

Fight, Fight, Fight for the Lord

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I will fight, fight, fight
for the Lord

I will stand, stand, stand
on His Word

I will fight, fight, fight for the Lord
With my armor shield and sword

with the breastplate of
righteousness

The helmet of salvation

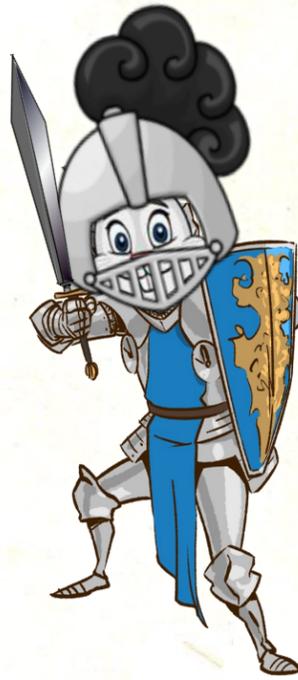
And my waist belted up
with the truth

With the Sword of the Spirit
and my shield of faith!

My feet will lead the gospel with
the Lord as my strength

The Lord as your what!?

STRENGTH! STRENGTH! STRENGTH!
STRENGTH!



Armor of God



Our Theme Memory Verse

**Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your
stand against the devil's schemes. Ephesians 6:11**

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Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.
Ephesians 6:11

Lesson 1 "Good vs Evil"

As Christian we have an enemy and his name is Satan. We don't have to be afraid because we have a hero and His name is Jesus Christ!

God and Satan are at war. Do you know what they are fighting for? They are fighting for us! Satan hates God and wants us to hate God too. Satan tries to get us to turn away from God by tempting us to sin. But God doesn't want that! He loves us and wants us to be with him. If we love God and want to be with him too, then we are in a fight, too.

Does it sound scary to be in a war? But we don't have to worry, because God is on our side. God is fighting for us.

God is our Protector and Helper and He knows what's best for us. (Psalm 121)

All we have to do is trust that God is in control. God is our hero in our war against sin, and when we turn to Jesus and ask for forgiveness from the things that we have done wrong, then we can begin to win against sin.

List 5 super heroes and their enemies	
Heroes	Enemies

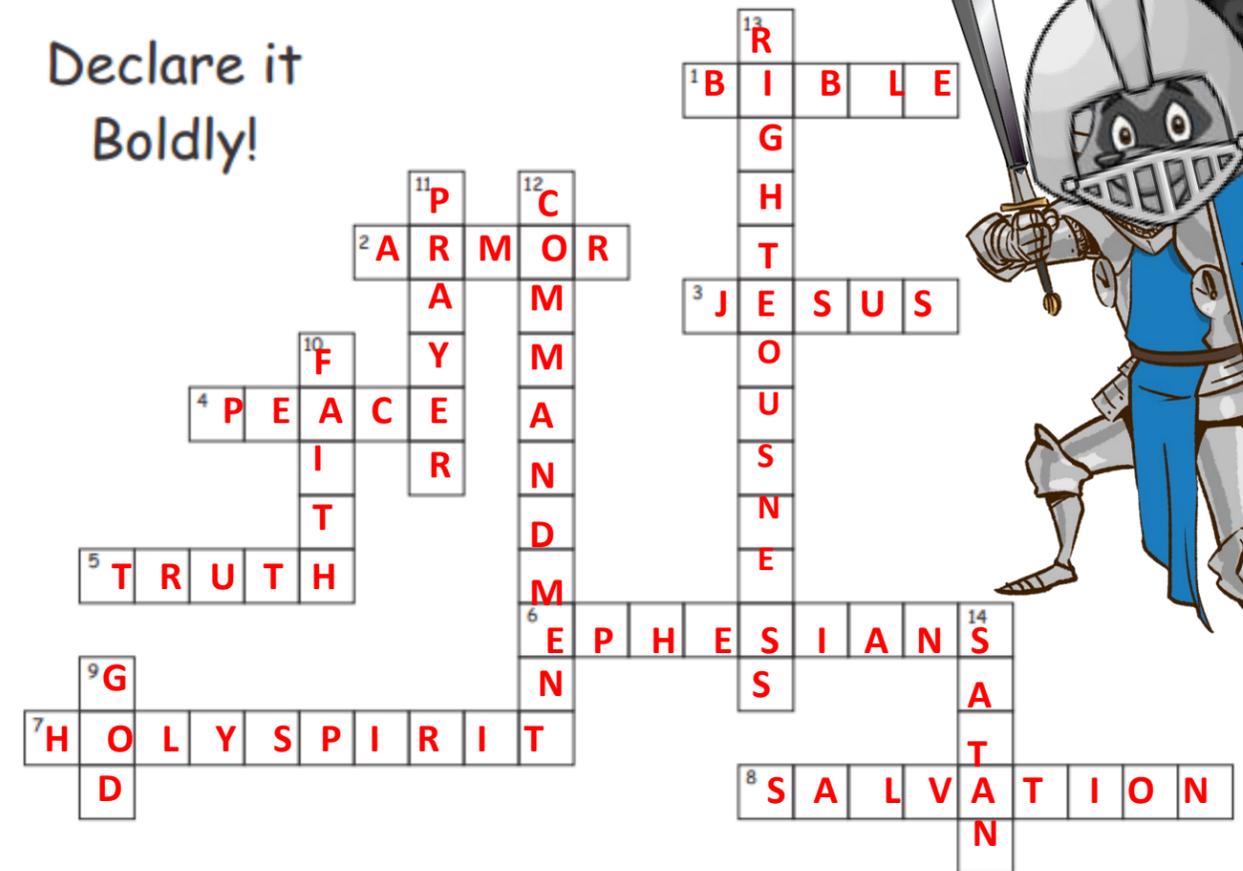
Examples of Spiritual Warfare in the Bible

(Group up and look up these passages and be prepared to share what you learn from the story with the class)

<u>Verse</u>	<u>What happened?</u>
Genesis 3	Fall of Man
Job	Job is tempted
Matt 4:1-11	Jesus is tempted
Acts 5	Ananias & Sapphira lie to the Holy Spirit
James 4:6-8	Resist the Devil



Declare it Boldly!

