

=BIBLE DOCTRINES=

Lesson 15

The Devil

Scripture: Ephesians 6

Objects to have:

A “report pad,” and pen or pencil

Some keys

The soldier’s helmet and sword and shield cut out and mounted for display on flannel board or bulletin board, along with signs reading TRUTH, RIGHTEOUSNESS, FAITH

Lying flat inside your Bible—a ribbon with these signs fastened to it so that each sign can hang separately:

SATAN

BEAUTIFUL

TRICKY

DEADLY

Your Bible.

Introducing the lesson:

Let’s pretend. Let’s pretend that I’m going to get a new job. I am talking to the man who is going to give me a new job. The man says, “Your job will be a very difficult and dangerous job.” That is what the man says to me. “We know that an enemy army is getting ready to come and march on our country.” Oh, what kind of job am I going to be asked to do? “We do not know where the enemy army is. We do not know how big the enemy army is. We do not know how many weapons or what kind of weapons the enemy army has. We want you to go find out.” My new job is to be a spy.

I should get ready to go to be a spy. I have to go to the country where the enemy army is. Before I can go to another country, I have many things I need to do. I have to go get my passport. I have to go get a ticket for flying on an airplane. I have to have a tablet for writing my report back to my country. I have to have a pen. Now, I think I am ready. I am ready to be a spy on the enemy army.

I go to the airport. I get on the right plane. I fly for many hours to the enemy country. I get off the airplane. I show my passport in the airport. The police look at my passport, and they look at me. I hold my breath for a minute because I don’t want them to know that I am a spy. They finally let me through the line in the airport. Now I can travel around the enemy country. I walk with people as they hurry down the street. I listen to their conversations. I’m listening very carefully; I hear someone talking about the army camp. Where is it located? I don’t ask that question—I just listen. I find out where the army camp is.

I go to my room. I write down in my report pad what I have just learned. Since I am a spy, I decide to move out to where the army camp is located. I will watch weapons moving in and out of the gates of the camp. I will watch soldiers moving in and out. I will decide how big the army is and what kind of weapons the enemy has. I become acquainted with the people of the town around the army camp. I talk with the people who live in the town. I learn a lot about the enemy. I learn how strong the enemy is. I learn when the enemy plans to attack. I learn what kind of weapons the enemy has.

I have been pretending to be a spy. I am pretending that an enemy army is getting ready to attack our country. I am pretending to spy on that army. Now I can pretend to go home. I can get on an airplane and fly back to my own country.

When I get back, I go to my boss. I show him my report pad. Then my country gets ready to fight the enemy army. My country gets an army ready. My country gets uniforms and puts them on men so that everyone will know those men are soldiers. My country puts guns in the hands of the soldiers. My country trains the soldiers to use other weapons, also. Planes are made ready to fly. Guns are mounted in the planes. Bombs are loaded on the planes. The army has some tanks, and the soldiers are ready to drive the tanks. The army is now ready to fight the enemy.

Telling the story:

God says to us, “You have an enemy.” This is not pretend any longer, boys and girls. This is for real. This is true. How are we going to find out about our enemy? We can find out about the enemy by reading certain verses in certain chapters in certain books of the Bible. (Open your Bible.)

The Bible tells us who the enemy is. Our enemy is named Satan. (Drop down that first sign so that it hangs from your Bible.) Satan was an angel. In fact, he was an archangel. He was in charge of many other angels in Heaven. While Satan was in Heaven, his name was Lucifer. Lucifer decided that he wanted to be more powerful than God. Nothing and nobody can be more powerful than God. Lucifer decided to start a war against God and His angels. Lucifer gathered his angels around him and started a war. God could not have that going on, so He made Lucifer and all of his angels get out of Heaven. That is how Satan came to live on earth. He had been an archangel and was thrown out of Heaven by God. When Satan came to earth, sin came to earth with him.

