

Armor of God

"How to Win Against Sin"

Lesson 1

Our Enemy, Our Hero

Lessons from the Bible: Ephesians 6:11-12 and Psalm 121

- Satan hates God and wants us to hate God too. He tries to get us to turn against God by getting us to sin. God loves us and gives us the tools (**the armor of God**) we need to fight against Satan and WIN AGAINST SIN?

Open in prayer.

Lesson: Ask who has seen the Incredibles? (Or any other movies with a clear hero and villain, like Kung Fu Panda.)

- Who was the good guy?
- Who was the bad guy?
- Discuss the movie for a few minutes with the kids.
- Define that a good guy is the hero and the bad guy is the enemy.
- Do we have an enemy in real life? In real life, our enemy is Satan.
- If our enemy is Satan, who is our hero? Our hero is God, Jesus.
- Satan hates God and is always fighting him and trying to ruin things, just like the bad guys in movies. 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. **We are in a fight against sin**, because sin takes us away from God.
- 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. The Bible says that God is our Protector and that he won't let any harm come to us
- **Read (Psalm 121):**

The LORD Our Protector

¹ I lift my eyes toward the mountains.

Where will my help come from?

*² My help comes from the LORD,
the Maker of heaven and earth.*

*³ He will not allow your foot to slip;
your Protector will not slumber.*

*⁴ Indeed, the Protector of Israel
does not slumber or sleep.*

*⁵ The LORD protects you;
the LORD is a shelter right by your side.^[a]*

*⁶ The sun will not strike you by day
or the moon by night.*

*⁷ The LORD will protect you from all harm;
He will protect your life.*

*⁸ The LORD will protect your coming and going
both now and forever.*

- 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.
- Say this with me: **“With Jesus, I can win against sin!”**
- Since God is our Protector, He has given us something very special to protect us. The Bible tells us to **put on the armor of God**.
- Have any of you seen pictures of a Roman soldier? (Show picture of a Roman centurion in armor.) 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.
- Over the next few weeks, we will all work together to memorize a verse from the Bible.
- Read: Ephesians 6:11-12: ***Put on the full armor of God so that you can stand against the tactics^[a] of the Devil. For our battle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world powers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavens.***
- Spend a few moments discussing what it means. (Explain that a scheme is a plan, usually an evil one.)

Memory Verse: Ephesians 6:11 ***“Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.”***

Pray with the kids.

Craft: Armor of God!

Pass out the Armor of God coloring pages. As the children color and glue on the pieces of armor, you can briefly introduce each piece if you desire.

They may color, cut out and glue the pieces on, or use the colored pieces to just cut out and glue. Depending on how much time you have.

Take home coloring page – “With Jesus, I can win against sin!”

Activities:

Video: Full Armor of God Songs. Try any of these to help learn the Armor of God and hand motions.

