

Friends Club

Battle Stations

Additional Project Ideas

Take the test. Have the girls take a spiritual gifts test. A great test is available online for free - <http://youth.ag.org/discipleship/> - then click on the "Spiritual Gift Testing" link at the top of the page. Have the girls share their giftings with the club. Talk about how these giftings will help as a soldier in God's army. Talk about how these giftings work under the five mandates that apply to all soldiers in God's army: 1) defend the gospel; 2) be self-controlled; 3) suffer rejection for Christ; 4) persevere; and 5) recruit others. Discuss how different girls giftings in the club compliment each other.

Keep a Journal. Have the girls keep a journal of their devotional time throughout the unit. Have each girl keep track of how often she has devotional time, how long she spends, what she does, and what she learned. Encourage the girls to be faithful in their devotional time. Encourage the girls to spend time every day (even if only for a few minutes). Each week, talk about different ways to spend time with the Lord. Suggest books, study a book of the Bible together during the unit and take time to talk briefly before each club meeting, or let the girls take turns sharing short devotionals (coming from their own devotion time) at the beginning or end of each club meeting.

Write an article. Have the girls write a magazine article (as if appearing in a fashion magazine) advertising the armor found in Ephesians 6:10-18. Have the girls talk about the virtues of each piece of armor. Encourage them to illustrate their article and share it with the group.

Memorize it. Have the girls memorize Ephesians 6:10-18. Assign each girl (or a small team of girls) a piece of armor to focus on. Allow the girls to help teach "What's My Battle Plan? (Part 1&2)." Let the girls talk about the importance of the piece of armor they have been assigned.

Make a List. Have each girl make a list of people and requests she will commit to pray for each day during the unit. Have her track when requests are answered.

Pray about it. Invite an intercessor from your church's prayer team to come in and talk to the girls about intercession. Have her encourage the girls with testimonies of how the Lord has been faithful to answer prayer in her own life. Before she leaves, have her lead the girls in prayer and encourage the girls to lead out in praying for one another.

Resource Ideas

- *The Bondage Breaker, Youth Edition* by Dave Park & Neil Anderson, Harvest House, 2006.
- *My Prayer Journal* by Karen Hill, Thomas Nelson, 2007.
- *Battle Cry for My Generation: The Fight to Save Our Friends* by Ron Luce & David C. Cook, 2006.

Additional Discussion Questions

Discovery #1

- What does the battle look like for you on a daily basis?
- What does it mean that the "battle is not against flesh and blood"?
- What is at stake in the battle?

Discovery #2

- What can you do to help prepare yourself for battle?
- How does being self-controlled help you in battle?
- How can you be sensitive to the Holy Spirit?

Discovery #3

- What does it look like for you to be a soldier?
- What are some of the gifting you have that can help you fight the battle?
- What should you do if people make fun of you for being a Christian?
What should your reaction be?

Discovery #4

- How can you prepare for battle?
- How can you help those around you prepare for battle?
- What role do truth, righteousness, readiness, and faith have to do with having a battle plan?

Discovery #5

- What have you learned about preparing for battle?
- What can we learn from David?
- What do faith and boldness have to do with having a battle plan?

Discovery #6

- What do you think heaven will be like?
- How will heaven be a reward for believers?
- How does knowing about heaven affect how you fight spiritual battles today?