Satan was beautiful. (Drop the part of the ribbon that has the sign BEAUTIFUL on it from your Bible so that two signs are hanging down now—SATAN and BEAUTIFUL.) Satan decided that he wanted to gather together all the forces he could to be with him. Satan knew that someday he would have to be cast into Hell, and there be chained forever and ever by God. But until then, he is free to roam the whole earth. He is free to talk to people.

Satan tries to get people to do wrong. Satan is tricky. He lies. (Drop down the portion of the ribbon on which the sign TRICKY is fastened.) He tells people to do wrong. He tells people that it is fun to do wrong. He tells people that it is all right to do wrong. Satan is a liar. Satan causes people to do wrong. Doing wrong never makes anybody happy, however. Doing wrong is really not fun.

People who say to Satan, “All right, I will join with you,” will end up in Hell with him. They will die forever with Satan.

Now we know who our enemy is. Our enemy is Satan. We know all about our enemy. Satan was a beautiful angel. Satan is tricky; he lies. Satan is deadly. He causes people to go to Hell rather than to Heaven. Satan can be anywhere that we are. Satan is strong, but he is not as strong as God is. God is much more powerful than Satan is.

God tells us how we can fight Satan. He tells us about a kind of uniform that we can put on to fight Satan. This is not the kind of uniform that you can see with your eyes. I’ll tell you all about the different parts of the uniform that we should wear in order to fight Satan. We should wear TRUTH. Satan lies and says that sin is fun and all right to do. We know that it is not. (Put up the sign TRUTH.) In Bible days, a soldier in battle wore over his other clothing pieces of heavy leather. He tied them on. That was to keep swords or spears from going into his body. If the enemy threw a sword or spear at the soldier and it hit the leather, the sword or spear would not go into him. The sword or the spear or the dart would bounce off this heavy leather. When Satan throws his lies at us, we are to remember the truth. Then Satan can’t hurt us with his lies.

Another part of our uniform is called RIGHTEOUSNESS. (Put up that sign.) We are to do good to others. The soldier in Bible times wore a breastplate. This is a piece of heavy metal that was made especially for each soldier so that it would fit him just right, and it covered him to his waist. Swords or spears or darts would bounce off this metal piece and would not go into the body of the soldier. As good Christian soldiers, we are supposed to buckle on RIGHTEOUSNESS. When Satan says to be selfish or to be unkind, we are to say, “No!” We then work on doing good.

The soldier in battle has to wear good shoes. The Christian soldier's shoes are called the *gospel of peace*. The Christian soldier is to go tell people how to get to Heaven. That is the Gospel. Satan doesn't want people to know how to go to Heaven. When he says, "Don't go tell others about Jesus," we should go. We can fight Satan that way. (Put the shoe up on the bulletin board.)

The Bible soldier carried a shield. It was big enough to cover him. The shield also had a metal piece on the front of it. If fiery darts were thrown at him, the metal piece would stop the darts. The Christian soldier is to have FAITH. (Put that sign on the board.) The Christian soldier is always to trust and believe God.

The soldier in Bible times wore a helmet like this. (Put it on the board.) Present-day soldiers wear helmets, too. The helmet is to protect the head from injury. The Christian soldier's protection is the *helmet of salvation*. Nobody is strong against Satan unless he has first asked Jesus to be his Saviour. It is Jesus Who makes us strong in battle against Satan. It is Jesus Who protects us and makes us strong in the battle.

So far, the soldier has worn a uniform to protect him. He would be no good in battle, however, without a weapon. The Bible soldier carried a sword. (Put the sword on the board.) The Christian soldier has a sword, too. His sword is the Bible. The Christian soldier is to know the Bible and be able to tell others what the Bible says. He is supposed to be able to tell Satan that the Bible says we are not supposed to do wrong.

The Christian soldier is to pray and ask Jesus for help every day. Jesus will help us to win the battle over Satan. I know all about the uniform that we are supposed to wear in our battle against Satan because I read it here in my Bible. (Show the children Ephesians chapter 6.)

LEARN OUR BIBLE VERSE: Ephesians 6:11, "*Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.*"