

The Right Tool for the Job

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for use as
STEP 1 

Lesson 9**Focus:**

God equips us to withstand the forces of evil.

Lesson 9**Bible Basis:**

Ephesians
6:10-18

Lesson 9**Memory Verse:**

Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. —Ephesians 6:11

Students will discuss using correct tools needed for various jobs and will discover that God equips us with the tools we need to withstand the enemy.

Materials:

- Internet access

Imagine I provided a spaghetti lunch for our class—and I gave you all scissors as an eating utensil.

- **What would it be like to have such an unconventional tool to eat your plate of spaghetti?** (Allow teens to share their thoughts.)
- **How does the tool you have affect the outcome?** (Allow several students to answer; opinions may vary.)
- **Have you ever been in a situation where you were asked to do something but weren't sure you had the right resources you needed to accomplish the job? Tell us about it.** (Be prepared to share your own experience to get the conversation going. Ask students to share what they did to “make do,” or if they had to abandon the project completely.)

Share the following video clip [0:34]:
Man Eats Spaghetti With Scissors
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RW4mFd8J734>

At first glance, this guy appeared to have a ridiculous tool to eat spaghetti! Who uses scissors as an eating utensil? But he knew what he was doing, came equipped with a tool he knew would help, and proceeded with confidence. In the end, he had a tool that helped him.

The right tools are necessary in order to be the most successful in completing any task. God equips us with the necessary tools to be overcomers in our battles against the enemy. Today we will learn what those tools are and how best to use them.

(Continue on to Steps 2 and 3 in your teacher's guide; your Step 4 appears below.)

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Materials:

- Index cards (1 per student)
- Pens/pencils (1 per student)
- Whiteboard or screen-shared document

The correct tool or equipment is important. When we choose to use the wrong one for the task at hand, we fail to get the best results. Lack of proper equipment can leave us frustrated and can cause us to quit trying.

➤ **How are our spiritual weapons of warfare like the tools we use for a specific task?**

List the pieces of spiritual armor on the whiteboard or screen-shared document. Ask your teens for specific day-to-day examples of when each of those pieces might be the correct tool or equipment needed; list their answers under the corresponding piece of armor as they respond.

Earlier we talked about the importance of using the right tools for the job at hand—remember the man who used scissors to eat spaghetti? It might have looked like the wrong choice, but it was the perfect choice.

➤ **What would happen if we tried to rely on our own strength to overcome the spiritual forces of evil?** (Help your students to see that it is impossible to resist the enemy apart from the tools that God provides.)

➤ **If God equips us with His armor, why do so many Christians live defeated lives?** (They have the armor, but aren't using it.)

Ask students to think of several temptations that they face personally (these could include temptations to lie, to bully others, to take drugs, etc.). Give them an opportunity to jot these down on their index cards. Next to each temptation they write down, have them write the piece(s) of armor that would best help them fight against the temptation. Challenge them to begin to specifically use the armor of God this week when they come up against these struggles—utilizing the right tool for the job.

Close in prayer asking God for insight and strength to practice using *all* the spiritual armor when being tempted or attacked by Satan.

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