

MAIN POINT:

God's Power Can Protect Me

MEMORY VERSE:

"The Lord gives me strength and protects me. He has saved me. He is my God, I will praise him. He is my father's God, and I will honor him." Exodus 15:2

BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

After Joseph brought his family to Egypt to save them from the famine, they continued to live there. Years later, the Israelites continued to live in Egypt, but the people had forgotten about Joseph. Pharaoh made the Israelites his slaves and treated them poorly. God brought up a new leader named Moses. He told Moses to approach Pharaoh and tell him to let His people go. When Pharaoh refused, God sent plagues to the land. They included turning the Nile to blood, sending an infestation of frogs, gnats, flies, locusts, bodily disease in the form of boils, the death of livestock and darkness. Each time, Pharaoh still refused to let the Israelites go. With the last plague, the death of the first-born son, Pharaoh did let the Israelites go. The Israelites began their exodus of Egypt.

WATCH IT

Find the lesson video on our website: www.cschurch.ca/children-faith-at-home

Search: CSC Children's Ministries on YouTube to find our channel.

DO IT → PROTECTIVE SHIELD

Supplies:

- Shield Cardboard (1 per child)
- Shield Decorative piece (1 per child)
- Foam strip (1.5" x 8" one per child)
- Duct tape (1 role per group)
- Silver stickers (8 per child)
- Cardboard or still paper
- Pencil crayons
- Glue sticks
- Scissors

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Activity Instructions:

Print the craft and cut out around the outside black line.

If possible, glue the shield onto cardstock, cardboard or another stiffer paper to give it some strength.

Cut it about 1” outside of the shape of the shield.

Have children start colouring their decorative shield.

Attach the foam strip to the back of the cardboard shield.

Place the foam strip about 1” below the top of the shield then tape with duct tape.



Create a loop for the child’s arm to go through then tape the bottom part of the foam to the shield.



Then place 8 silver round stickers around the outside of the shield (in the white space). Other options include using jewel stickers, markers to decorate



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The Point

We are making a protective shield to remind us that God can protect us. Sometimes bad things can still happen to us, but we can remember that God loves us, is with us and will help us be strong.

TALK ABOUT IT:

Do this section with your child while they are assembling their craft.

1. **The Israelites were protected from some of the plagues. Other than the last one, which one do you think would be the worst?** (Nile turned to blood, frogs, gnats, flies, livestock death, body sores, hail, locusts, darkness.)
2. **What is something that you need God's help with?** (A bully, afraid of the dark, a neighbor's dog, a relative is dying, not getting along with a friend.)
3. **God protected the Israelites from the last plague; they just needed to follow and obey Him. God's power can protect us, too, like the Israelites, but sometimes bad things still happen. How can I remember that God is with me through hard times?** (Write or print out Bible verses of God's promises to hang where I will see them, Memorize Bible verses that bring me comfort, talk to others who have gone through hard times who remind me of God's protection, pray.)

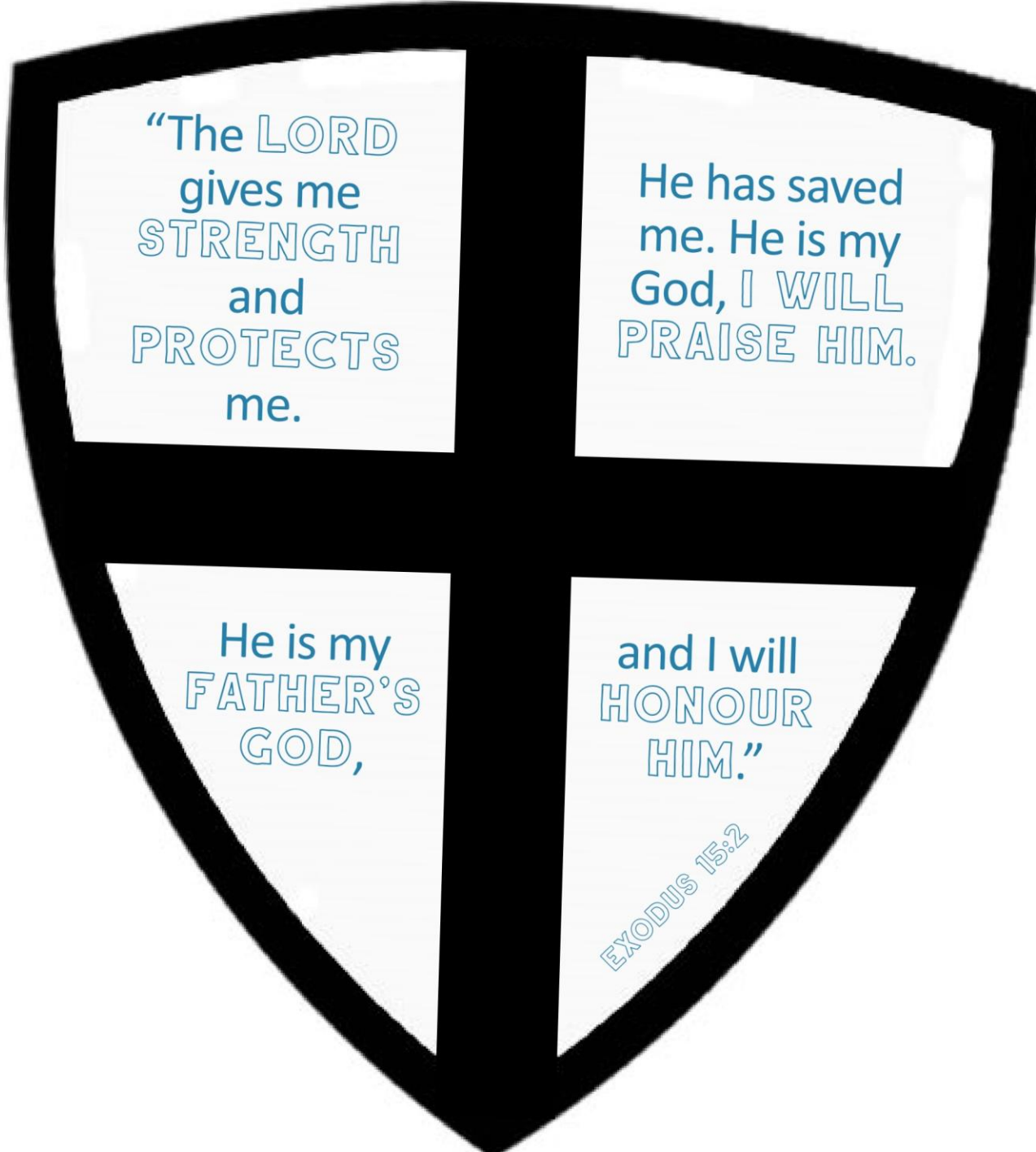
FAMILY PRAYER:

Dear God, thank you for your amazing power and that you can use that power to protect us, according to your best plans and purposes. We love you, In Jesus' name, amen.

OFFERING:

Our offering project will go to HART, helping kids who have been affected by the war in Ukraine.

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