

Armor of God

"How to Win Against Sin"

Lesson 7

Sword of the Spirit

Scripture Reference:

- **Ephesians 6:11-18**

Ephesians 6:17b:

And take the sword of the Spirit—that sword is the teaching of God.

Who remembers what we have been learning about? That's right, we are learning about the armor of God and how to WIN AGAINST SIN! Say this with me: **With Jesus, I can win against sin!** Just like knights and soldiers wear armor to protect themselves from being attacked, we wear the armor of God to protect us from being attacked by Satan.

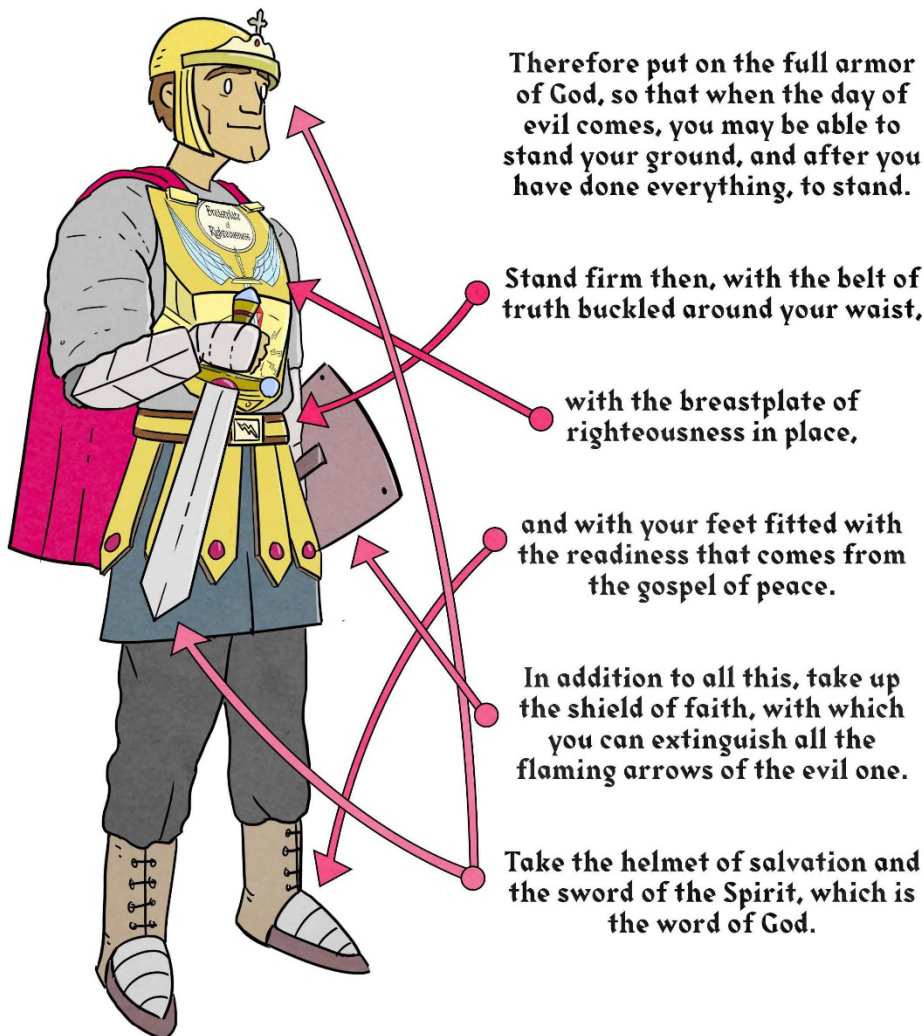
What other pieces have we learned about? *The Belt of Truth and Breastplate of Righteousness, The Shoes of the Gospel & Peace, and the Shield of Faith.*

Last time we learned the fourth piece of Armor. Do you remember what that was? **Helmet of Salvation:**

The Helmet of Salvation represents us knowing and remembering in our thoughts and minds that through believing Jesus died on the cross for our sins, we are eternally saved.

Ephesians 6:11-18 gives us a list of the pieces of armor: Belt, breastplate, shoes and shield, helmet and sword! This is the armor of our Lord. Much like the armor the soldiers or knights wore in battle. Here is picture of a Knight in his armor:

Ephesians 6:13-17 (NIV)



The sixth and last piece of armor is the **Sword of the Spirit** -

Who can tell me how a sword is different from the other pieces of armor we have been learning about? *A sword is not a piece of armor that we put on and wear. A sword is a weapon that we use in battle.*

We use the sword in battle against Satan.

