning late that night, I was alone! Where I had been, God alone knows!”

Overcome by emotion it was some minutes before Lesina could proceed with his story. “Frantically, my wife questioned me as to the whereabouts of our boy, but I could only shake my head stupidly at her. When I came to myself, my wife was nowhere to be seen. We found her at last on the mountainside calling wildly the name of her little son.

“Oh, how we searched for him, for I had not the least idea where I had been, nor where the poor little lad had wandered. Weeks and weeks went by, and still we searched nook and cranny and precipice, fearful sometimes of what we might find at the base of a rocky chasm, but it was all in vain.

“At last the strain became too great for my wife, and her reason gave way. Oh, it was terrible to see her in such a state, so young and so beautiful. At times she is quite well, and then, suddenly putting a
shawl over her head, she will rush from the house to disappear up the mountainside calling for her little one. I can only quiet her by going with her until, completely exhausted, she is willing to be led home again.

“How many times have I seen her walking vacantly from one side of the room to the other, trying to arrange the little empty cradle, which still stands in its accustomed corner after all these years! Never, never, shall I touch a drop of the accursed drink again, but how shall my vow of abstinence bring us back our boy?

“When we were reading the other day the story of the poor man possessed with devils whom Jesus healed, I could not help thinking of how the drink demon had taken hold of me and had gradually brought me to ruin, and my family as well. No! No! Palko, there is no pardon for me!”

“Oh, poor Uncle Lesina! Don’t say that!” exclaimed Palko. “Let’s ask God to give you back your son, and also that He will pardon your sin and heal your dear wife. I’m sure He will do it!”

Lesina only shook his head, and then turned to Palko, saying, “What do you want me to bring you when I come back?”

“Well,” said Palko quickly, “I should like a copy book and a pencil.”

“All right, you shall have them, for all your kindnesses to me. Your grandfather has given me your money to buy you a new suit, and I shall add to that a hat and shoes for the school next winter.”
“A new hat!” cried Palko. “That will be wonderful, for I’ve worn this one so long that it’s almost falling to pieces. I have been such an ex-pense to my poor grandfather. I hope I may be able to pay him back some day.”

“That should not be necessary if you are his grandson. He should be glad to have a lad like you,” and Lesina’s eyes rested tenderly on the boy.

“Oh, but he is not my grandfather! He has but taken care of me. My own grandfather was Rasga (rahsh-ga), who died two years ago. We came here together, but he was ill and had to go away. He left me in the care of Juriga (yoor-ig-uh), but I call him Grandfather just the same.”

“So you are an orphan? Well, why not come with me for a while? Here comes Liska (leesh-ka). He can tell Juriga that I’ve taken you with me for a little holiday.”

Palko’s eyes shone at such an offer. To go to the city, with its great shops and other wonderful sights that he had heard about. But suddenly, shaking his head, he said, “What would the Lord Jesus say if I left my grandfather that way? Who would bring the water, cook the soup, and sweep the hut? No, Uncle Lesina, let us leave it to the will of God. Only come back quickly, for we shall miss you very, very much.”

And as they parted, Lesina murmured to himself, “And how I, too, shall miss the lad.”

To be continued in the next issue...

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Step One: Put your picture(s) in the plastic sleeve, outline it with the outliner paint and let dry for 24 hours. It is very important that the outline is dry before you put the colors on, otherwise the colors will run and the whole picture will get messy.

Step Two: After you have outlined the picture and it has dried, then you can start painting in the color. You can be as creative as you want, but be careful not to get the paint on your clothes or your work space. We recommend that you wear an apron while painting and cover your workspace with old newspapers. After you have painted the colors, let dry on a flat surface and out of the reach of small children for 24 hours.

Step Three: Once your colors are dry, you can peel them off the plastic sleeve very gently and stick them on a clean, dry window! Now you have very beautiful window art that will last a long time if you handle the finished product with care!

Note to the Parents:
You can find window paints at any craft store. We would recommend that you help your children with the outlining of the pictures and supervise them while they are working on this craft since it can easily get messy!
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2009 Camp Announcement

When: July 19-23rd, 2009
Check in will be from 3-5PM on the 19th.

Where: Hugh Harbor Indoor Group Camp, Wyalusing State Park, Bagley, WI (same place as last year)

Price: $65 per person, but not to exceed $275 per family.
Family rate applies to ages 18 and under.
Children 2 and under are free.
A 50% deposit is required upon registration.

Registration deadline is June 20th, 2009.

A $35 Wisconsin State Park Pass is required for all vehicles staying in the park.