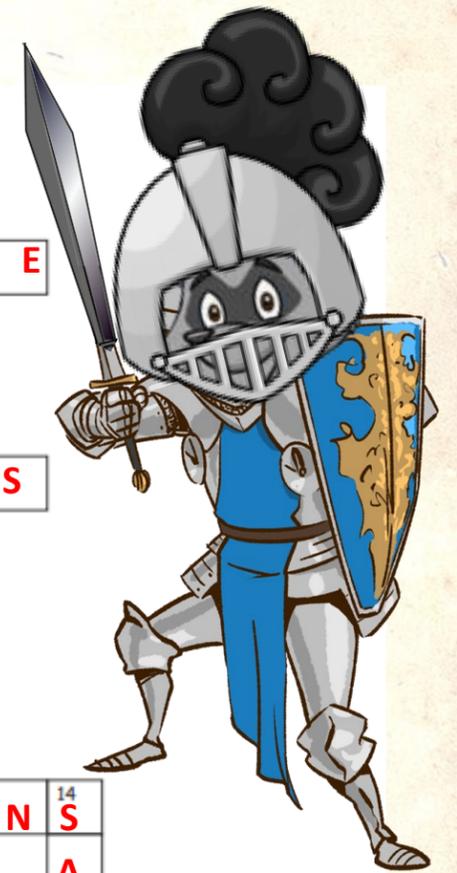


Across:

- The Sword of the Spirit is the...
- "Put on the whole ___ of God"
- With ____, we can win against sin!
- The Shoes of Readiness bring...
- The Belt
- The book in the Bible where we find the armor of God.
- The ___ helps us to speak when we declare our faith.
- The Helmet

Down:

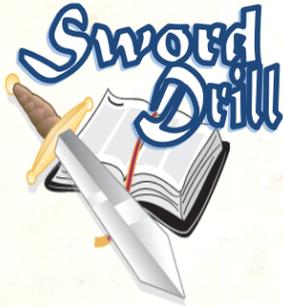
- Our Hero
- The Shield
- How we speak to our Commander, God.
- A law from God telling us how to follow him.
- The Breastplate
- Our Enemy



Lesson 9 "Be Bold!"

Now we are wearing all of our armor, and we know how to speak with our Commander, Jesus Christ. The last thing we need to do in our battle against sin is declare our faith boldly.

We are at war with...**SATAN**
God has given us **SPRITUAL ARMOR** to fight
Our Commander is ...**JESUS**
We communicate through...**PRAYER**



Look up **Ephesians 6:19-20** Ready, set, go!

"and also for me, that **words** may be given to me in opening my mouth **boldly** to **proclaim** the mystery of the **gospel**, for which I am an **ambassador** in chains, that I may **declare** it boldly, as I ought to **speak**."

Does it sound scary to start talking to someone about Jesus without knowing exactly what you are going to say? What are some of the reasons that someone might be afraid to share their faith?

Paul is not looking for a speech to be given to him to practice before he shares the good news of Jesus with everyone. What he is asking for is that when a situation comes where he needs to share about God, the Holy Spirit would tell him what to say in that moment. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God, the bible says,

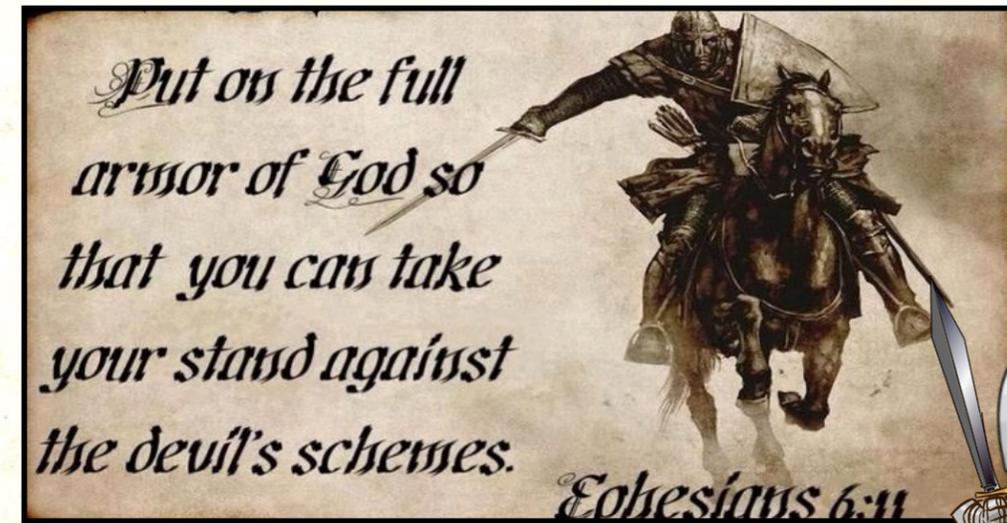
1 Corinthians 2:12 "Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God."

