

City Nights

Youth.

DATE

October 22nd, 2025

SERIES

The Weird Stuff: Week Three

BEFORE GROUP

BOTTOM LINE:

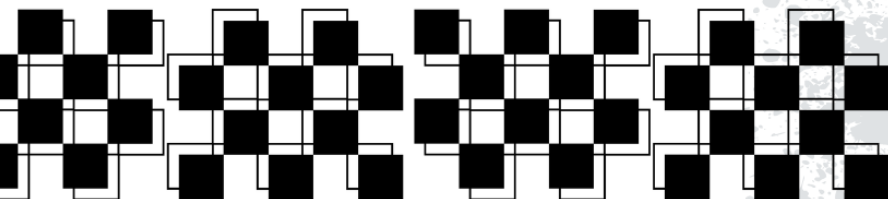
Even in a world filled with darkness, we don't have to be afraid because Jesus has already won, and His light always overcomes the dark.

SCRIPTURE:

- Revelation 12:9
- Hebrews 1:14
- Ephesians 6:12
- Colossians 2:15

GOAL OF COMMUNITY GROUPS:

Students will recognize that spiritual warfare is real but not something to fear, and they'll identify one way they can choose to live in God's light and strength this week.



THINK ABOUT THIS:

This week's topic focuses on one of the strangest and most misunderstood parts of the Bible: the unseen spiritual realm of angels and demons. It can sound weird or even scary, but the goal isn't fear. It's awareness and confidence that God's power is greater than any darkness.

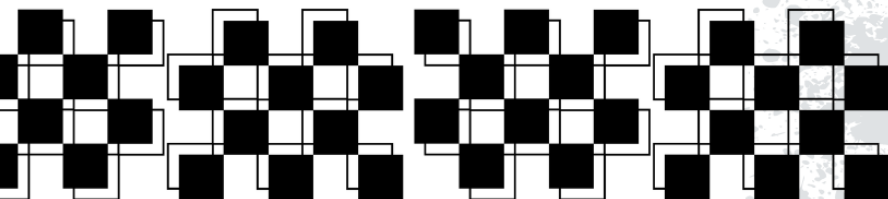
Help students see that Ephesians 6:12 reminds us our fight isn't against people but against spiritual forces that try to pull us from God. The Bible talks about these things to show us that while evil is real, it's defeated. Jesus has already won. John 1:5 says, "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."

Encourage students to think about how "darkness" can show up in everyday life, be it negativity, temptation, or hopelessness, and how God's light can break through those places. Challenge them to "put on the armor of God" daily by making choices that reflect His truth and goodness.

End by reminding your group that we don't fight in our own strength. God's Spirit is in us, His armor protects us, and His victory is already secure. Our role is to stay close to Him and shine His light wherever we go.

This guide is a suggestion, not a formula. Adjust the questions and activities as needed, and don't feel like you need to do, or ask, everything you see here. The goal is to get students verbally engaging, NOT to get through everything in the curriculum.

DURING COMMUNITY GROUP



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HIGH/LOWS & OPENING

Begin with highs & lows from their week after they introduce each other. Really take this time to listen and ask questions to show you are interested in their lives.

ICEBREAKER:

What is one irrational fear you have (try to keep this light!)

SCRIPTURE/VIDEO DISCUSSION:

(Some groups may watch the video to begin Group time and then break off into their smaller groups, and that's okay)

DISCUSS THIS

1. What's one part of this week's message that stood out to you or made you think differently about spiritual darkness and light?
2. When you hear about "angels" and "demons," what kind of thoughts or emotions come to mind? Why do you think those topics can feel weird or even scary?
3. Read Ephesians 6:12. What does this verse teach us about where the real battle in life takes place?
4. How do you see "darkness" show up in our world or in everyday life? What are some examples of how people get drawn into that darkness?
5. How have you seen God's light overcome darkness, either in your life or someone else's?
6. "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." What does this verse mean to you personally?
7. What does it mean to "put on the full armor of God" (Ephesians 6:10–11) in real life? What might that look like for a student at school, online, or with friends?
8. How can you bring that same kind of light into dark places in your own world?

