

Junior Discussion Plan

Year 2 Quarter 3 Week 1

Aim: To Introduce the Armour of God

Refer: Ephesians 6:11-18

The book of Malachi is the last book of the Old Testament.

We do not know when exactly it was written but most people believe it was written after the exiles returned from Babylon. The first 3 chapters have warnings for the people.

Read and comment on the following verses:

Chapter 1 verse 1-2, 12-13

Chapter 2 verse 7-8

Chapter 3:8-12

Chapter 3 and 4 tell us about something else:

Read Malachi 3:1 and 4:5

Now turn to Matthew 11:9-14

We talked last week a bit about why God did not destroy Satan straight away.

If He had, some of the other angels would have started wondering if maybe Satan was right, and God was not fair. They might have started obeying God because they were scared – not because they loved Him. God let Satan live, and let Adam and Eve choose, so that in the end everyone in the whole universe would be able to see how bad sin really is. Jesus came to earth to die for sin, to take our punishment. He also came to show how we are supposed to live; to show us how to resist Satan.

This term we are going to study the beginning of Jesus life and how He resisted Satan. We will also look at what Paul calls "The Armour of God" and how we can use it to protect against Satan.

Why is armour important for a soldier?

Discuss: Imagine you live back in the days when people lived in castles. If you received word that an enemy was coming, what would you do to prepare?

Discuss: If the TV or radio said a natural disaster was coming to your town (eg. flood, fire, tsunami, or cyclone). What would you do to prepare?

Look at pictures of different armour: What do they have in common? What is different?

Is Satan shooting us with an arrow or a gun? No – it is what the Bible calls a spiritual battle.

Read Ephesians 6:12

2 Corinthians 10:3-4

Over the next few weeks we will take a look at each part of God's armour.

In what ways does Satan attack us?