

## **For Children**

### **What to tell Children about defending against Satan**

Children for the purposes of this document are 12 years or younger.

Older children may still benefit from it though.

### **Stewardship of Children**

Parents are responsible for the spiritual and physical inputs their children have.

They are responsible for teaching their children how to deal with Satan.

They are responsible to monitor what their children see and do.

They are responsible to God for what they allow their children to see and do.

They need to set the example for the children in these things so that they are not hypocrites.

So, God asks: “what are you allow your children to see and do?”

Will it help them in the relationship with God or does it hinder the further development of their relationship with God.

You alone are stewards of your children so are responsible for what they see and do.

According to how important Christian values are to you in your life and how you relate personally to God will be example you give to your children.

If it is not good enough for you to do, why should they do it!

### **Who is Satan?**

They need to know who he is and what he tried to do to them.

God made everything you see and gave you your life.

He made you to be His friend and desires you to talk to Him and listen to Him as if you were talking to your close friend.

God does only what is good for you.

He has an enemy called Satan who wants to destroy you and stop being God’s friend so that when you die you do not go to the wonderful place called heaven that God made for you to live in after you die, but to Satan’s kingdom of hell where he does terrible things to you because He hates God and you represent something God Loves.

As you go through the day Satan is waiting to try and turn you against God so that you will follow him instead of God and be with him in his hell when you die.

Hell is a terrible place.

Think of the worst thing that can happen to you on earth. Hell is 100 times worse than that and that is what Satan wants to do to you.

Tell Satan to go because you do not want him or what he is trying to get you to do, so you will follow Jesus and end up in heaven where there is everything good for you that God made for you.

Think of the best thing that has happened to you on earth. Heaven is over 100 times better than that.

### **Delegated Authority**

To help us fight Satan and his attacks on our thoughts and feelings Jesus gave us His Authority over demons so that we could control them and fight them so that they would not lead us to do wrong things. This authority is used by us to fight Satan in what we call spiritual warfare.

As long as we command in Jesus' Name what Jesus wants us to do then Satan has to do it. So, when Satan attacks us we can remove Him using this delegated authority given to us over Satan by Jesus.

### **The Five steps for Children must be explained clearly to them.**

Children need to know how to get rid of Satan and the following five steps will help them with whatever he tries to do to them.

When they have a temptation or problem tell them to tell Jesus that you want to do what Satan wants you to do.

Tell them that The Five steps they are about to learn will help them fight Satan.

#### **Step 1**

Explain to them that God is all powerful, everywhere and knows everything and was not created so controls everything including Satan which means anything you give to Jesus He can protect for you and help you to defeat Satan attacking you in any area you have given to Jesus to protect for you.

As long as you give Jesus control of the area Satan has to fight Jesus and not you to use it against you. This is why in step one we give Jesus control of the area attacked or of any problem you need Him to help you with.

At times Satan may be behind the problem you face trying to stop you living like Jesus wants you to live or do for Him.

As long as Jesus is Lord of the area you will not sin. Satan tries to persuade you to give him back control of the area by asking you to do what he suggests you do and so remove it from the control of Jesus to his control.

So, when attacked the first thing you do is give the area or problem to Jesus to control as this means Satan no longer fights you but Jesus for control of it.

We give to Jesus all causes, results, problems and anything associated with what we are giving to Him to be in control of.

## **Step 2**

God will not hear your request if you are doing things He does not like you to do. The main ones are:

Not forgiving another person for the wrong they did to you.

The Father forgives you your wrongs against Him and expects you to do the same to others. Like you they are His Children and The Father wants you to treat them like He does you and love them like He does.

You may not like what they do but you are to love them as children of The Father in heaven just like you are.

Not wanting to relate in any way to someone you hate is the same as not forgiving them

The other thing that will stop God hearing you being free is doing something you know is wrong and not wanting to give it up. This means Jesus is not your Lord so that Satan still has control of the area you are still rebelling (sinning) in against God and if it is an area you want command Satan in you will not succeed because you are not obeying Jesus in that area.

## **Step 3**

When Jesus is Lord (in control) of an area you can use the authority Jesus has given you to command Satan to leave it so that He has to go because Jesus is now Lord of that area and Satan no longer has a right to use it as you do not want Satan to have anything to do with it.

## **Step 4**

You now ask Jesus to heal any damage Satan has done to you whether or not you know it or can see it as it may have been done where you are not able to see it.

## **Step 5**

You have a soul. Jesus likened it to a house. So, when demons leave your soul, they leave a vacant area. Jesus said to fill it so they cannot come back in and we ask The Holy Spirit to fill it and protect it as we have given it to Jesus to be in control of it.

Tell Jesus you are sorry for anything you did wrong and ask Him to be in control of it and to help you forgive everyone who hurt you and to help you to love them as He does.

Give to Him anything you do not want to do such as a wrong thing you cannot seem to stop doing.

Remember to give to Jesus all causes, results, problems and anything associated with what we are giving to Him to be in control of.

Using the Authority Jesus has given you over Satan, tell Satan to go to the Jesus as you do not want what He is wanting you to do.

This you do by commanding In Jesus' Name he leaves and goes to Jesus to be dealt with.

In Jesus Name, using the authority Jesus has given you, command healing and restoration of all the hurts Satan did to you

Ask The Holy Spirit to take the place of Satan and to help you to live as Jesus wants you to.

**Note:**

This is a simplified version of The Five Steps suitable for children. I believe Jesus honours the heart and not the words so their heart attitude will set them free and these words are just to help them focus that heart attitude.

