BIBLE STORY SHEET

(used with separate Map Activity Sheet)

READ the Bible story below, and ASSIST kids in drawing and coloring as prompted on the separate Map activity sheet. The story below is applicable to the K-1 and 2-5 Map activity sheet.

- In the first box on your map, I want you to draw a heart and color it in. As kids draw, SAY:
 - Even though you can't see it, there's a spiritual battle taking place between God and the devil over the hearts of each person on Earth. God is fighting for people to know who He is and how much He loves them. But the devil, His enemy, is evil and tries to trick us into believing lies about God.
- In the next box on your map is an angel, but it's missing its wings. So go ahead and draw wings on it and color them in. As kids draw, SAY:
 - The Bible tells us that the devil was a beautiful and powerful angel who once served God. But the devil was full of pride and thought he was more powerful than God. He even tried to take over heaven, but God threw the devil and his followers down from heaven. Ever since then, the devil has been making evil plans to trick God's people into listening to him instead of God.
- Now follow the road on your map to the box with lots of people. This is God's army. Pick your favorite color and use it to color in the blank person in the box. As kids color, SAY:
 - The devil may be sneaky, but we do NOT need to be afraid of Him. When you decide to follow Jesus, God makes you a part of His army just like you're coloring now. God gives everyone in His army powerful armor to fight anything the devil tries to use against us!
- Now follow the road on your map to the road sign that says, "Ephesians 6." (POINT to Ephesians 6 road sign on a child's Map) Beside the road sign are the pieces of God's armor that we can read about in a book of the Bible called Ephesians.
 - First, color in the belt of truth. (POINT to belt of truth on a child's Map) When we put it on, it makes us able to spot the devil's lies.
 - Next is the armor of godliness. (POINT to armor of godliness on a child's Map) Go ahead and color it in. What important body part do you think this piece of armor protects? (Our heart) Yes, it protects our heart and helps us make right choices!
 - Now color in the boots. These are the good news boots! (POINT to good news boots on a child's Map) These give you the courage to go and tell people about Jesus.
 - Next is the shield of faith. (POINT to shield on a child's Map) This piece of armor helps us trust God and block anything the devil tries to send our way.
 - Now color in the helmet of salvation. (POINT to helmet on a child's Map) What body part do you think this piece of armor protects? (Our head) Yes! We wear the helmet of salvation to help us remember that God will always love us.
 - Last, but not least, color in the sword of the Spirit. (POINT to sword on a child's Map) The sword of the Spirit is the Bible, and when we carry it, we have the power to stand strong by using God's words which defeat the devil!
- Each day, we can put on all of God's armor. Then we'll be ready to stand strong!