This means the Holy Spirit helps us understand the Bible and to share what it says with others. But we don't have to be afraid, because Jesus is with us whenever we speak!

Luke 12:8, "I tell you the truth, everyone who acknowledges me publicly here on earth, the Son of Man will also acknowledge in the presence of God's angels."

We want to tell others the good news of Jesus so they can learn to WIN AGAINST SIN just like we have learned to WIN AGAINST SIN with Jesus! Ephesians 6:20 calls us ambassadors. Let's be bold and share the Word of God with others!

Have any of you seen pictures of a Roman soldier? Why do they wear all that armor? It keeps them from getting hurt when they are attacked by their enemy. The armor of God will protect us when we are tempted to sin. Commit this verse to memory...



The Breastplate of Righteousness

Being honest, good, humble and fair to others. Standing up for weaker people.

The Helmet of Salvation

Believing Jesus died on the cross for your sins and rose again.

The Belt of Truth

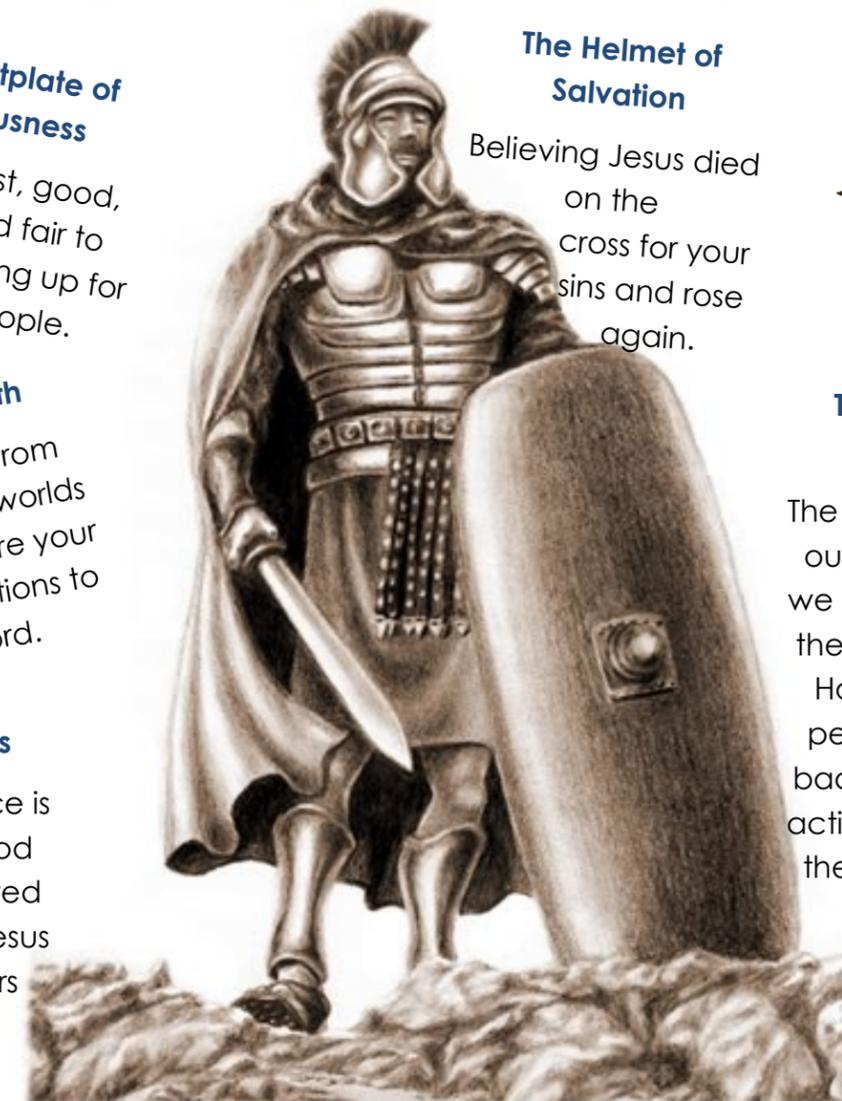
Truth keeps us from giving in to the world's beliefs. Compare your beliefs and actions to God's Word.

The Sword of the Spirit

The Word of God is our sword. When we tell others what the Bible says, the Holy Spirit helps people see their bad thoughts and actions and makes them want to be forgiven.

The Gospel Shoes

The Gospel of peace is being right with God and being contented in troubled times. Jesus said peacemakers were blessed.



Lesson 2 "The Breastplate of Righteousness"

Satan tries to get us to sin, but since we love God, we don't want to sin. We want to live righteous lives.

Who can tell me what righteous means?
Righteous means being right with God.

We are righteous when we follow God and don't let any sin into our hearts.

What does the breastplate protect?

