

Seventh Grade Alpha Session 11: Evil: How Can I Resist Evil?

Lord Jesus,

You are our keeper. Jesus protect us from all evil and guard us every day. Please open our heart and minds to your Word today.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Key Points

There are three forces of evil: the world (evil around us); the flesh (evil within us); the devil (spiritual forces of evil). The devil hates God and wants to destroy what's closest to God's heart – us! Three of his primary tactics are temptation, accusation and lies. We can stand firm against the devil's attacks and more than that, with God we can overcome evil with good!

Q: If you had the power to solve one of your school's (or city's) big problems, which would you solve? Why? Where do you think you can make the biggest difference in the world?

Q: Do you think that people have misconceptions about God? What are some of them?

Every one of us wrestles with ideas about ourselves (for example, we aren't loved, we aren't good enough, and we're not accepted). We are children of God and loved completely and fully!

Q: What do you think about the idea of 'overcoming evil with good'?

Q: Who is someone you look up to that is impacting the world in positive ways?

Q: Did anything stand out to you from Peter and Jessie's description of the armor of God?

Scripture Reference and Quotes

EPHESIANS 6:10-13 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore, put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

JOHN 10:10 – A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy, I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.

COLOSSIANS 1:13 – He delivered us from the power of darkness and transferred us to the Kingdom of his beloved Son.

ROMANS 12:21 – Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR - Some believe it is only great power that can hold evil in check, but that is not what I have found. It is the small everyday deeds of ordinary folk that keep the darkness at bay. Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.

J.R.R. TOLKIEN'S – Small acts of kindness and love. Your life can make a real difference