Let's look at Ephesians 6:17 to find out what the Bible says about the Sword of the Spirit. "**And take the sword of the Spirit—that sword is the teaching of God.**"

This verse shows us that the sword we use is the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

What is the word of God? *That's right, the word of God is the Bible.*

- Here is God's word. (Hold up your Bible.)
- When you look at the Bible it doesn't seem much like a weapon, does it? It's just a book, isn't it? It might hurt someone if you throw it at him and maybe stop him for a few seconds, but it sure doesn't seem like a very good weapon. I think your enemy would just laugh at you if you yelled, "Stop, I have a Bible and I'm not afraid to use it."
- **But the Bible is very powerful.**
- It's not the Bible itself, but what is written inside. The words in the Bible are God's very own words. The Bible tells us that His words are quick and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword.

- Hebrews 4:12 - *God's word is alive and working. It is sharper than a sword sharpened on both sides. It cuts all the way into us, where the soul and the spirit are joined. It cuts to the center of our joints and our bones. And God's word judges the thoughts and feelings in our hearts.*
- Can you imagine using a two-edged sword against your enemy? Anyone would be afraid of that.
- Well, God's words are even more powerful and effective than a two-edged sword. God's words can change a bad situation into a good one in no time. It can stop a fight or argument faster than a fist or a sword.
- It's hard to have an enemy when we read and obey the Bible. The Bible tells us things like, "Love your neighbor as yourself" and "turn the other cheek." That is why we studied and learned the 10 commandments. Those are God's words that we keep hidden in our hearts so we can remember them when we need to.
- The Bible says that His words are a lamp unto our feet, and a light unto our paths. That means that God's words guide us and direct us. They tell us how we should live our lives and how we should treat others. They tell us what is important and reveal the Devil's lies. They keep us away from evil and help us to do what is right. Those are pretty powerful words.
- 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!

- God's words have the power to change lives. They are life. If we listen to them and believe them, we will have eternal life. Not an ordinary life, but a meaningful, powerful life. God's words give comfort, understanding, and hope, and can change people's lives.
- David also knew how powerful God's words are. David had been taught to love God and knew God's commands. He told Goliath, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied." He stood on God's words, his promises, to protect his people.
- So, what about you? Do you have God's words hidden in your heart so that they are near whenever you might need them to protect you, comfort you, or give you understanding? Are you spreading God's words so that others might know of his power and life-changing words?
- A soldier depends on his weapons to save his life. Do you depend on God's words? Are His words your weapon against Satan?
- *We must remember to: Put on the whole armor of God, that we may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil." "Put on the whole armor"*

Prayer

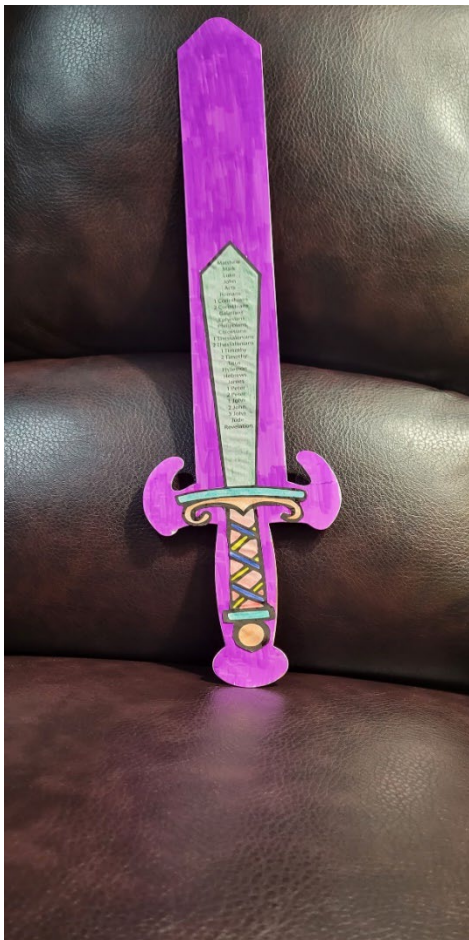
Father, we thank you for giving us your words that comfort us, protect us, and give us understanding. Give us the courage to speak our words so others might experience their power. Amen

Craft: Sword of the Spirit –

Supplies: Cardboard swords purchased from Oriental Trading Co. Books of the Bible Templates.

Markers, crayons, colored pencils, scissors and glue.

Sword of the Spirit Craft with Books of the Bible



Activities: Practice “Put on the Full Armor of God” Song

Video: Full Armor of God

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aG0zhy8sHzQ>

Sword of the Spirit Lesson

<https://www.worshiphousekids.com/kids-church-videos/104252/sword-of-the-spirit>

Video: Veggie Tales: The Little House that Stood Still

<https://app.pureflix.com/videos/405416998924/veggietales-the-little-house-that-stood-still?recommended=q%3Aveggie%20tales%20>

Feel free to take a picture of their art work or share how your activity went!
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Week! Until we can meet again

~ *Teacher Chrissy*

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