For questions or registration please contact:
nmstory@gmail.com  nenagrace@gmail.com

If you are unable to attend due to financial restriction, please contact us. We DO NOT want any child to miss the opportunity to attend camp. If you are interesting in sponsoring a child or donating to the camp, you can send an earmarked check to:
DFIC Youth Group
c/o Wade Lux
1520 Born Ave.
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Limited space is available so register early!
Children 7 and under need to be accompanied by an adult.
Timothy had discovered a new game. He would kick the ball as hard as he could and Josh would run and get it. He would bring it back to Timothy and then Timothy would kick it again.

This was a fun game. Timothy loved to see how far he could kick the ball and Josh loved to run and get it. The higher it went in the air, the happier Josh was. He would clap his hands and laugh.

The ball went over a bush and Josh giggled with glee. Then, Timothy kicked it on the roof of the house and it rolled down and bounced higher than Timothy. Timothy kicked it again, really hard, and it flew across the yard and hit the neighbors’ chain link fence.

The boys ran over to get the ball but a low, fierce growl stopped them. On the other side of the fence was the neighbors’ big dog. The dog stared at them and growled through his teeth. Suddenly he ran at the fence, barking madly, and jumped up against the wire, hooking his claws into the links.

Timothy thought of the hole under the fence down by the corner. “Run, Josh!” he screamed and grabbed his little brother by the hand. He half-dragged, half-ran with him toward the house. The angry snarling of the dog sounded fainter for a moment. Timothy looked over his shoulder just in time to see the dog furiously work his way under the fence and leap toward them.

It was just a little farther to the house, but suddenly Timothy missed his step and he felt his ankle twist. He fell down and Josh fell down, too. Timothy rolled over on his brother and hugged him.

“Dear Jesus,” he prayed, “help us now.” The tears filled his eyes and he waited for the big dog to bite him.

There was a snapping, zipping noise from the back porch and the dog made a terrified yelp. There was the sound of running dog feet, going away. Then, that strange snapping noise came again, followed by a burst
of frenzied yelping from the dog. The chain link fence rattled and then all was quiet.

Timothy looked up to see Mother standing beside them. In one hand she had a strange, Y-shaped wood thing attached to part of a huge rubber band. In the other, hand Mother carried two big steel marbles. They felt really heavy when Timothy held them.

“I didn’t know you could do that,” he said when Mother showed him how to shoot one of the steel balls at a tree with the slingshot. The big, silver ball hit the tree so hard that it knocked off the bark and bounced over and hit the garage with a bang. You could see the dent where it hit the metal door.

“I wasn’t sure that I could, either,” Mother replied. “I prayed and asked the Lord to help me when I made the first shot.” And all of them knew that the Lord had helped them. The End.
From Rome and the Christian martyrs of the Colosseum, to England and the Magna Carta, to Germany and the Protestant Reformation, history reminds us of the importance of Europe as the birth place of Western civilization.

Did you know that in 1937, the nation island we know as Ireland became completely independent and changed its name to Eire? Today, the country is known as the Republic of Ireland.

Lake Baikal (pronounced Baykal), located in Russia, is the world’s deepest freshwater lake.

Austria is the world’s chief source of graphite - the lead used in the pencils that you use!

Vatican City. Is it a town or a city? Actually, it’s neither! the Vatican City is the world’s smallest independent country, having its own government.
The Dutch have used windmills to pump seawater from their lowlands for centuries.

The Icelanders rely on geothermal energy from volcanoes and hot springs to heat their water and their greenhouses.

In the extreme north of Asian Russia lies Siberia, a land of short summers and long, cold winters 90 degrees below zero Fahrenheit in most places!

Many famous musicians have come from Germany - Robert Schumann and Johann Sebastian Bach are just two.

Hungary is often called “the bread basket of Europe.”

Many people think of the British Isles as only two large islands, but in reality, they include over 5,000 islands!
Hello, children. Here we are back with our study about the armour of God. We have already put on several pieces, haven’t we - the belt of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, and the shoes of the preparation of the gospel of peace. The next thing we need to put on is the shield of faith.

Do you know this song?

**Faith in the Father and faith in the Son**
**Faith in the Holy Ghost victories are won**
**Demons will tremble and sinners awake**
**Faith in Christ Jesus can anything break.**

I think it is pretty amazing how much a little seed of faith in our heart can do - we can conquer the whole world by just believing God!

A dictionary says that shield is the name used to refer to any object or force used to block something. Well, the Bible says that if we have faith, the shield, we are able to quench (or block) all the fiery darts of the wicked. It means that shield is a defensive weapon. We don’t attack the enemy with a shield, but we hide ourselves behind it.