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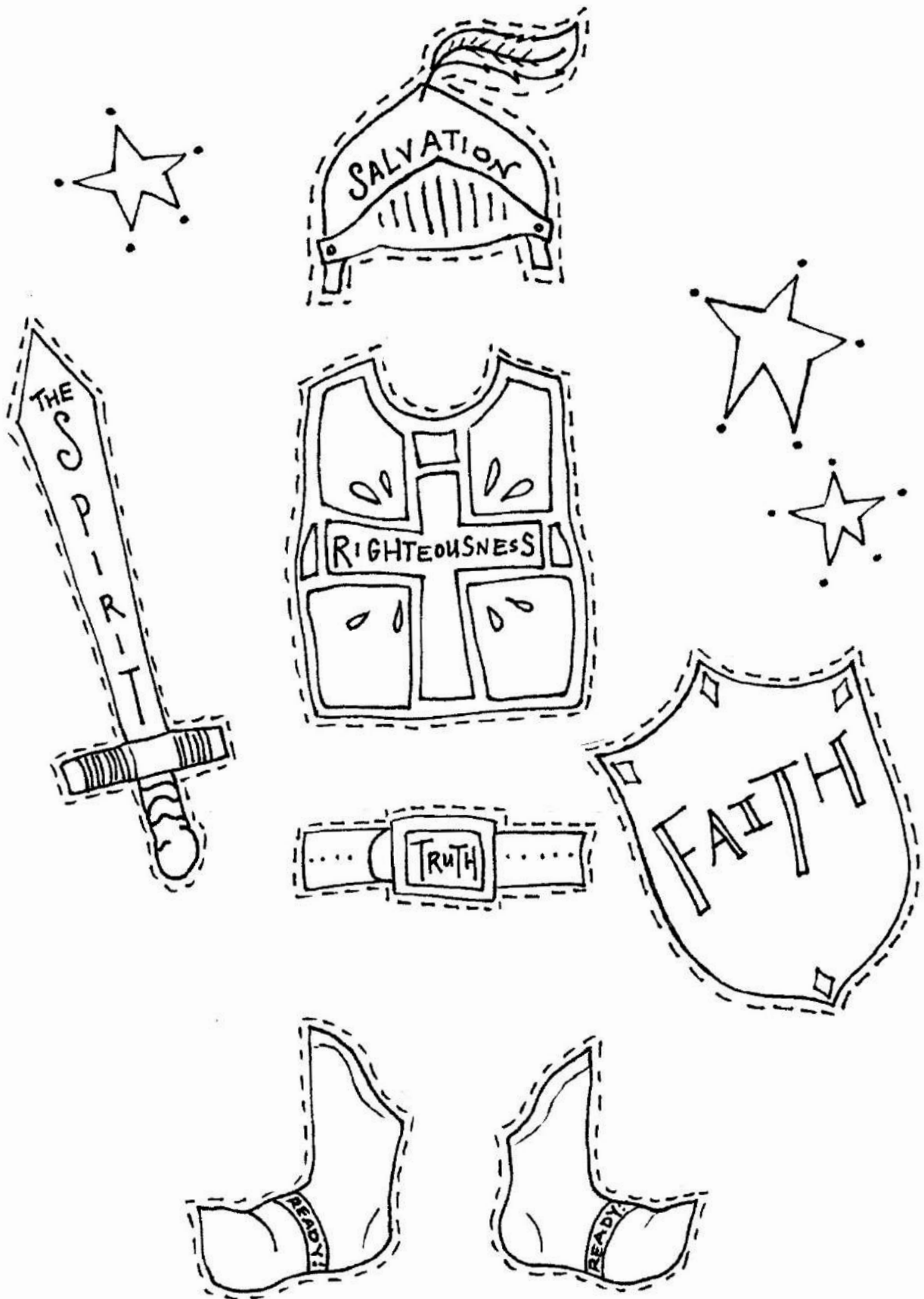
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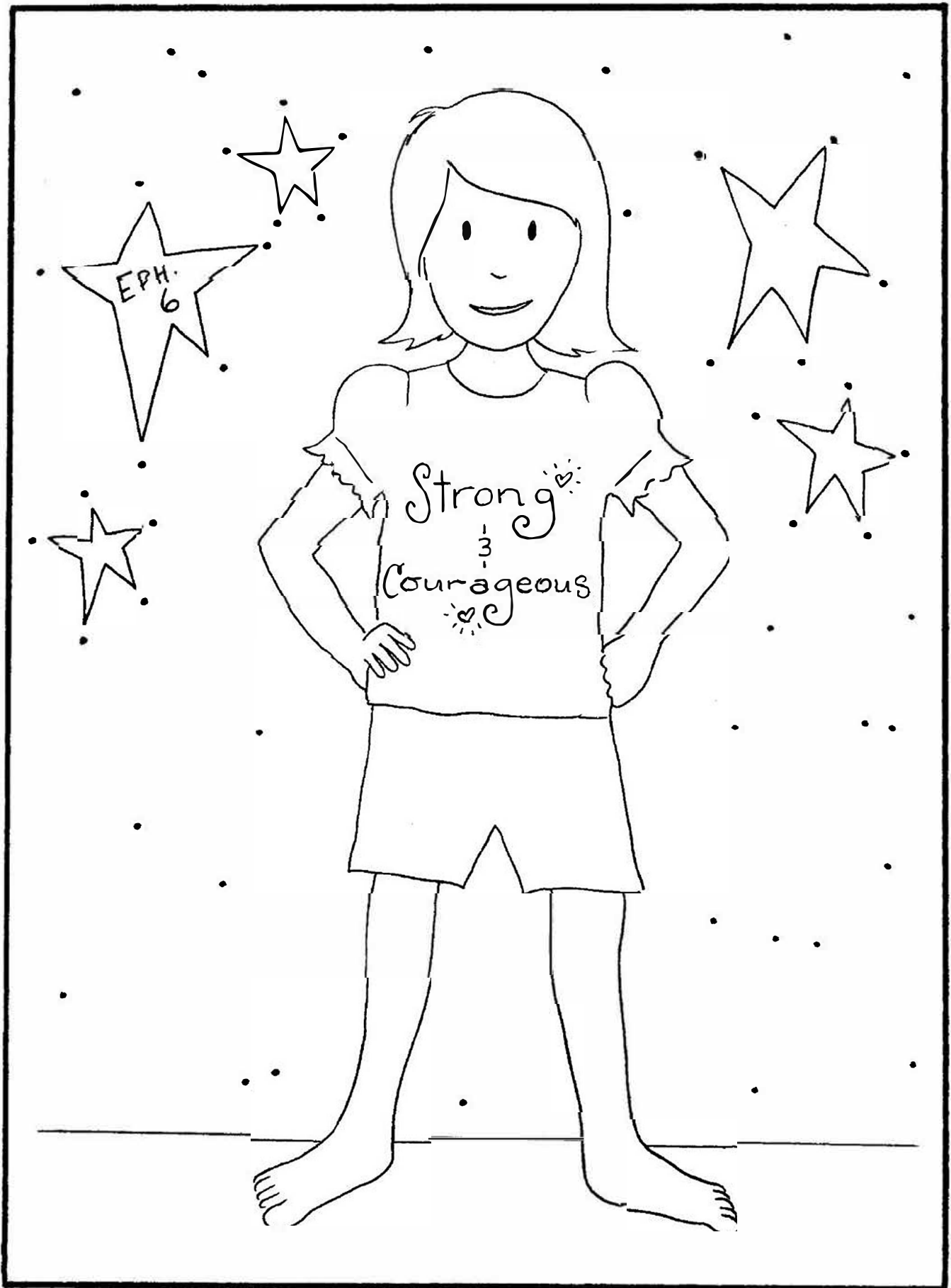
Veggie Tales : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DbCRbNelffo>

