

# God's Provision for the Battle (9/18/22)

**Main Verses:** Revelation 12:7-12

**Key Verse:** Revelation 12:11

**'Takeaway':** Even though Christians can feel scared in the spiritual battle to which God has called us, we can be encouraged by the weapons God has provided: Jesus' blood and our faith.

**Getting Started:** Have you ever seen a war? Maybe on TV or in a movie?



**READ** Revelation 12:7-12 (or have older kids help read).

Some **QUESTIONS** to consider:

Toddler/PreK:

- Are dragons real? What do you think the image of the dragon means in this passage?
- What does God give us to help us fight against evil?
- When we talk about the “blood of Jesus” what do we mean?
- What do we need to remember when things seem very dark & scary?

Elementary:

- What do you know about Revelation & how it is written?
- What battle is being described here?
- What does the “blood of Jesus” symbolize?
- How does God help us when we’re fighting against evil? What “weapons” does he give us?

Here are some **IMPORTANT IDEAS** we discover in these verses:

Toddler/PreK:

- Revelation uses symbolic pictures to help us “see” what’s happening in the spiritual realm. The cross is the turning point in the war between God & Satan.
- God helps us when we’re scared. If we know him, he is **always with us**. The suffering believers here didn’t give in.
- God gives us “weapons” to fight against evil: 1.) focusing on the victory Jesus already won through the shedding of his blood on the cross; & 2.) trusting God each day that, no matter what hard things we face, his victory means victory for us in the end.

Elementary:

- Revelation uses a great deal of imagery to describe what will happen when Jesus returns. This imagery helps us understand what is coming, & should sober us to be prepared for when Jesus returns.
- The “dragon” being thrown to the earth symbolizes the cross & the turning point in the war between God & Satan.
- The “weapons” God provides are **the blood of Jesus & our faith**. We should fight by:
  - Focusing on the victory Jesus already won through his shed blood;
  - Trusting God each day that, no matter what hard things we face, his victory means victory for us in the end.
- If we believe Jesus is the Son of God, who died on the cross, taking the wrath of God upon himself for our sins, who was raised from death on the third day, & who is now seated at the right hand of God - then we have the best “weapons” possible to fight against evil.
- God always helps us when we are scared. If we know Jesus, we are never alone. These suffering believers didn’t give in.

An **ENCOURAGEMENT** in light of God’s word:

(Toddler/PreK) Talk to God; thank him for always being with us, even when we are scared. Thank him that he provides for our spiritual battles: **the blood of Jesus & our faith**. Thank God that Jesus came to rescue us from our lives of sin thru his death & resurrection so that thru faith in him, we can know & love God.

(Elementary) Talk to God; thank him for the victory he has already won over Satan. Thank God for his provision for us when we face spiritual battles: **the blood of His Son, Jesus, & our faith**. Talk to God about your faith & your relationship with him. Admit that you are a sinner, living a me-centered life, & that you need to be rescued from that self-centered life. Believe that Jesus is your only hope for forgiveness, freedom, & forever. Believe that Jesus died on the cross for your sin, taking the wrath of God for you & that Jesus rose from death on the third day & is now seated at the right hand of God. Submit to Jesus & commit to following Jesus’ leadership with your whole hearts. If you pray in this way, or have questions about it, talk to a trusted adult.