Do you know what these fiery darts of the wicked are? Are they something you can see with your natural eyes? No, they are not. These darts are invisible. Most of the time, they come in the form of thoughts flying into your mind. Every evil thought that enters your mind is a dart shot against you by the devil and his servants.

For example, it may happen that you want to hit your sister or your brother. Or, a thought comes to you that there is somebody hiding in the dark behind the door of your room and wants to hurt you. Your defense has to be the shield of faith.

In the old times, the shield soldiers used to have in battles was so big that the whole person could easily hide behind it. When you imagine it, you realize that a man didn’t actually have to do much to protect himself - he just had to stand behind the shield and have it in between him and the enemy. The shield was his protection and
so it is for us. If we are hidden behind it, then the darts hit the shield, fall on the ground and die away. You don’t have to take care of them any more. Yet, when you put down your shield, your faith, the thoughts that are attacking you begin to grow bigger, your anger grows bigger, your fear grows bigger, or your laziness grows bigger, and your soul is in turmoil.

Now, how are you going to defend yourself? Do you have a visible shield with you in bed in the middle of the night when you are afraid of dark? No, you have your pillow or a doll! However, even though you don’t sleep with a real shield, you still have to have your invisible shield of faith on you. The Bible says in Romans 10:17 that faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. It means that if you spend time in the Word of God, you will be able to put up the shield of faith when the fiery darts start flying at you. For example, when a thought comes to you and says, “Hit your sister! She took your bike without asking!” immediately, the shield of faith will quench this dart by responding, “No, I won’t, because it is written in Ephesians 4:32, And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ’s sake hath forgiven you.” Or, when you feel like lying to your parents, you will remember Revelation 21:8, which says that all liars will end up in the lake of fire and that is not the place you want to be found in.

Faith equals certainty, assurance, peace or persuasion. For example, if you are persuaded that God is with you in the dark and nothing can happen to you when you are hidden in Him, you will not be afraid, because the Bible says, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee (Hebrews 13:5). Fear comes from the fact that we are not sure whether God will really protect us. But, children, if you believe this, your shield will be big.

Do you want to know more about faith? Well, faith is also described as a creative force that heals (Matthew 9:22, Luke 18:42). Also, faith can make you walk on water (Matthew 14:22-33).

There is much more to faith than what we can mention in our short Bible study. Let us finish with this last verse from Hebrews 10:22-23, Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised).

(Based on children’s lessons given by a number of teachers in Prague, Czech Republic.)
And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the WORD OF THEIR TESTIMONY; and they loved not their lives unto the death (Revelation 12:11).

Two-letter words: in, no
Three-letter words: mow, now, sow, sew, jew, won, ken, new, vow, men
Four-letter words: move, love, joke, line, like, kilo, mile, silo, solo
Five-letter words: smile, kneel
AND MORE.
Draw the Story

Read the story, then finish it by drawing pictures!

Imagine you’re a police detective in the land of Israel almost 3,000 years ago. “Hurry! Go to the palace!” another policeman yells. “The king has just tried to kill someone!” You grab your robe and jump on your camel, holding on tight as he gallops through the city of Jerusalem. After passing the palace guards, you soon discover King Saul in a fit of anger.

You begin asking questions, “**Who** did he try to kill?” A young man named David - the best soldier in his mighty army. “**Why** did he try to kill David?” King Saul was jealous. All the people were praising David for killing the giant Goliath saying that David was braver and stronger than King Saul. “**How** did he try to kill David?” King Saul threw a spear at David - and missed! David ran out of the palace, and into the hills.

What happened next? Read the events below each scene, then draw a picture in the square of what happened.

King Saul went into a cave where David was hiding. Sneaking up behind him, David had a chance to kill him first, but he knew it would not be the right thing to do. He let King Saul escape unharmed.

After many months of chasing David, King Saul was killed by enemy soldiers of another country. David was crowned king!
Well, hello everyone. Is it sunny at your house today? It is so bright and sunny here. In fact, it's such a nice day that the Rise Above family is at the park having a picnic. Remember the time a while ago when they were having lunch at the park and the squirrel kept on taking pieces of Thumbkin’s sandwich? Let’s see what is happening today.

The children were so excited - an afternoon at the park! This park was especially fun because it had slides and swings, a huge sandbox, a small mountain to climb and a lake.

There’s our character Thumbkin! He has his magnifying glass and is looking at the rocks and any crawly thing he can find. The girls are running to play on the slides. Penelope really likes the tall, winding slide because its spiral shape has curves and has you bouncing all the way down. Petunia prefers the smaller slide. It is less bumpy. Pumpkin had brought his fishing pole and was looking forward to catching some fish.