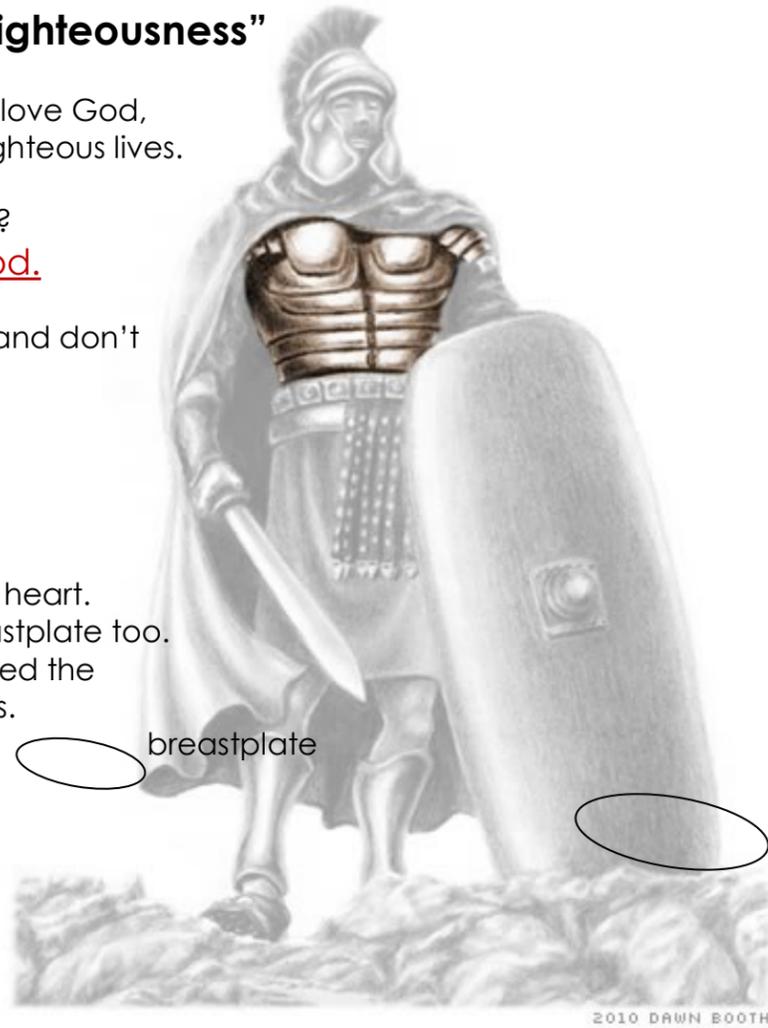
Point to the knight's breastplate.

The breastplate on a knight protects his heart. Our armor from God comes with a breastplate too. The breastplate we get from God is called the  breastplate of righteousness.

This means that when we put on the  breastplate of righteousness,

we are protecting our hearts from sin and learning to be righteous before God.

Now, is the breastplate of righteousness something we actually wear, like we might wear a jacket? Do we keep our breastplates of righteousness hanging up in our closets? No! So how do we put on the breastplate of righteousness?



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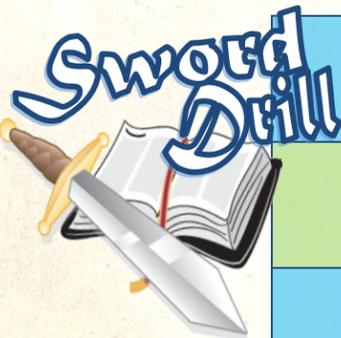
How do we pray?

We pray through the Holy Spirit. In Romans 8:26-27 the Bible says, "And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words. And the Father who knows all hearts knows what the Spirit is saying, for the Spirit pleads for us believers in harmony with God's own will." This means that the Holy Spirit helps us to pray. If you have asked Jesus Christ to forgive you of your sins and live in your heart, then his Holy Spirit will guide your prayers.



When should we pray?

Ephesians 6:18 tells us to pray all the time. Does that seem like hard work to you? If we are praying all the time, we wouldn't be able to go to school or eat or anything, would we? When we are told to pray all the time, this does not mean we stop doing things. It means we should always be thinking about God and talking to Him. We can pray for anything, at any time. Can you think of some things to pray for, and places to pray?



We pray for forgiveness of our sins

We read our Bibles

We do our best to do what is right.

Let's have a sword drill, a sword drill is when the teacher gives you a verse to look up and you try to find it as fast as you can!.

Look up Psalm 119:9-11 What do these verses have to do with righteousness?



Five Finger Prayer

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

5 _____

Lesson 8 "Our Battle Plan"



Over the past several weeks, we have discovered that we are at war with Satan. We have also learned that God has given us the tools we need to stand firm in this war. But what we have yet to learn is how exactly we are to fight.

Raise your hand if you have ever played on a sports team. Now when you compete, does your coach let you go out and do whatever you want? No, your coach will give you instructions, a game plan. He will tell you what you need to do in order to win. Jesus Christ does the same this with us. Like any good commander will do for his troops, Christ has given us a battle plan. Can anybody guess what that is?

PRAYER!!!

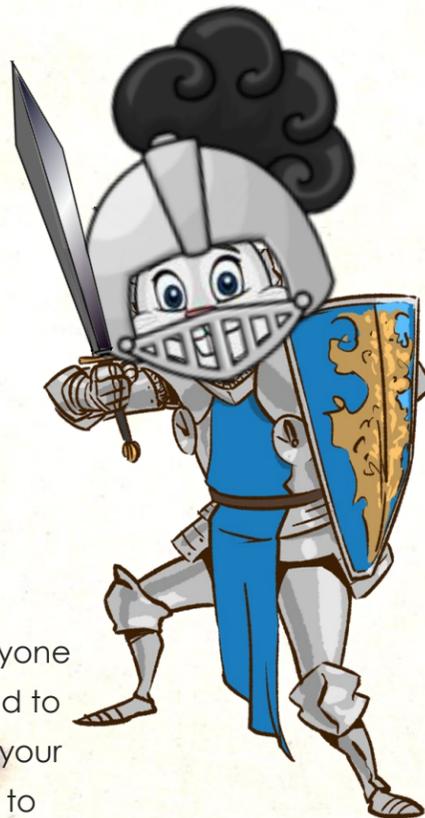
Prayer is talking to God. What are some things to pray for? The Bible tells us that it's okay to pray for everything. In Philippians 4:6 it says, "Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done."

