

ARMOR
OF GOD

WEEK 6: HELMET OF SALVATION

Have you ever wondered why we wear helmets to play baseball and softball? We don't wear them to play basketball or soccer or golf or tennis. Most people might guess that we wear helmets to protect our heads, and they would be right! Without a helmet, we could experience some powerful, harmful blows from a baseball or a softball.

The Bible tells us that God has bought for us the helmet of Salvation through the death and resurrection of His son, Jesus. This helmet is a symbol of hope for those who believe in him and wait for his return. God wants to keep us safe just like our coaches do when they ask us to wear our helmets. Therefore, he has equipped us with the helmet of Salvation to protect our minds as we cling to his promises and turn away from our sins.

We receive salvation because Jesus died on the cross for us and rose from the grave in victory. This salvation is better than any championship game we might win, because his salvation is eternal. One day, we'll be with Jesus forever. Then, we'll no longer need the helmet of Salvation to protect us. Until that day comes, the word of God promises to protect us.

As we wait for Jesus' return, let's rest assured knowing that he has already won the greatest victory by defeating death. Let's recognize that the gift of salvation is the best gift we could ever receive; therefore, we should keep the helmet of Salvation with us at all times.

PUT IT IN ACTION

Parents/Guardians:

Ask your kids about activities that require a helmet for safety. Then ask what could happen if they didn't wear a helmet for any of those activities. Examples:

- Football - in case someone tackles you
- Riding a bike - in case something or someone hit you
- Rock climbing - in case you fell

Next, ask your kids if anyone has ever saved them from something. Examples might include falling into a pool and being saved by a lifeguard, tripping and having someone grab them or break their fall, or attempting to do something they weren't supposed to do and someone reminding them of the consequences. Explain how this mirrors our salvation through Jesus.

Our spiritual protection comes from Jesus dying on the cross for us. We are saved/rescued from our own sin because he loved us and died for our sins. Remind your kids that Jesus loves them and died on the cross for them. Not only did he give his life for them, but he also rose from the grave and won the final victory for them: power over sin and the gift of eternal life with him.

MEMORY VERSE OF THE WEEK

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

— John 3:16