

Beware of Chaldeans

Focus We must beware of the Enemy's schemes so we can be free from bondage.

Fun Play the game "Two Truths and a Lie." If you don't know this game, you can find instructions here (at the top of the page): Two Truths and a Lie

Review Key Scriptures: Acts 13:40–41; Habakkuk 1:5–9,15

The Chaldeans were a cruel, conquering people group who lived during Old Testament times. By studying the strategies and methods of the Chaldeans, we can learn about how demons attack us, the followers of Jesus Christ.

- Demons are thieves. (Psalm 83:1–4,12; Matthew 12:43–45, Daniel 1:1–4)
 Chaldeans were wanderers who took over land that was not their own. In the same way, demons come after believers to defeat us and hold us in more and more bondage. We must fill our hearts and lives with the Word of God to stop this encroachment.
- Demons are vicious. (Habakkuk 1:7–9; Ezekiel 22:27; Acts 20:29)
 Chaldeans attacked their enemies when they were vulnerable. Like wolves, demons size us up, study our movements and wait until we are weak or isolated to attack us.
- Demons are cunning. (Daniel 2:2, 7:25; 1Peter 5:8; Revelation 5:5)
 Chaldeans were deceitful in their methods. Satan has organized his army of demons to relentlessly come against us to distract, deceive and undermine our future. Jesus, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, has defeated Satan, the roaring lion who seeks to devour us!

Group Dynamics Idea Ask people to give updates on group prayers that have been answered. This fuels faith and more prayer!

Discuss

- 1. In thinking about demons being thieves, what do demons steal from us?
- 2. How does filling our hearts with the Word of God keep the Enemy from stealing from us?
- 3. Wolves attack prey that is on the fringe of the group. How does being isolated from other Christians make us more vulnerable to attack by the Enemy? Do you know anyone who might be isolated? What can you do to invite them back into connection and relationship?
- 4. Think back to the "Two Truths and a Lie" game. Was it hard to guess which statement was a lie? Why is it sometimes hard for us to see the Enemy's lies for what they are?
- 5. In what area(s) of your life is the Enemy relentlessly attacking you? What is God teaching you as you fight this battle?

Take Home

As we conclude, remember the following:

- The Word of God is our weapon against the Enemy.
- Staying connected with Christian community helps us overcome when we are attacked by the Enemy.
- Jesus has defeated Satan and all of his army so that we can overcome any attack of the Enemy.

Pray

Pray for each other in groups of two or three about the spiritual battles you are now fighting.

New Leader Tip Occasionally send a note/email/text to thank those who are helping you serve the group. This communicates you value them and helps you remember how much you appreciate them.