But how do we know that God hears us? Let's do a sword drill to find out.

Look up **Matthew 7:7** Ready, set, go!



"**Ask**, and it will be **given** to you; **seek**, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks **receives**, and the one who seeks **finds**, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. " God hears your **prayers** and **answers** them. When we **faithfully** pray to God, we can **WIN AGAINST SIN!**



Verse 9 talks about keeping our way pure. That means righteous. What do the following verses tell us to do to stay righteous?

When we seek the Lord with our whole heart, we keep his commandments, and we store up his word in our heart. We memorize Bible verses to remind us how to be righteous. When we do what is right before God, we are putting on the breastplate of righteousness. Now let's all practice our memory verse together. "Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil." Ephesians 6:11

I don't want you to answer out loud, but can any of you think of a time when you sinned? Think to yourself how you felt after you sinned. At first it may have felt really good, but after a while, you probably felt pretty bad, huh? That's because when we sin, we aren't wearing the Breastplate of Righteousness. This makes it even easier for Satan to tempt us to sin more. Remember, we make the choice to let Satan lead us to sin. If we work to put on the Breastplate of Righteousness every day, then it will be really hard for him to lead us into sin because we will be focused on following the commandments God gives us.

Guard your heart! Here is a prayer you can start and end your day with...



Lord,
I love you, I dedicate today to you. Please protect my heart from all the evil things in the world. Please give me strength to only do good things and to stand against the enemy when he tries to get me to sin. Lord, help me to stand up for those who are weak and teach others about you and the power you give us to fight our enemy. Help me to be strong like you.
Amen

Make a list of some of the commandments that God wants us to follow. Discuss that righteousness is not based on what we do, but on God's gift of the crucifixion to us. We follow his commandments because we love Him.

1. Love God more than anything else	6. Never hurt anyone
2. Don't make anything more important than God	7. Always be faithful to your husband or wife
3. Always say God's name with respect	8. Don't take anything that isn't yours
4. Honor God and rest on the 7th day	9. Always tell the truth
5. Love and respect your Mom and Dad	10. Be happy with what you have and don't wish for other peoples things

Lesson 3 "The Helmet of Salvation"

Today we are learning about the helmet of salvation. How many of you ride a bicycle, scooter, skateboard, or other fast things with wheels? Do you wear your helmet when you do these things? Why?

You have to wear a helmet so you don't hurt your head. That's why soldiers wear helmets too. They have to wear helmets to keep themselves from getting hurt in battle. As we have been learning, we are in a spiritual battle against the devil, and God has given us armor to protect ourselves. One of our most important body parts is the head, and one of the most important pieces of spiritual armor is the helmet of salvation.

Who can explain to me what salvation is?

Salvation is when Jesus comes in our lives and takes away our sins. He saves us from an eternity in Hell. Salvation is the greatest gift we could ever receive because it took Jesus Christ dying on the cross for us to get to go to Heaven. God is so holy that He can't be in the presence of sin. All it takes is one little sin and then we deserve to be in Hell, away from the presence of God. Jesus is the only way to get to Heaven. All we have to do is ACCEPT that we are sinners, BELIEVE Jesus Christ died for our sins, and CONFESS our sins to Him, then we get to spend eternity with God.

Salvation is represented as a helmet because it protects our thinking. We are confident that we will spend forever in heaven because God has saved us through Jesus Christ. Sometimes when we sin, Satan tries to convince us that God will no longer love us and that we are no longer saved. When Satan tries to make us feel like we have lost, we need to remember what Romans 8:37-39 says. (Have the class turn there, and a student read these verses.) "No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us. And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our



