

KEEP THAT HELMET ON!

SCRIPTURE:

And take the helmet of salvation... (Ephesians 6:17a).

MATERIALS LIST:

(1) Bike Helmet

MAIN MESSAGE:

Satan is trying to destroy your salvation! He is aiming for the kill shot. Protect your heart by keeping the helmet of salvation on!

SONG: "Soldiers of Christ Arise"

LESSON:

"Keep that helmet on!" How many times have you young people heard that command from Mom while you were getting on your bike or scooter? When our children were little and we would take them to the doctor for their yearly checkup, the doctor would ask each one of them if they wore their helmet while riding their bicycles. Why do you think that doctor was so particular about that question? The answer is because he sees so many head injuries from bicycle wrecks! You can fall and break a wrist, and six weeks later, you are stronger than ever! If you fall and injure your brain, it may take months to recover, or you might not recover at all! The brain needs to be protected at all cost!

So does your salvation! The soldier's helmet in Bible times had one purpose: to protect the soldier from head wounds. It was generally made of thick leather, and it sometimes had a metal plate or even an iron shell. Why wear it? Because good, clear perspective is priceless on battlefield! Head and eyes are the centerpiece. A soldier must be alert and ready for the enemy!

Our families are in a battle for our souls and we need to be able to see and think clearly while fighting for Jesus! And Paul, while describing the whole armor of God in Ephesians 6, tells us to keep that helmet on! It's the helmet of salvation. We must protect the greatest asset and gift we have! Why? Because Satan shoots the darts at our head to kill and destroy us. The fiery arrows mentioned in Ephesians 6:16 are trying to destroy our confidence, our perspective, and our security. He's trying to get into our heads with doubt, discouragement, discontentment, and devastations. The helmet of salvation helps us stay the course, to keep fighting. It is our security! If Satan kills our salvation, he kills us! Keep that helmet on!!

PRAYER: Father, please give us strength and courage to keep and maintain our salvation!