Feel free to take a picture of their art work or share how your activity went!
Post it on our Facebook page or share it on GroupMe. Have a Blessed Day &
Week! Until we can meet again

~ *Teacher Chrissy*

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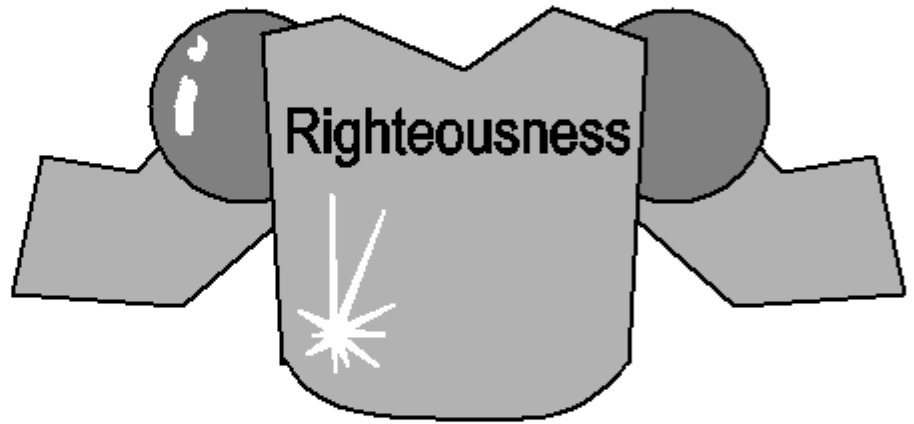
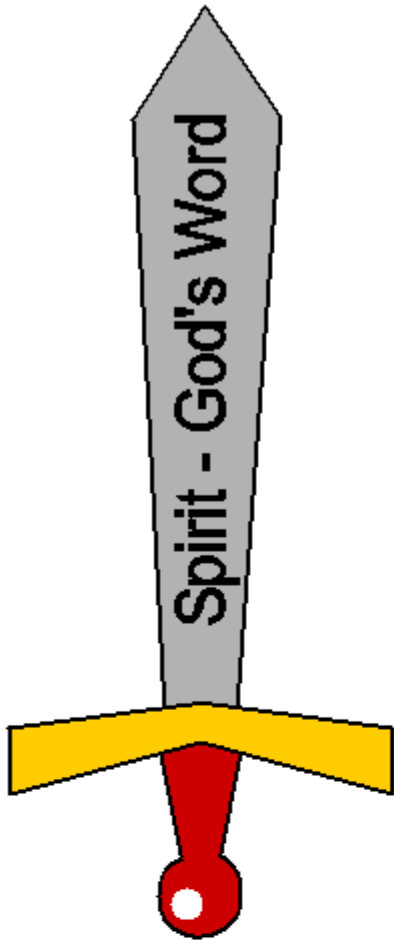




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With Jesus,
I can WIN
AGAINST
SIN!



PRAY!

JESUS
RULES!