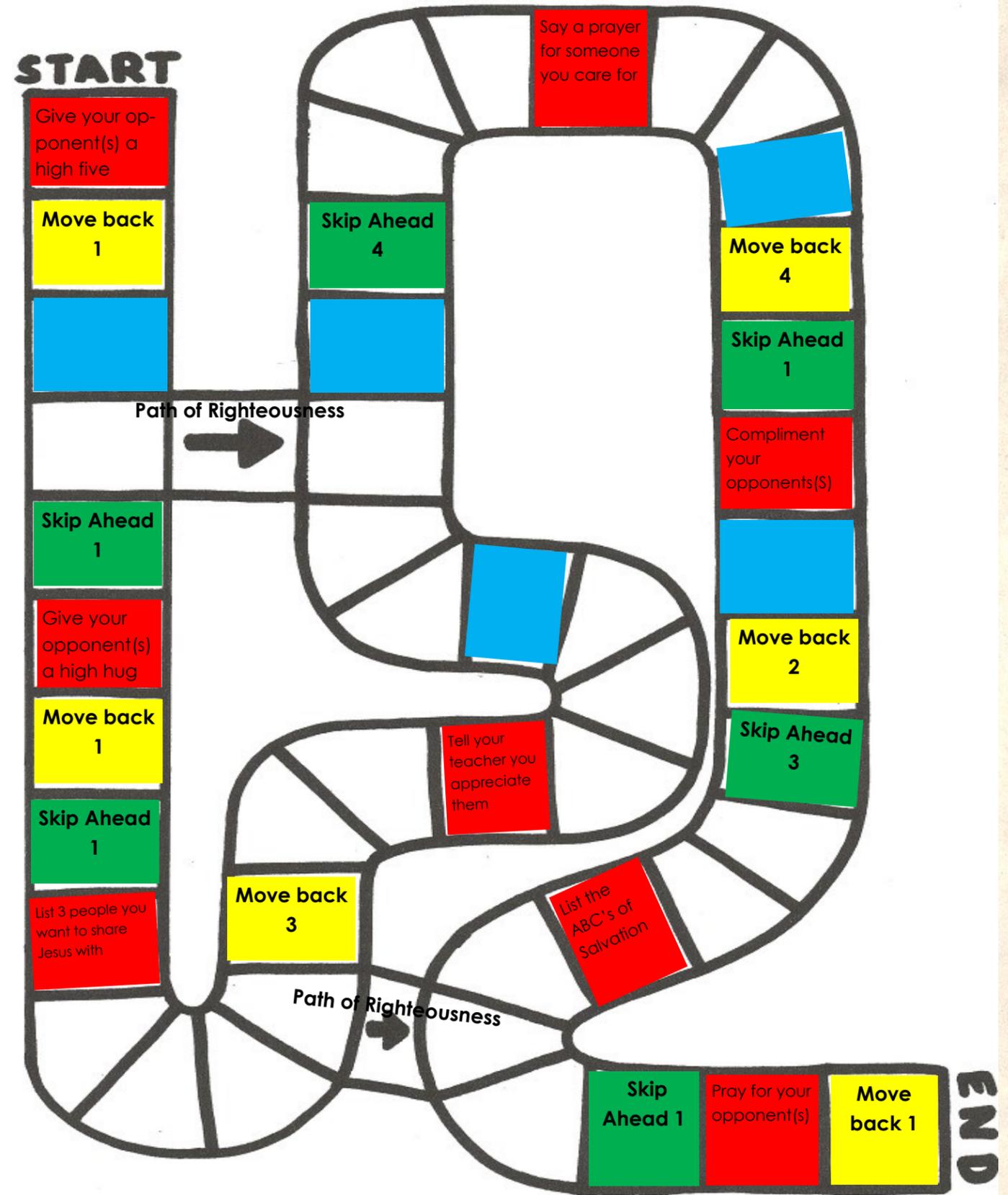
But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ
1 Thessalonians 5:8-9

worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below - indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord." These verses make it very clear that no matter what we do, after we put on the helmet of salvation, we are winners through Christ!



Walk the Walk

Play with 2-3 people. Roll 1 dice, move your game piece and follow instructions. First player to the "End" wins!



Lesson 7 "The Shoes of Peace"

When we put on these shoes and remember the gospel every day, we are able to follow Jesus instead of Satan and tell everyone we meet about God's love.

Why do you think shoes are included in the Armor of God?

* We are told to prepare our feet with the preparation that comes with the Gospel of Peace . What is the Gospel of Peace?

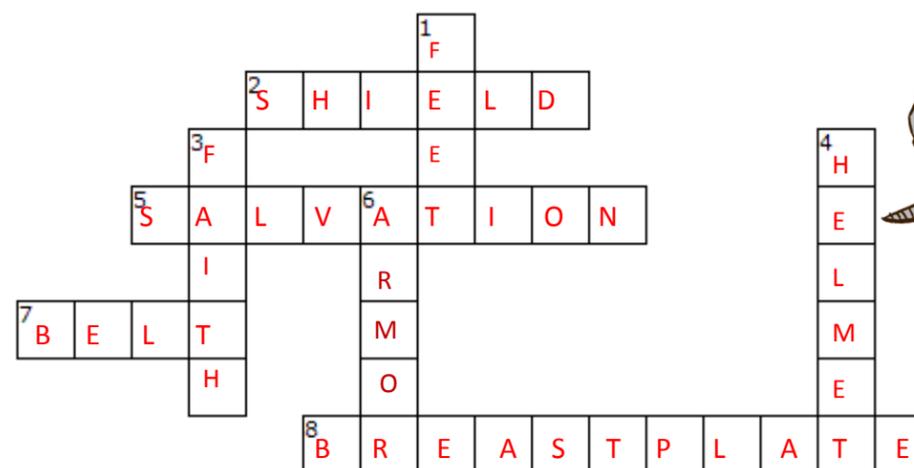
* The Gospel of Peace is that Jesus came and died on the cross for our sins and then rose from the dead and ascended into Heaven. This means that if we believe in Jesus Christ and ask Him to forgive us of our sins, then we can live a peaceful life without worry. We don't have to worry because we know we are going to Heaven. Why do you think we have to prepare our feet with this? Let a few students answer briefly. Our job as warriors for God is to let as many people as we can know about the Gospel. One way we can do this is to tell them about the ABC's of salvation. What are the ABC's of salvation?