**The Gospel for Children**

Children need to have a basic understanding of The Gospel and This is how I would explain the gospel of The Kingdom to children:

There is an area of the world we cannot see. It is called the spirit world. In it is God and His enemy Satan as well as all the angels that follow God and the demons that follow Satan. God tries to help people do good things while Satan tries to make them do bad things. It is you who decides who to obey: God and do good things, or the devil and do bad things.

You either belong to God's Kingdom or the devil's Kingdom.

To get into God's Kingdom and after you die,( the wonderful place called heaven) you need to do what God wants you to do. You must accept Jesus is God, was born into this world as a person, died and was bought back to life after He died by God and that God was His Father and not a man. You also need to obey Jesus (as He is God) and do what He says or at least try to. Jesus knows we will do wrong things but all He wants us to do is to try and stop doing the wrong thing you are doing and do what He wants you to do.

He will help you with any problems you ask him to help you with as He wants you to be with Him forever in heaven after you die and will do anything He can do to help you get there.

If you believe in Jesus, accept what He you to believe and do the things He asks you to do you to do, then you will be with Him forever after you die. If you do not believe in Jesus and accept what He asks you too and do not do the things He wants you to do you will go to hell where the devil is and where there is nothing but sadness, sorrow and pain as the devil is in charge there and he hates the Children of The Father.

You have to make the choice between God and the devil as no one else can make that decision for you.

### **You need to tell them they will face Jesus after they die**

Children need to be told that they will face Jesus and He will look at what they have done to see whether it was good or bad. He does not look at the results of what they do but at the way they thought when they did it.

If they knew it was wrong and deliberately wanted to do it then it is sin. If they did it accidentally not knowing it was wrong, then it was not deliberately done so Jesus does not call it a sin.

Sin is doing something they know is wrong or deciding to do something they know is wrong without actually doing it.

Remember that Jesus only looks at what you think as you do things and not the results of your actions

If they do not turn away from their sin (the wrong thing they are deliberately doing) and do not stop doing it but want to keep on doing it then they will go to be with Satan in hell where he will punish them.

The king you are obeying when you die is the one whose kingdom you will go to after you die. So if you are deliberately not doing what Jesus wants then Satan is your king and you will go to his kingdom, hell., when you die.

Wrong things are suggested to them by Satan which means they are following him if they decide to do them and not following Jesus. That is why they will go to be with Satan when they die if they do not stop doing what he suggests they do and do what Jesus says to do.

Satan will always try to get them to do the wrong thing. Fighting Satan by not doing what he suggests is called spiritual warfare which you need to know how to do if you want to defeat Satan.

It is called spiritual as we are fighting Satan and his demons we cannot see.

Ask them if they want to face Jesus and explain to Him the wrong things they did in their life.

### **Spiritual warfare for children**

Children must have explained why they need to do spiritual warfare (so they can fight the attacks of Satan who is trying to get them to disobey God and be in hell with him) as well as taught how to fight it.

It must be explained to them that Satan attacks them through:

Thoughts he places in their minds

Emotions and feelings he places on them

Feeling sin their body

Wrong desires in their heart

Satan uses other people to try and get you to sin by their telling you that everyone else is doing it when they are not. He is trying to convince you that what they are doing is allright even though Jesus does not want you to do it.

He uses television, video games and comics to try and get you to accept his way of thinking and doing things

His whole purpose is to make you think like he wants you to think so that he can control you through the way he has trained you to think or react.

God will make you feel uneasy (you will feel it is wrong) and have no peace if you are going to do something wrong and this is how you know Satan is attacking you. You may not think or feel anything but this lack of peace is a warning Satan is around waiting to attack you.

They need to understand the above before you give them examples of how to attack Satan

### **Examples of how to attack Satan**

The first thing to say is that steps two to five never change.

Steps three and four must be said even if softly as you are commanding Satan and not just thinking about commanding him.

The first step changes because that is the one that tells Jesus and Satan what you are giving to Jesus for Him to protect for you.

As an example, they could pray:

If they are thinking of doing something naughty, they can pray to Jesus like this:

*Lord Jesus, I have naughty thoughts.*

*I do not want them so I give them to you to help me control them and so that Satan cannot use them to make me do something wrong.*

### **Notes on using The Five Steps**

The first thing to say is that steps two to five never change.

Steps three and four must be said even if softly as you are commanding Satan and not just thinking about commanding him. This is why prayer never removes Satan as you are not commanding him to leave but asking God to do it when He says you are to do it.

The first step always changes because that is the one that tells Jesus and Satan what you are giving to Jesus for Him to protect for you.

As an example, if they are thinking of doing something naughty they can pray to Jesus like this:

*Lord Jesus, I have naughty thoughts.*

*I do not want them so I give them to you to help me control them and so that Satan cannot use them to make me do something wrong.*

*I give you the reasons I have them, the results of having them and everything else to do with them as I want you to be in control of everything about them.*

Then make certain they are not angry at anyone and have forgiven everyone as well as whether they are doing something wrong they do not want to give up as these will stop Jesus hearing the prayer .

Then proceed with steps three to five of the framework of five steps.

### **Children under the age of reason**

You cannot remove demons from non-Christian children or more worse ones will come back into their souls with the demons that left. You have to warfare for these spiritually and attack the demons suggesting them to be naughty and try to explain in a way they can understand why they are being naughty and the role demons have in this.

You bind the demons in non-Christian children and stop them from working in them until they become a Christian and you can remove them safely then.

In regard to children over the age of reason but under a legal disability such as the age they are considered an adult by your country;

You are still their guardian so can warfare for them but need to explain in greater detail the role of demons in the temptation for them to do wrong.

Children should be dedicated and given to Jesus when they are young as this will help in conducting spiritual warfare for them.