

# **Christmas in Narnia Series**

## **Lion of Judah**

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**Jesus is our...strength**

Strength. What does strength mean? It means how strong you are bodily or muscular. Lions are very big and strong. Just like in this picture. Do you think you could do anything to fight or hold off a lion? No because he is very muscular. Strength can also mean mental power or as we would call it brain power. Lions already know how fast they will have to run to catch a prey, right? They have out thought their prey. Did you know it can also be used to describe moral power (what you believe), firmness (how you will stand up to someone), or courage (will you stand up to someone)? If someone challenges your belief in Jesus will you stand strong on what you believe or will you be swayed to not believe in Jesus? Jesus is your strength. He is all you need to be strong through any of life's situations.

Let's look at some scriptures on strength:

### **2 Corinthians 12:9**

#### **Amplified Bible (AMP)**

9 But He said to me, My grace (My favor and loving-kindness and mercy) is enough for you [sufficient against any danger and enables you to bear the trouble manfully]; for My strength and power are made perfect (fulfilled and completed) and show themselves most effective in [your] weakness. Therefore, I will all the more gladly glory in my weaknesses and infirmities, that the strength and power of Christ (the Messiah) may rest (yes, may pitch a tent over and dwell) upon me!

10 So for the sake of Christ, I am well pleased and take pleasure in infirmities, insults, hardships, persecutions, perplexities and distresses; for when I am weak [in human strength], then am I [truly] strong (able, powerful in divine strength).

### **Psalm 18:2**

#### **Amplified Bible (AMP)**

2 The Lord is my Rock, my Fortress, and my Deliverer; my God, my keen and firm Strength in Whom I will trust and take refuge, my Shield, and the Horn of my salvation, my High Tower.

### **Psalm 27**

1 The Lord is my Light and my Salvation—whom shall I fear or dread? The Lord is the Refuge and Stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?

I believe...I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. (Philippians 4:13)

The first characteristic of a lion is strength. Did you know a lion can weigh up to as much as 450 pounds!

That's like how much five big dads would weigh! That's big!

And do you know what the lion is known as what? That's right! The king of the jungle! And that is what our Jesus is! Our king of our jungle! He is our strength! That means when we have big problems, we can take them to Jesus because He is strong enough to handle our problems.

Jesus is the Lion of Judah! Jesus is our strength! Can we give a big roar for the Kings of Kings and the Lord of Lords and the King of our jungle? ROAR!!!!

### **Revelation 5:12 Amplified Bible (AMP)**

12 Saying in a loud voice, Deserving is the Lamb, Who was sacrificed, to receive all the power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and majesty (glory, splendor) and blessing!

In Narnia, the kids were given Christmas Presents.

**Peter** Sword and Shield

**Edmond** Horse

**Susan** Bow and a horn

**Lucy** Nectar from the Fire tree and a dagger

## **Ephesians 6:10 -18**

### **Amplified Bible (AMP)**

**10** In conclusion, be strong in the Lord [be empowered through your union with Him]; draw your strength from Him [that strength which His boundless might provides].

**11** Put on God's whole armor [the armor of a heavy-armed soldier which God supplies], that you may be able successfully to stand up against [all] the strategies *and* the deceits of the devil.

**12** For we are not wrestling with flesh and blood [contending only with physical opponents], but against the despotisms, against the powers, against [the master spirits who are] the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spirit forces of wickedness in the heavenly (supernatural) sphere.

**13** Therefore put on God's complete armor, that you may be able to resist *and* stand your ground on the evil day [of danger], and, having done all [the crisis demands], to stand [firmly in your place].

**14** Stand therefore [hold your ground], having tightened the belt of truth around your loins and having put on the breastplate of integrity *and* of moral rectitude *and* right standing with God,

**15** And having shod your feet in preparation [to face the enemy with the **a**firm-footed stability, the promptness, and the readiness **b**produced by the good news] of the Gospel of peace.

**16** Lift up over all the [covering] shield of **c**saving faith, upon which you can quench all the flaming missiles of the wicked [one].

**17** And take the helmet of salvation and the sword that the Spirit **d**wields, which is the Word of God.

**18** Pray at all times (on every occasion, in every season) in the Spirit, with all [manner of] prayer and entreaty. To that end keep alert and watch with strong purpose *and* perseverance, interceding in behalf of all the saints (God's consecrated people).

## **Ephesians 6:10-18**

**10-12** And that about wraps it up. God is strong, and he wants you strong. So take everything the Master has set out for you, well-made weapons of the best materials. And put them to use so you will be able to stand up to everything the Devil throws your way. This is no afternoon athletic contest that we'll walk away from and forget about in a couple of hours. This is for keeps, a life-or-death fight to the finish against the Devil and all his angels.

**13-18** Be prepared. You're up against far more than you can handle on your own. Take all the help you can get, every weapon God has issued, so that when it's all over but the shouting you'll still be on your feet. Truth, righteousness, peace, faith, and salvation are more than words. Learn how to apply them. You'll need them throughout your life. God's Word is an *indispensable* weapon. In the same way, prayer is essential in this ongoing warfare. Pray hard and long. Pray for your brothers and sisters. Keep your eyes open. Keep each other's spirits up so that no one falls behind or drops out.