The Armor of God

Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Ephesians 6:13

Based on Ephesians 6:13-17



ACROSS

2. A piece of metal carried to protect the front of the body
5. To deliver from the penalty of sin
7. A flexible band of leather or cloth, worn around the waist
8. A piece of armor that covers the breast

DOWN

1. The body parts at the end of the legs
3. Trust or confidence in God
4. A hard hat that covers and protects the head
6. A covering of metal, wood, or leather, worn to protect the body against weapons

FAITH	HELMET	BREASTPLATE	ARMOR
SHIELD	BELT	SALVATION	FEET

Salvation Prayer

Dear Lord,

I know I am a sinner and I believe you died on the cross for these sins and you rose again. Lord, please come into my life and help me to live like you. Help me to do good and resist the temptations of the enemy. Lord I pray I can be a light to others in a dark world. I love you, Amen.

How do I say "YES" to Jesus or help others to do so?

Saying "YES" to Jesus is as easy as A,B,C!

A

Admit that you have sinned and turn to God. The Bible says...
"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9

B

Believe with faith that Jesus died for you on the cross for your sins and rose again.

The Bible instructs us to...

"Say with your mouth that Jesus is Lord. Believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead. Then you will be saved." Romans 10:9

C

Call on Jesus and say "YES" to Him. Ask Him to come into your life, wash away your sins, take charge of your life and help you become the person He wants you to be. The Bible promises us that...

"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son. Anyone who believes in Him will not die, but will have eternal life." John 3:16

When we say we love Jesus, but then we don't act like it, we are not walking the walk. The shoes of the Gospel of Peace help us to remember to follow Jesus. When we are following Jesus and doing what he wants us to do, we cannot follow Satan, and we cannot do what Satan wants us to do. It is important to put on the shoes of the Gospel of Peace every day, so we can tell others about Jesus, and keep ourselves from following Satan.



Lesson 4 “The Belt of Truth”

The belt of truth is like a tool belt, it is where we store all of our knowledge of God.



Look up

Ephesians 6:13-14

The first piece of armor we read about? The belt of truth.

Who can tell me what a belt does? Belts hold up your pants and keep them from falling down, that's right. The belt of truth is more like a tool belt. What are tool belts used for? We use tool belts to store our tools when we are building something. The belt of truth is not something we can actually go to the store and buy.

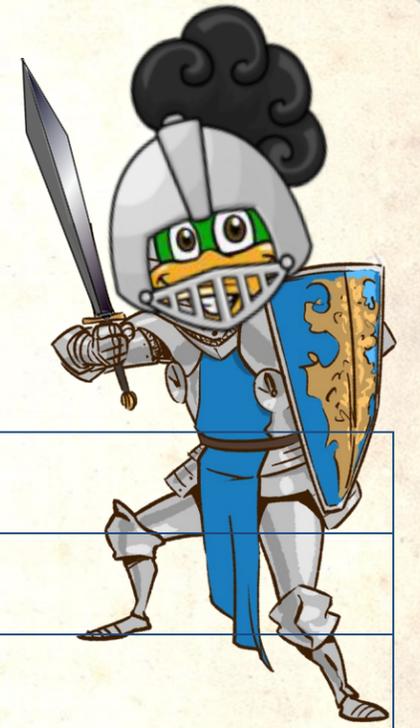


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God's armor is something that we have to learn to put on every day by learning new things about God and changing our attitudes, how we think about life and other people.

So when we put on the belt of truth, that means we learn about the truth of God and we keep it close to us, like we wear a belt close to our bodies. The belt of truth is kind of like Batman's utility belt. Everything he needs to fight evil in on that belt. Everything we can ever need to know to fight evil is the Truth, and we wear the Truth tight around us just like Batman wears his belt.

faith ^{IN} action



“Stand firm then, with the Belt of Truth buckled firmly around your waist...”

Truth is found in God's Word

Truth guides our decision-making

Truth is meant to be shared with others

Truth is essential to prepare for each day

Truth FREES US from the Devil's lies

Truth allows us to fight without being hindered

Truth SANCTIFIES and PURIFIES

Verse	Who	By Faith:
3	We understand	<i>The universe was formed at God's command</i>
4	Abel	<i>Brought God a better offering</i>
5	Enoch	<i>Was taken from his life and did not experience death</i>
7	Noah	<i>Warned about things not seen</i>
8	Abraham	<i>Was called to a place he would later receive his inheritance</i>
13	The People	<i>Longed for a better, heavenly place</i>
20	Isaac	<i>Blessed Jacob and Esau</i>
21	Jacob	<i>Blessed Joseph's sons</i>
22	Joseph	<i>Spoke of the Exodus</i>
23	Moses	<i>Was spared and helped free the Israelites</i>
29	The people	<i>Passed through the Red Sea on dry land</i>
31	Rahab	<i>Welcomed and helped the spies</i>
32	The Prophets	<i>Conquered kingdoms</i>

Lesson 6 "The Shield of Faith"

The shield of faith moves to cover our doubts and struggles. The more faith we have in our Lord, the less likely we are to be hurt when Satan attacks. It is also important to remember that our God is always faithful to us. When we take up the shield of faith, we don't do it through our own strength, but through God's strength.

Knights wear a lot of armor, don't they? It doesn't seem like there is any weakness in all that metal, but they still need to carry a shield. No matter how well protected a warrior may seem, there is always a weakness somewhere. All the enemy has to do is find the weakness and they will be able to take the knight down. That's why warriors have shields.

What makes the shield different from the other pieces of armor?

- The shield can move to cover weaknesses in a warrior's armor and keep arrows from piercing through. Great warriors know how to use their shield to protect them from danger. We need to do the same thing with the Shield of Faith.

