

Putting on God's Armor

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Ministering to Chaplains

This past summer, Vacation Bible School at our church was based on Ephesians 6:10-17. This passage begins, *Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.*

As we studied this theme, we learned that it is God's strength that is sufficient. It is His strength that carries us along in the battle for righteousness. It is also His armor that protects us as we seek to serve Him. In addition, we learned that the "you" in verse 11 (and in verse 13) is plural. We could read it, *"that y'all may be able to stand."* Or in 'West Virginian' "that all y'all" may be able to stand." This exhortation is given to "us", not to "me", and that fact has far-reaching implications.

Since our theme focused on armor, we chose to include information about Military Chaplains in our program. We showed videos each night highlighting the different areas where Chaplains minister. We pointed out that Military Chaplains fight on two fronts, the military front lines and the front lines of the Kingdom of God.

Even though we are not able to fight with them physically, the "y'all" means we can fight with them spiritually! So we prayed that God would always remind them, in a real way, that they are protected by His armor! We colored a letter, which we sent along with a picture of our group to a few Chaplains currently on active duty. Our hope is that these small tokens will work as a reminder that the larger Christian Community is praying on their behalf.

There are lots of Chaplains and Chaplain's families that would benefit from the prayers and support of God's people. We would encourage your church to, make time to connect with Chaplains across the world - maybe at next years VBS!

Be part of the y'all and stand together, clothed with God's Armor!

To God Be All Glory

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Learning how God's armor protects us!



Armor Fitting



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