



# Construction Crew/ Kid Builders!

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## Shoes of Peace: *Peace Man!*

**Memory Verse:** Let us...make every effort to do what leads to peace.... Romans 14:19

**Lesson Overview:** This is the first lesson covering the armor of God. In this lesson, students will learn what God's peace is and how to get it into their lives. They will learn that doing certain things bring peace, while certain other things or actions destroy peace. God's peace is an enjoyable thing, and lots of children are having it stolen from them today in a variety of ways.

**Requirements for the lesson:** The following is a list of things you can use to describe the armor of God.

- Armor/Military gear.
- Cold weather gear
- Survival Gear
- Motorcycle Gear
- Safety Gear

### Object Lessons and Lead-in to the Lesson:

***"It's always something!"*** (Youth Kids Skit) This skit is best performed by the youth group. It addresses some issues that take away our peace, and emphasizes how to get God's peace—and keep it.

***"All Dressed Up And Ready To Groove!"*** Use military gear or any of the above recommendations to demonstrate the different parts of the armor of God. Link different parts of the protective gear to the armor verses (Galatians 6:14-17). Explain what each piece of the protective gear does, and then relate it to the spiritual armor.

## Lesson:

**DO THE OBJECT LESSON:** “*It’s always something!*” (Youth Kids Skit)

**DO THE OBJECT LESSON:** “*All Dressed Up And Ready To Groove!*”

### 1. Introduction:

Did you know that God has given us such cool armor to wear? It’s true! We may not see it, but it’s still there. We put it on by faith.

**QUESTION:** Who remembers what faith is? (*What God gives us so that we can believe—we know God will do what he has put in our heart to do*)

In fact, that is part of our armor that we just talked about.

**READ:** Ephesians 6:10-18. *You may want to have someone in the class read it (From NIV preferably).*

#### a. Believing & Knowing By Faith

**QUESTION:** What part of the armor is faith? (*The shield*)

It wouldn’t be much fun if we had to wear all of this heavy, hot stuff. A fireman would get very tired (not to mention very smelly and sweaty) if he or she had to wear their fireman’s protective suit all of the time. That’s why they put it on just before they go to a fire! But God made our armor invisible.

#### b. Real Protection

Don’t be fooled: this armor is very real. If we believe God has given us all of these things to protect us, then He will give us faith to know that we are protected from the old devil. That’s just like a fireman going into a fire with his protective suit—he won’t get burned by the flames. Neither will we get burned by the devil’s flames.

**QUESTION:** Who remembers the story about Job? (*You can get a show of hands. You may want to ask all of the children to tell a little of what they remember about Job.*)

**READ:** Job 1:6-10

God put a protective armor around Job, his family and everything he had. The devil called it a hedge of protection. A hedge is something that keeps the good things in and the bad things out. Now that doesn’t mean that we can just go blowing the raspberries at the devil because he can’t get to us. Getting all proud like that makes your armor fall apart!

It isn't much good then. But we can have God's "peace" because He has given us this special armor. This was a special part of our armor of God too.

**QUESTION:** Who remembers which part of the armor "peace" is? (*The shoes*)

2. Peace

**QUESTION:** What does peace mean to you? (*Allow the children to respond*)

**QUESTION:** If you could have something peaceful happen in your life, what would it be?

a. Peace is . . .

Those are some pretty good answers. Peace can mean a lot of things to us, and God has His way of looking at peace. Let's look at some of them.

(1) Harmony

The Bible shows us that one thing God's peace looks like is something called "harmony".

**QUESTION:** What do you think harmony is? (*Everyone getting along, us getting along with others, or vice-versa.*)

Did you ever really listen to people singing in church? Someone may be singing the same words as everyone else, but they are singing higher or lower than the others. Even though they are not singing at the same pitch, the sound blends well and sounds very beautiful. We call this harmony. Have you ever listened to a Gospel or barbershop quartet? They sing in what is called four-part harmony. All the sound blends well together. It sounds like one sound.

God wants us to be in harmony with others. This is a very nice kind of peace. Did you ever hear someone who sings badly? They may be singing off-key. That means that they are *not* harmonizing with the other singers! Such a sound certainly doesn't bring peace to your ears! When we are cross with others, then we lose our peace because there is no harmony going on between us.

(2) Order

Another part of peace is what is called order. The Bible says that God is a God of order.

**QUESTION:** What is order? (*Safety, security, and no confusion*)

Did you ever watch an old western movie where somebody rides into town and says, "I'm gonna' bring law and order ta this haw'r town!" What he is saying is that he will bring peace to the town by rounding up the bad guys. That's what will bring the town back to normal.

God wants things about our lives to be in order so that we can have peace. We would suddenly have very little order in our houses if a fire started, or an earthquake came. Things would get shook up in a hurry, and we may not know exactly what to do. There would be no order, and things certainly would not be peaceful. To have God's peace in our lives is to have order too.

(3) Quiet

God's peace can also be like when it's quiet. Have you ever had a new brother or sister come into your family? If you have, then you know how hungry they get at night. Little babies will cry until they get what they want. That's not very peaceful when you're trying to sleep! God's peace can bring quietness into your heart when its hungry for His love. His peace will help you so little things don't bother you so much.

(4) Fear

If you have ever been afraid, then you also know that when you are, you don't have much peace in your heart. God's amazing peace can help you with that too. Things just don't scare you so much when it's God's peace that you have. When you believe with faith, you can be brave and do things that you couldn't do otherwise.