Mom was setting the picnic table for a yummy lunch of chicken salad sandwiches and watermelon. Daddy made the call so all the children could hear, “Lunch is ready. Come and get it.”

Just as the call came, Pumpkin felt a tug. “Oh boy, is it a fish,” Pumpkin thought. Earlier he had felt a tug and pulled and pulled and up came a boot, but sure enough this was a fish and a good sized one, too. Pumpkin reeled it in and ran to show everyone his catch.

“Wow, son,” said Mommy, “that’s a beautiful fish. Catch two more and it will be enough for supper.” Pumpkin was so excited.
After measuring it, they found out his catch was 14 inches long.

“It’s a good thing we brought along an extra cooler so we can keep this fish fresh,” said Father.

“OK, everyone have a seat,” said Mother, “and let’s eat. Now, before we eat, who would like to pray?”

Thumbkin’s hand went up, “I want to, I want to,” he squealed with joy.

“Oh, everyone have a seat,” said Mother, “you go right ahead and pray.”

Thumbkin began by thanking God for Daddy, Mommy and all his family and then he thanked God for the rocks he found and the crawly bugs and the sunny day and, “Oh yes, thank you, Jesus, for the food. Amen.”

With that, everyone said, “Amen.”

Thumbkin had a hard time sitting, because his pant’s pockets were full of rocks he was collecting. Thumbkin looked puzzled - how could he sit? Mother came up with the solution.

“Thumbkin,” she said, “take your rocks and put them on the ground right next to you. Then, when you are done eating they will be waiting right there for you.”

Thumbkin smiled okay and proceeded to take 15 rocks out of his pockets. Petunia had to giggle watching all those rocks come out of his pockets. Of course, she had her collection, too - one big bag full of wild flowers.

After Thumbkin’s prayer for the food, everyone began to eat the yummy lunch. Because Thumbkin likes peanut butter and banana sandwiches so well, Mom had made him one, and oh, was it good! You guessed it. Thumbkin rubbed his tummy and said HMMMM!

Now, Thumbkin had taken two bites of his delicious sandwich and then set it on the seat next to him to get some potato chips. When he turned back, he cried out with surprise. What was this? A bunny rabbit had jumped up on the seat beside him and was nibbling away at his sandwich! Thumbkin thought the rabbit was so cute, but he was still pretty hungry so he shooed the rabbit away. Everyone had to chuckle because Thumbkin sure has a time eating at picnics with squirrels, rabbits and birds all liking his food.

The twins were having a good time, too. They were in the pack ’n play enjoying the sunshine and nibbling on their special biscuits Mommy had made just for them.

“Ok now, let’s all help clean up so we can go back to playing,” said Father.

Now, Penelope had hurried and eaten her...
lunch because she wanted to do some crocheting. She had started to crochet potholders. In fact, she had started a little business where she would sell her completed potholders for $2.00. She had perfected her crocheting so that the potholders sometimes had two or three different colors and sometimes the outer border was a very fancy stitch.

When the call came, she groaned. "Do I have to help? I'm right in the middle of a stitch," was her complaint. "Now, young lady," was Mother's reply, "we all work cheerfully together. No more complaining." Penelope reluctantly put her potholder down.

Penelope's crocheting was very good and she had built up a nice little business selling her potholders to friends, neighbors and even to two stores in town. So far she had earned $150.00, but Daddy and Mommy had been praying because this business was now all that Penelope thought about. During Bible time, school and now even at playtime she was distracted. All she thought about was crocheting.

With so many hands, clean up went by very quickly. It took Thumbkin some time to get all those rocks back in his pockets. "Hmm," he thought, "it wasn't so hard putting them in the first time. Petunia went off to pick more wild flowers and Pumpkin, with Dad's help, was going to catch some more fish for supper.

"Penelope dear," said Mommy, "you watch the twins while I take a walk. That means paying attention to them, not just crocheting." The twins had begun to crawl and were quite good at getting around pretty fast. They were now on a big blanket on the ground with some of their favorite toys. Of course, the twins would talk to each other in their baby talk and giggle at each other. Mommy said they knew what they were saying.
At least they acted like it.

"Now, Penelope, be mindful of the twins. They can move fast when they want to," said Mommy.

Well, Penelope said, "Okay," but in her heart she did not want to watch the twins, she wanted to crochet and that’s what she began to do. She would look up every once in a while to see what the twins were up to, but then she would intently go back to her crocheting.

During one of these times, Isaiah decided to explore and off he went, crawling off the blanket. The grass was kind of tickly so he began to crawl more quickly and soon he was behind a tree. At this point, Penelope looked up to see her sister crawling off after her twin brother, but Penelope could not see Isaiah.

