

Puzzles and Lesson Review

Follow the steps below to review some key truths and verses from this quarter.

Gather

- Resource 56-R16.
- Pencils.
- Paperclips.
- Whiteboard and markers.

Steps

1. Make two copies of resource 56-R16. If you have a large class, make one copy per team. Instructions for using the spinner are on the resource.
2. Organize students into two teams. If you have more than ten students, use three or more teams. Each team comes up with a name.
3. Play a version of Wheel of Fortune. Use the following instructions.
 - Write the team names on the board. Keep track of their scores for each game and their ongoing total.
 - Make lines on the whiteboard for each letter in the phrase. The phrase for each round is included on the next page. Leave obvious spaces for word breaks.
 - Write "Used Letters" on the board. For each game, keep track of the wrong letters students guess so they don't repeat them during the game.
 - The team with the youngest student spins first. If the spinner lands on a numerical space, the team can guess a consonant. If the guess is right, the team gets the numerical amount times the number of letters. For example, if they spin 700 and 3 letters are revealed, they would get 2,100 points.
 - After each correct guess, the team can decide to try to solve the puzzle, buy a vowel, or spin again. A vowel costs 50 points regardless of how many of them appear in the puzzle. Take the 50 points away from the team's score for that round.
 - The bankrupt space wipes out the team's score for that round and ends their turn.
 - The lose-a-turn space ends the team's turn but doesn't affect their score.
 - The game ends when a team correctly solves the puzzle. Their answer must be perfect. If they don't get it right, their turn ends.
 - Teams don't need to spin first in order to solve the puzzle.
 - Keep track of each team's score after each round. The overall winner is the team with the most points from all the rounds combined.
4. After each puzzle, use the passages, questions, and commentary to review the key truths from this quarter.
5. Play and review as time allows. Close the session in prayer by thanking God for His valuable Word.

Puzzle Phrases

1. Puzzle phrase: THE ARMOR OF GOD.

READ: Ephesians 6:10–17.

ASK: *Why do we need the armor of God? Satan and his evil spirits attack us with lies about God, each other, and ourselves.*

Satan wants to destroy your testimony and render you useless to God. He lies to you so you might doubt and disobey God. The armor of God helps us recognize and reject Satan's lies.

ASK: *How do we put on the belt of truth? We expose ourselves to God's truth in His Word by reading it, studying it, thinking about it, and memorizing it.*

ASK: How have you put on the belt of truth lately?

2. Puzzle phrase: DRAW THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT.

READ: Ephesians 6:17.

ASK: *Why is the Bible called the "sword of the Spirit"? The Holy Spirit moved authors to record the Bible. The Spirit uses the truth in the Bible as an offensive weapon.*

When Satan hurls his lies at us, the Holy Spirit uses God's truth we have hidden in our hearts and minds to fight back. The Spirit will bring to our minds Bible verses that encourage us to keep trusting and obeying God.

ASK: When has a Bible verse encouraged you to trust and obey God?

3. Puzzle phrase: LIVE BY THE SPIRIT'S POWER.

READ: John 14:16, 17.

ASK: *How does the Spirit help us live for God? The Spirit reminds of us God's truth, encourages us when we are tempted to despair, and gives us boldness to stand for God and share the gospel.*

Every believer has the Holy Spirit. That means none of us has an excuse for not living for God. We need to respond to the Spirit's promptings in our lives and allow Him to control our lives.

ASK: When have you sensed the Holy Spirit was prompting you to witness to a friend or minister to a person in need? How did you respond?

READ: Ephesians 5:18, 19.

As we live by the Spirit, we will experience the joy of the Lord and the peace of God in our lives. We will learn by experience that following God brings the contentment and satisfaction we could never find by trying to live for ourselves.

4. Puzzle phrase: PRAY FOR FELLOW SOLDIERS.

READ: Ephesians 6:18.

ASK: Why do you need fellow believers praying for you? *We all need all the spiritual help we can get. God answers our prayers for each other.*

God gave us the privilege of going directly into His throne room with our prayers, including our prayers for each other. None of us, not even pastors and missionaries, are so spiritually strong that we don't need other people praying for us.

READ: Ephesians 6:19, 20.

ASK: Why did Paul, the greatest missionary to ever live, need the Ephesians to pray that he might be bold? *Because he felt the temptation to keep his mouth shut so he might avoid persecution and rejection.*

If the apostle Paul needed prayer, then we certainly do too.

5. Puzzle phrase: GUARD YOUR MIND.

READ: Romans 12:2.

ASK: What influences threaten to conform us to the world? *Forms of entertainment (movies, internet), video games, music, ungodly friends, and godless teaching in schools.*

Exposing ourselves to bad influences will conform us to the world whether we realize it or not. We need to transform our minds by learning and meditating on God's Word. God's Word will help us have the mind of Christ (Phil. 2:5).

We emphasized God's truth in His Word a lot this quarter because it's so foundational to our lives as believers. We cannot hope to live obediently to God without immersing ourselves in God's Word.