

Armor Up: Back-to-School Bash

Ephesians 6:10–11 (NIV):

"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can stand against the devil's schemes."

Theme: *Put on the Full Armor of God – Ephesians 6:10–18*

Evening Schedule

Time	Activity
6:00 PM	Dinner and Fellowship
6:30 PM	Worship & Teaching with Jay – Overview of the Armor of God – Helmet of Salvation Lesson & Orange Object Example
6:45 PM	Begin Rotations (5 Stations, 5 Groups)
7:45 PM	Group Recap, Closing Prayer, Take-Home Cards

Rotation Groups

Group	Grade Level
A	Kindergarten – 2nd
B	3rd – 5th Grade
C	6th – 9th Grade
D	10th – 12th Grade
E	Preschool

Rotation Timing

Each group still rotates through **5 stations**.

Each rotation = 12 **minutes**

Start Time: 6:45 PM

End Time: ~7:45 PM

To avoid overcrowding and ensure preschoolers have a gentler pace, **Group E (Preschool)** will rotate on a *slightly offset schedule*, using the **same 5 stations**, but with simplified activities and dedicated helpers.

Full Rotation Plan (Including Preschool)

Time Slot	Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D	Group E (Preschool)
6:45–6:57 PM	Station 1	Station 2	Station 3	Station 4	Station 5
6:57–7:09 PM	Station 2	Station 3	Station 4	Station 5	Station 1
7:09–7:21 PM	Station 3	Station 4	Station 5	Station 1	Station 2
7:21–7:33 PM	Station 4	Station 5	Station 1	Station 2	Station 3
7:33–7:45 PM	Station 5	Station 1	Station 2	Station 3	Station 4

Notes for Group E (Preschool):

- They will rotate in **reverse order** to avoid crossing paths with the big kids at stations.
 - Assign **2–3 dedicated helpers** just for the preschool group (plus floaters as needed).
 - Station leaders will be reminded to adapt to preschool-friendly versions during Group E's time slot (you've already provided great simplified ideas!).
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Rotation Overview

Station	Armor Piece	Lesson Focus
Helmet of Salvation	Mind protection	I belong to Jesus
Belt of Truth	Emotional grounding	Truth helps me stay steady
Breastplate of Righteousness	Heart protection	I'm made right through Jesus
Shield of Faith	Deflect fear/doubt	I stand strong even under pressure
Sword of the Spirit	God's Word = weapon of truth	I fight back with Scripture
Feet Fitted in Gospel of Peace	Peace in chaos	I walk calmly with confidence

Final Notes for Workers

- Encourage. Smile. Stay flexible.
- The goal is not perfection—it's helping them understand they can walk into this school year **wearing God's armor**.