

SWORD OF THE SPIRIT

God's Word gives us strength (Ephesians 6:17b)

Read: Acts 4:1-20 = Bold Believers

Talk: Ask these questions and discuss together

- Why do you think the Sanhedrin (Religious Council) wanted Peter and John to be quiet?
- Why were their words considered so dangerous by the Sanhedrin?
- Why do you think Peter and John were able to be so bold before the Sanhedrin?
- What are some words that give strength or that help you feel strong?
- Why do you think words can be so powerful?
- Why do you think the Bible calls the Word of God a sword?

Activity: Gather a cardboard tube (paper towel or wrapping paper are best), strip of scrap cardboard, tin foil, scissors, glue, and markers.



1. For each sword, flatten one end of a tube, trim it to a blunt point, and tape it closed.
2. Cut a strip of cardboard that's about 1 inch wider than the tube and about 12 inches long. Round off the ends. About 2 inches from one end, cut a hole big enough to fit the tube
3. Slide the tube through the hole.
4. Next, bend the other end around to the flat end of the tube, and glue it in place. Spread a thin layer of glue on the blade, then wrap it with aluminum foil. Add a line of glue where the foil overlaps. If desired, paint the handle guard.

(Be sure to keep the "Sword of the Spirit" in a safe place for future lessons to use as a review tool and add other pieces of armor to it.)



Pray: Thank you, God, for giving us the sword of the Spirit. Please give us strength to stand up against what is wrong. In Jesus' name, Amen.