

[HOMEPAGE]

For families of junior soldiers

THIS WEEK'S TOPIC: In Opposition

MEMORY VERSE:

Psalm 33:11 (NIV)

"But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever. What he wants to do will last for all time."

The memory verse for the week is included on each HOMEPAGE. Help your child review it during the week.

PARENT POINT:

Talk to your child about a time you had to stand up for your faith. Brainstorm ways God can help during times of opposition.



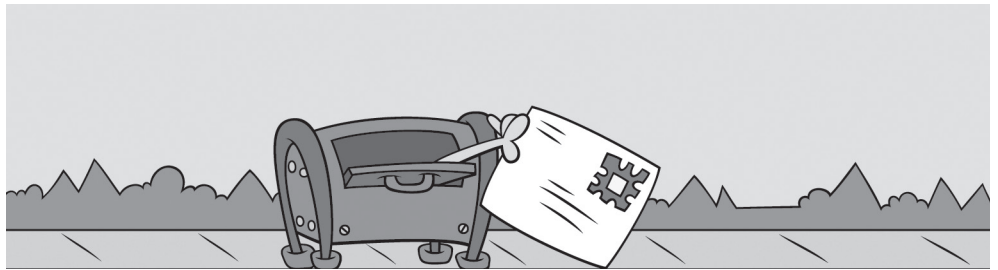
TODAY IN JUNIOR SOLDIERS the children continued the unit about how Jesus stood firm. The focus of today's lesson was the opposition Jesus faced during His public ministry.

Not only did He face individuals who didn't believe He was the Son of God, He faced groups of people determined to end His ministry. Through it all Jesus remained faithful to His Father and His purpose.

In the four gospels we read different accounts of how Jesus faced opposition during His public ministry. Today's lesson focused on four stories: the money-changers in the Temple, Jesus healing on the Sabbath, the woman at the well, and the woman about to be stoned.

In each of these stories Jesus faced a different type of opposition, but the outcome was always the same. Jesus taught the people about God, His love, and His purpose. Jesus taught the people how to treat one another and how to respect God and His laws. He knew what God's law was and what it meant. Even when people were trying to accuse Him of breaking the law, He followed God's will.

Jesus knew God had a plan for Him. He trusted God's plan and continued to teach even when people tried to stop Him. As Christians we must stand up for our beliefs. Sometimes it isn't easy to be a Christian, but with the help of the Holy Spirit we can stand firm in our faith, and do God's will.



INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOME

This lesson helped junior soldiers understand that Jesus experienced opposition during His life, but stood firm and continued to follow God's will and purpose for His life.