

THE DEVIL Part 2

Objects to have: Make a shield, a sword a helmet, a big Bible, a sign that says Faith, Righteousness, and Truth.

Introduction to the lesson: The devil hates everything that is right and good. He wants you and I, not to serve God but, to serve him. He wants to be God so he tries to steal us away from God. Satan is a liar, thief, murderer, hater of all that is God's. I don't like him. He wants to hurt you and me. He wants to hurt God. He is always trying to get you and me to do evil but, we can beat him. We can make him run away from us. We can win against him. We don't have to sin. We can do right. And God has given us something very special to beat the devil with.

The Lesson: Let's pretend that you and I are suddenly invisible. No one can see us. No one can hear us, but we can see everyone and hear every one. We look and suddenly we see Jesus standing next to us. "Shhhhh!" Jesus says. "We are spies today. We have an enemy. His name is Satan. He can't see or hear us. I want you to see how he works on you. I want to show you how he knows so much about you. Look out, here he comes." There comes the Satan and a bunch of devils. They are watching the class. There is a student talking as the lesson is being given. "Oh," says one of the devil's "that child can be tempted to talk and not hear about the Bible" then he writes that down on a little note pad. Then as the teacher has his back to the class another student kicks a chair where another student is sitting. "Did you see that!" Said one fat devil. I saw last week that Tom would listen to me and not the Bible lesson. So I tempted him to kick Bill's chair and look, I got a fight started in the class. Now, the other kids can't hear that stupid Bible stuff." "I hate that Bible, it scares me. I am going to do all I can to stop those kids from hearing the lesson today." said that fat devil. Then the teacher raises the Bible in class and starts to read it out loud. Oh, Satan and all the devils with him start screaming, NO, NO, NO! They put their hands over their ears "I can't take this! Lets get out of here!" and OFF THEY RUN back to hell.

Jesus looks at me and says, "Are you ? Hang on, don't be scared I am with you."..... "Where are we?" I asked Jesus. "Shhhh!" "Watch and listen" Jesus said. I looked around me almost everything was dark. I could smell fire. I could feel heat yet I was not getting burned. In the distance all around I could hear the voices of people yelling in pain and screaming "No, No, please, get me out of here." "Please just put a drop of water on my tongue and help me in this thirst."

Suddenly I heard a great noise and the Satan and his band of devils were standing in front of me. "Listen to them scream. There is nothing like home." Satan said. "Those stupid people thought we would lead them to a great life. Listen to these jerk's. How stupid can you be." Said one of the devils. Then I heard a great sound of laughter. "Before they know what hit them, those kids in that Sunday School class will be here too. The way they listen to us is wonderful. We have them so fooled. "They love to act just like me," said one devil as he smashed another devil right in the face. A big fight broke out. The fight was awful, the Lord's name was taken in vain, Satan sat smoking a big cigar, while drinking a bud beer. "Kill each other, cut each other, shoot that devil, death, DEATH, I want to see more DEATH!!" Yelled Satan as he sat watching. "I HATE GOD AND RIGHT, I can't wait until those kids get here from the Sunday school class. I want to watch them burn and scream. They think they are so tough. Did you see how we tempted them to disobey and fight in class today. Now other children could not hear the gospel and they will spend eternity here with us!!" Laughed Satan.

"REPORT!!" Hollered Satan. All the devils quit fighting and ran to get in line with their notebooks. "Report" said Satan again. One at a time each devil stood before Satan. Each was assigned to watch the children in the Sunday School class. Each one had taken notes about they saw each child do. They told Satan what they saw. Satan and the devils learned ways to tempt the children by the way they already acted in class.

What are they doing? I asked Jesus. Jesus answered me by telling me... "I know everything, see everything and am in all places at all times. I am God. Satan is not God. He can be in only one place at one time. He does not know

everything, and he can only see what is going on right in front of him. Because of that he sends out all these devils to watch people. They then report back to him so he can learn about each person, by their own actions and words. Satan only knows about you what you tell him by what you say and what you do. He learns not by reading your thoughts but by reading your actions. He then comes to you tempting you to do wrong. He knows where you are weak, because you told him. By the way, you can beat him even when he knows your weak spots.”

“You can?” I asked “How?” Jesus said, “come with me.”

Off we went back in time. We came to a battle ground. The men were wearing armor. They had on helmets, breastplates; each had a shield and carried a sword. “Look!” Jesus said. “See those men behind the trees? They are spies from the enemy camp. They are taking notes of everything they see in the army’s camp. Look, they are running away back to their captains.” “They will tell their captains the weaknesses of the army. They will sit down now, and make a plan on how to destroy the army.”

“Look here comes the enemy forces to fight the army of the Lord. The trumpet sounds and the charge is given. Watch the army is putting on their armor. Their, helmet to protect their head, the breastplate to protect their heart and chest. Now, they are putting on the armor over their loins to protect their waist and hip’s, watch they are now putting on the special armor to cover their feet. Look at the great big shield, that will go in front of each of them to hide behind when the arrows come flying in. Now they are putting on their only defensive part it is their sword.”

“The enemy is coming. They are shooting arrows. They all missed!! Each one of the men stood behind their shield. The army has drawn their swords. They are fighting the enemy. Look, Look !! The enemy is running away. The enemy is defeated! They could not beat the army once it had its armor. The enemy was no match for this great army of the Lord’s once they had their armor in place.

Look, now the battle has been won. Some of the soldiers are taking off their armor. They went to go mess around over by those trees. Look, do you see what I see. The enemy has not all left. Some are hiding behind the trees. “LOOK OUT GET YOUR ARMOR” I yelled, but they could not hear me. They have jumped out and shot their arrows at those soldiers. OH, they hit the soldiers. Look, the enemy is running away, leaving the wounded army soldiers just lying on the ground.”

Jesus looked at me and said “That is how the devil works. And that is how we stop the devil.”

Look in your Bible, at Ephesians chapter 6:13-17. We see that Jesus gives us armor. Our armor is to protect us from the devil. We need to put on our armor and keep it on all the time. Our armor consists of having our loins covered for us, that is truth. Then we have the breastplate of righteousness which for us is justification. It protects our heart. We have a covering for our feet. It is the gospel, telling others of Jesus. We have a helmet of salvation. That is asking Jesus to save us. Then we have a shield. That shield is trusting in faith the word of God. Then we have one defensive weapon. It is a sword. Our sword is the word of God.

When we use the armor to protect us from the devil, then we use the word of God to defend our self from the devil when he tempts us. We will beat the devil, and he will have to run away from us. Then we will have the victory.