1—NEED A LIGHT?

Take yourself to Psalm 119:105.

It was a cold night in early September, and Jan sat shivering in the tent. Oh man, she thought, I really have to go to the bathroom! Unfortunately, on this hastily planned camping trip, no one had thought to bring a flashlight. Finally, though, Jan could stand it no longer.

“I can’t wait for daylight,” she said aloud as she got up quickly and stumbled out of the tent. However, as careful as she was during her daring trip to find the camp bathrooms, she stumbled and tripped, got mixed up in her direction and actually ended up back at the tent, where she finally gave up hope completely—and ended up using a poison oak bush for a restroom, which explains why she is not at school today.

And all because she didn’t have a flashlight!

More important than a flashlight on a camping trip is God’s Word. When has God’s Word shown you the truth and comforted you?

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How can you comfort others with what you have learned this week?

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SESSION 10: GO BY THE BOOK
2—ON THE WALL

Head into Deuteronomy 11:18-21.

You can tell a lot about a person by what they put on the walls in their room. We surround ourselves with the things that are important to us. What is on the walls of your bedroom or the walls of friends? Pictures of friends and family? Maybe posters of celebrities, sports heroes, music groups or solo artists? Perhaps you have even decorated your room with trophies and ribbons you’ve won from various events and activities.

God wants us to make His Word important to us, too. Why? Because it guides us in decision making, reminds us of His love for us and teaches us about who He is.

Find a Bible verse that has stuck in your mind and heart from these past few lessons and make a poster out of it for your room. Use lots of color and be creative!!

3—PUT ON YOUR GEAR

Read Ephesians 6:10-18.

In the past, a coat of armor was critical for soldiers in battle—both for the sake of protection (the defense) and for attacking the enemy (the offense). Think of football pads! In the passage you have just read, Paul described Christians as people wearing armor in a battle, with each piece of armor being a different part of the Christian life.

What is the Bible—God’s Word—depicted as?

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Why do you think Paul chose this piece of a soldier’s uniform for the Bible?

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If you were Paul writing this letter to the Ephesians, what piece of a soldier’s uniform would you have chosen to represent God’s Word? Why?

Spend some time today thanking God for His written Word!

4—OPEN WIDE


“Scalpel please,” said Dr. Spurtenbludenguts to her assistant, Nurse John Doughboy. Now, Nurse John Doughboy was new to the surgical ward, so he gave the clamps to Dr. Spurtenbludenguts instead.

“No, no,” Dr. Spurtenbludenguts corrected the mistaken Nurse John Doughboy. “I need the scalpel. Let me describe it for you. It is a very sharp, knifelike tool that surgeons use to open a patient up. Without the scalpel, I cannot see what is inside this patient and correct the problem that is ailing him.”

“Aaaah,” said Nurse John Doughboy, handing her the scalpel.

“Now we’d better hurry up,” said Dr. Spurtenbludenguts, “because it looks like our patient is waking up!”

Like the scalpel in this story, God uses His Word to “open us up” and help us see what is wrong inside of us. While this is often painful, it is also very helpful so that we can live full and healthy lives as we seek to follow Him.

Has God ever used His Word to get you back on track? When and how?

This week, ask a friend or an adult you know about a time God used His Word in his or her life to correct him or her and help him or her through a difficult time. Make sure you share your story, too.