Why do you think God uses a shield to represent faith?

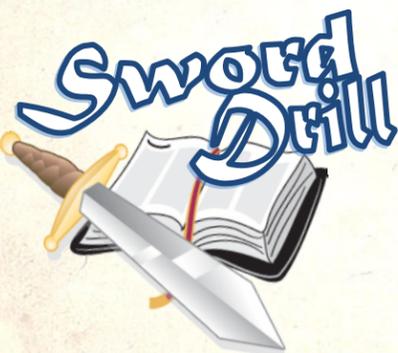
- Faith covers areas of our lives where we struggle with sins or where we just don't know the answer to a question.



Questions:

Circle True or False

- True or **false**: Polar bears live in the Amazon.
- True** or false: Jesus was born in Bethlehem.
- True or **false**: Birds live underwater.
- True** or false: Genesis is the first book in the Bible.
- True or **false**: The Bible was originally written in Latin.
- True or **false**: Moses built the ark.
- True** or false: In the painting of Mona Lisa, she has no eyebrows.
- True or **false**: It took God a month to create the Universe.
- True** or false: Jesus Christ died for the sins of the world.
- True or **false**: It always snows in the summer.
- True or **false**: Halloween is when we celebrate the birth of Christ.
- True** or false: The sky is blue.
- True or **false**: Jesus isn't the only way to get to Heaven.
- True or **false**: Libraries are where you buy groceries.
- True** or false: Disney characters Pluto and Goofy are both dogs.
- True** or false: Koalas have fingerprints.
- True** or false: Almonds are part of the peach family.
- True or **false**: Albuquerque is the capital of New Mexico.
- True or **false**: Los Angeles, California is the capital of the USA.
- True** or false: A cockroach can live a week without its head.
- True or **false**: Elephants have no sense of smell.
- True** or false: Camels can walk 100 miles without drinking water.
- True or **false**: The Bible was written by Moses.
- True** or false: In some countries, it is illegal to own a Bible.
- True or **false**: Roses are always red.



Look up Hebrews 11 Ready, set, go!

Together let's read about faith put into action!

"Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for..." Hebrews 11:1-2

To fill out the chart pair up and divide out the verses. Write the answers in your own words and share together as a class to complete the chart.



Truths about God

Jesus Christ is God

God loves us so much He sent His Son to die for us

We are all sinners and need salvation

Jesus is the only way to heaven

Lesson 5 "The Sword of the Spirit"

So far we have studied about guarding our hearts with the breastplate of righteousness. Protecting our minds with the helmet of salvation and arming ourselves with the belt of truth. Today we are given the most powerful weapon, the sword of the spirit! A sword is not just a piece of armor we wear, it is a weapon we use in battle.

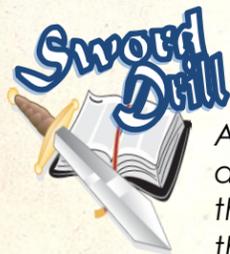


Why do you think Paul uses a sword to represent to the Bible?



Let's read a Bible verse to find out! To make this a little more fun, we're going to have a sword drill. A sword drill is a race to see who can find the Bible verse first. Everybody close your Bible and hold it in one hand above your head. When I say go, start looking

for the verse I say. Give me a thumbs up when you find it. Have the kids hold their Bibles above their heads.



Look up Hebrews 4:12 Ready, set, go!!!

After the kids all find the verse have a volunteer read it.

A sharp sword can cut through just about anything. When we use the Bible as a sword, we are able to "cut through" the things the world tells us and get to the truth. Sometimes TV shows, music, billboards and people can tell us things that may sound really good, but when we compare it with the Bible, these things aren't really any good at all!

For example, sometimes we hear the message that the best thing in life is having lots of things and lots of money. Satan tries to convince us that we need to work hard to get lots of money, but the Bible says to us that the most important thing in the world isn't money or stuff, but it is following God.

Did you know that even Jesus used the word of God as a sword against Satan? Can anybody remember when?



The Temptation of Christ (Luke 4:1-13)

1. Jesus fasted in the wilderness for FORTY days.
2. When Jesus was hungry, Satan told him to command the STONES to become BREAD.
3. Jesus said, "Man shall not live by BREAD alone, but by every WORD that proceeds from the mouth of God.
4. Satan said that he had the authority to give Jesus all the KINGDOMS of the WORLD.
5. Jesus said, "You shall worship the LORD your GOD, and Him only you shall SERVE.
6. Satan told Jesus to throw himself from the top of the TEMPLE and ANGELS would rescue him.
7. Jesus answered, "You shall not TEMPT the Lord your God.
8. When Satan left, ANGELS came and ministered to Jesus.
9. Because the first man, ADAM, was tempted and failed, we are all SINNERS.
10. Because Jesus was RIGHTEOUS, we are all VICTORIOUS in Him.

Today's memory verse: Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the enemy. Ephesians 6:11

Adam	God	forty	word	world
stones	serve	angels	bread	sinners
kingdoms	victorious	Lord	temple	tempt
				righteous

Jesus is the perfect example of a good swordsman. A good swordsman spends time practicing with his sword every day. He takes care to be sure his sword is always sharp. How do we keep our Sword of the Spirit sharp? By reading the Bible every day, and memorizing Scripture. With the help of Jesus, we can become expert swordsmen and we can WIN AGAINST SIN! Let's practice keeping our swords sharp by saying our memory verse with the motions now. "Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil." "Put on the whole armor!"