**QUESTION:** What is something that you were able to do because you trusted God?

b. Being Ready

The Bible also says to make yourself ready with the Gospel of peace.

**QUESTION:** What does it mean to be ready? (*To be prepared, equipped, and set to go*)

Sometimes your mom or dad may tell you, “Get ready! The school bus is almost here!” Or they could say, “Get ready! It’s almost time for church!” They tell you that so when it is time to go that you will be ready with everything you need, and on-time.

You can’t get on an airplane once it has taken off. Likewise, God doesn’t want us to miss out on heaven either. If we don’t have Jesus in our heart, then we will not make it into His wonderful heaven. We’ll miss the boat!

### 3. Shoes And Peace

God’s Word talks about wearing peace like a pair of shoes.

**QUESTION:** What do shoes and peace have in *common*?  
(Allow the children to respond)

#### a. Protection

One thing that shoes do is protect your feet. Did you or someone you know ever step on a rusty nail while in bare feet? If so, then the person stepping on the nail had to get a tetanus shot. Ouch! Our shoes of peace protect our soul from harm by our enemy—the devil.

#### b. For Power

A long time ago there was a brand of tennis shoe that claimed to help you to run faster and jump higher than any other does. Of course it wasn’t true, but it was fun pretending so. But God’s shoes of peace really do give you power!

**READ:** **Romans 16:20** *The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet.*

WOW! Just think about that! Every time you put on your shoes of peace, you’re walking on the devil’s head! You’re crushing him like a big steamroller. I bet he doesn’t get much peace from that!

*Now is a good time to get everyone up for some stretching. Have them sort of march in place or around the room. Remind them that they are giving the devil a real headache!*

#### c. Guidance

We will never have to worry if we are going in the right direction if we wear God’s shoes of peace. To wear God’s shoes of peace is to follow His Word (the Bible). The Bible says that His word is a light for our paths (Psalms 119:105). This means we’ll never have to worry about where we are going as long as we have our shoes on.

d. Salvation

Everyone who loves Jesus wants to go to heaven. We all know how wonderful that will be. So we have to take care of our shoes of peace. When we get a hole in one of our real shoes, then water will come into it. If we don't take care of our shoes of peace, then we will let sin come in. Remember that Jesus said that if we say we love Him, then we keep His commands. If we don't keep His commands, then we don't show our love to Him. This means that we begin to get a hole in our shoes of peace, sin will leak into our lives, and we may not be ready to go when He returns to earth to get us.

4. Getting God's Peace

**QUESTION:** Now that we know about God's peace, how do we get His peace? (*Let the children respond*)

Let's see how you did.

1. Peace comes from the Lord (John 14:27). Only He can give you real, lasting peace. If we let Jesus come into our heart, then we will be able to get His peace.
2. He always gladly gives peace to those who keep his commands.

**QUESTION:** Do you remember the two greatest commands that Jesus said to do? (*1. Love the Lord God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength; and, 2. Love your neighbor as yourself.*)

3. He expects us to live at peace with everyone—even if they will not live at peace with us (Romans 12:18).
4. He expects us to have faith in what He is doing in our lives. We must trust Him. When we do, then we can go in peace (Mk 5:34).

5. Summary:

**QUESTION:** Now that you've learned about peace, what are the most important things that you have learned today? (*The children may list other things besides the following summary. That's OK.*)

1. Peace comes from God.
2. We receive it by the way we walk, by obeying his commands, *and* through faith in God.
3. If we *want* peace, *give* peace.
4. God's peace shoes "crush Satan" underneath *our* feet.

# “It’s Always Something!”

*This short skit opens with Penny peacefully doing her homework at a desk, when M. I. Worried burst into the room. Worried is frantically throwing her arms around and going off into a frenzy of panic!*

*(M. I. Worried enters the room)*

**M. I. Worried:** Penny! Oh Penny!

**Penny:** What is it “M”?

**M. I. Worried:** It’s terrible! Just Terrible!

**Penny:** What’s so “terrible”?

**M. I. Worried:** Oh Penny! Last night, I had this terrible dream. I dreamed that one of the monsters from the show I watched was chasing me. He was going to eat me you know. And yesterday, I told my mother a little lie--just a little one mind you--and she *grounded* me. What do you think of that? *(Penny tries to speak, but Worried doesn’t give Penny a chance.)* And today I have a big test to take, but I was too tired to study for it because of the sleep I missed, and... *(Penny cuts her off)*

**Penny:** Hey! Slow down there “M”! Where’s your peace?

**M. I. Worried:** But you don’t *understand*! That’s not all. I made Terrible Tessa--the biggest, meanest girl in school--mad at me. Oh, Penny!, What will I do?

**Penny:** Well, first of all, I’d start obeying God’s word. I’d start trusting and believing that God will take care of you. He’ll give you peace so you don’t have to do all this worrying.

**M. I. Worried:** That’s fine for all that other stuff. But what about *Tessa*!

**Penny:** “M”, God’s word says to go and make peace with your enemies before they cave your head in. It’s amazing what an apology can do.

**M. I. Worried:** Do you think it’s that simple?

**Penny:** Try God’s Word and see for yourself. Pray and ask God’s forgiveness, and then have faith. Only God can put real peace in your life. It sure beats getting pounded by Tessa!

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