Her heart sank. Where was her brother? "Oh my," she thought. "Isaiah," she called as she hurried over to pick up Grace. "Isaiah," she called again. Now, Isaiah had crawled past the tree and was headed toward the lake. "Isaiah, Isaiah," Penelope began to raise her voice. Daddy heard her and came running. Isaiah now was behind a bush and couldn’t be seen.

“What is it, Penelope? Where is Isaiah?” Daddy asked. By this time, Penelope was in tears. “I don’t know," she cried. Father began praying, knowing God knew and would help them find Isaiah. In the meantime, Isaiah had found a butterfly and was quite happy watching it fly up and around his head.

Mother was back from her walk, sensing the danger. Daddy had all the children split up to look in different directions to find Isaiah before he got into trouble. Each child had a whistle and was to blow it when they saw Isaiah.

By this time, Isaiah was very near the lake. The lake sparkled with the sun shining on it and Isaiah liked the look of it and was headed that way. Pumpkin had
a fish on the line, but when he heard the call he quickly put his pole down. The call to find Isaiah was more important. Pumpkin had a feeling Isaiah might try to head for the water, so he began to look around by the lake. As Pumpkin walked down the bank he heard a splash. Oh my, it was Isaiah! He had crawled up to the water and had fallen in.

Pumpkin ran and grabbed up his little brother, a very wet and scared little guy. “Oh, thank You, Jesus,” was all Pumpkin could say as he held Isaiah tight. Isaiah had swallowed some water and was coughing and choking a bit.

Mommy saw Pumpkin and her first response was, “Oh, thank You, Jesus.” She took Isaiah saying, “It will be alright, darling,” as she kissed the whimpering boy.

Penelope was so relieved to see Isaiah. “How could I have been so selfish?” she thought.

After getting into clean clothes and many hugs, Isaiah was fine.

That night after coming home, Penelope prayed, asking Jesus to help her overcome her bad attitude. Well, that night she had a dream:

In the dream she was sitting in a chair, but this chair was so comfortable to her that she did not want to get up from it. In fact, she was outside sitting in the chair and somehow, instead of walking around her neighborhood block, she was sitting in the chair with her hands clutched to the arms of the chair, hopping with the chair around the block. She would see friends along the way and would stop to talk. Her friends would encourage her to get up from the chair, but she would not let go of it.

Penelope woke up the next morning wondering what this dream could mean. She told the dream to her parents. They rejoiced because God was giving her the answer to her prayer. The crocheting had become like the chair. It was her crutch and she would not let it go, just like in the dream, holding on to the chair. Crocheting in itself was not bad, but the holding on was bad, because it was not giving her gift to God and letting Him use it in His time. Instead, it had become self-motivated (like the chair), flesh-oriented (wooden chair). God was saying to give the crocheting to Him and let God be first so that crocheting would be as unto the Lord and not Penelope-motivated.

Penelope felt a release in her spirit as she knew this was all true. She then prayed, asking God to help her let go. A peace came over her. “Thank You, Jesus,” she said. She had determined in her heart to obey Jesus.

Children, all of us have things we like, sometimes more than Jesus. Let us not hold onto these chairs, but let us give our all to Jesus.

God bless you until the next time and Happy Trails until we meet again!

The End.
Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.

I Corinthians 9:24
Take the time until our next K.I.T. for KIDS reaches your home to memorize a few scriptures together. You can cut them out of this page and keep them close to you so that you can learn them more easily.

**REVIEW TIME!!!** Can you still say all your verses from weeks 1-3 from memory? Remember Psalm 119:11 says, *Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.*

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**WEEK 1**

And David said unto Saul, Thy servant kept his father’s sheep, and there came a lion, and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock: And I went out after him, and smote him, and delivered it out of his mouth: and when he arose against me, I caught him by his beard, and smote him, and slew him.

*I Samuel 17:34-35*

**WEEK 2**

Thy servant slew both the lion and the bear: and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he hath defied the armies of the living God.

*I Samuel 17:36*

**WEEK 3**

David said moreover, The LORD that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine.

*I Samuel 17:37*

**WEEK 4**

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There is a River

There is a River that flows from deep within
Jesus is that river that never shall run dry
Oh Hallelujah Oh praise His holy name
Oh Hallelujah My Jesus is the same
He never changes my every need supplied
Jesus is that river that never shall run dry

There is a fountain that cleanses us from sin
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Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old he will not depart from it.

Proverbs 22:6

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The things that my soul refused to touch are as my sorrowful meat.

Oh that I might have my request; and that God would grant me the thing that I long for!

Job 6:7-8