

Shield of Faith

What You'll Need

- Several templates of the shield shape from pages at the end
- Sturdy cardstock or cardboard—one for each child—approximately 8 ½" by 11" (panels from cereal boxes will work)
- Heavy-duty aluminum foil—one piece for each child—slightly bigger than the piece of cardboard
- Permanent markers in various colors (be sure to have volunteers supervising these at all times)
- Tape, glue, or a stapler to fasten the aluminum foil
- Scissors or Exacto knives (adults only!)



What You'll Do

1. Trace the template onto the cardboard and cut out the shield shape. Depending on your participants and time constraints, you may wish to do the tracing or cutting ahead of time.
2. Give each child a piece of aluminum foil and help each child securely fasten it to the back of the cardboard shield.
3. Instruct the children to use the markers to decorate the shield. You may want to write out the word *Faith* ahead of time so they can copy it. They can add a cross design, the name *Jesus*, and colors to make the shield look interesting. Suggest they also add their name to the shield.

What You'll Say

Throughout history, shields have protected soldiers from lots of dangers, especially fiery darts. Those darts are a lot like Satan's temptations to sin. Help the children see how Satan fires temptations at them throughout the day. Then assure them that the Lord is their shield, completely surrounding them with his presence, protection, and power. Tell them to remember that truth when they look at their shield. Teach them this verse: "When I am afraid, I will put my trust in you" (Psalm 56:3 NLT).

(Note: If this is a back-to-school event, use your conversation to directly talk about the challenges and temptations students face in school.)

