

*Life toward God*

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## The Lord our Defense: Jehovah-Maginnenu

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### *Scripture*

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence. He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart. Psalm 91:1-4

### *Devotion*

Have you been called a name that you did not like? Or have you ever felt like you were being treated unfairly? Experiencing painful things in life may cause you to feel sad, hurt or even angry! Did you know that God cares about the hard things that you go through? He says in his Word over and over that he is your refuge (a safe place) and your fortress. He also says that he will be your shield and rampart. What do these words mean? All of these words help describe one of the names of God, Jehovah-Maginnenu, which means the LORD our Defense!

We, of course, need God to defend us when we are hurt by the words or actions of others. But, do you know our greatest defensive need? We need defense against sin's power to separate us from a holy God. Did you know that you have already received this defense? By the saving work of Jesus Christ, our sin no longer separates us from God! All those who trust in Christ are made right with God! Our shield and defender has protected us from the punishment that our sin deserves. Thank you, Jehovah-Maginnenu!

### *Questions*

#### *3-5-yr-olds*

Can you think of a time when the Lord protected you?

#### *1st-3rd graders*

Psalm 91: 4 says, "He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart." What picture of God do we get in this verse?

#### *4th-6th graders*

We will experience difficulty in this life. Strangers or friends may hurt us with their words or actions. How should we handle these hard experiences, knowing that God is our defense and shield?



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*Prayer*

Dear Heavenly Father, Your word says that you are a shield to all who trust in you. Thank you for being my shield and defender. Please help me to remember that you will strengthen me and help me in good times and hard times. We pray all of this in Jesus' mighty name. Amen.

*Suggested Hymns*

O, Worship the King  
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We Rest on Thee  
#449

