

Armor of God

“How to Win Against Sin”

Lesson 9

Review & Prayer - Talk to God

Scripture Reference:

- **Ephesians 6:11-18**

Wear the full armor of God. Wear God's armor so that you can fight against the devil's evil tricks. Our fight is not against people on earth. We are fighting against the rulers and authorities and the powers of this world's darkness. We are fighting against the spiritual powers of evil in the heavenly world. That is why you need to get God's full armor. Then on the day of evil you will be able to stand strong. And when you have finished the whole fight, you will still be standing. So stand strong, with the belt of truth tied around your waist. And on your chest wear the protection of right living. And on your feet wear the Good News of peace to help you stand strong. And also use the shield of faith. With that you can stop all the burning arrows of the Evil One. Accept God's salvation to be your helmet. And take the sword of the Spirit—that sword is the teaching of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times. Pray with all kinds of prayers, and ask for everything you need. To do this you must always be ready. Never give up. Always pray for all God's people.

Who remembers what we have been learning about? That's right, we have learned all 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.

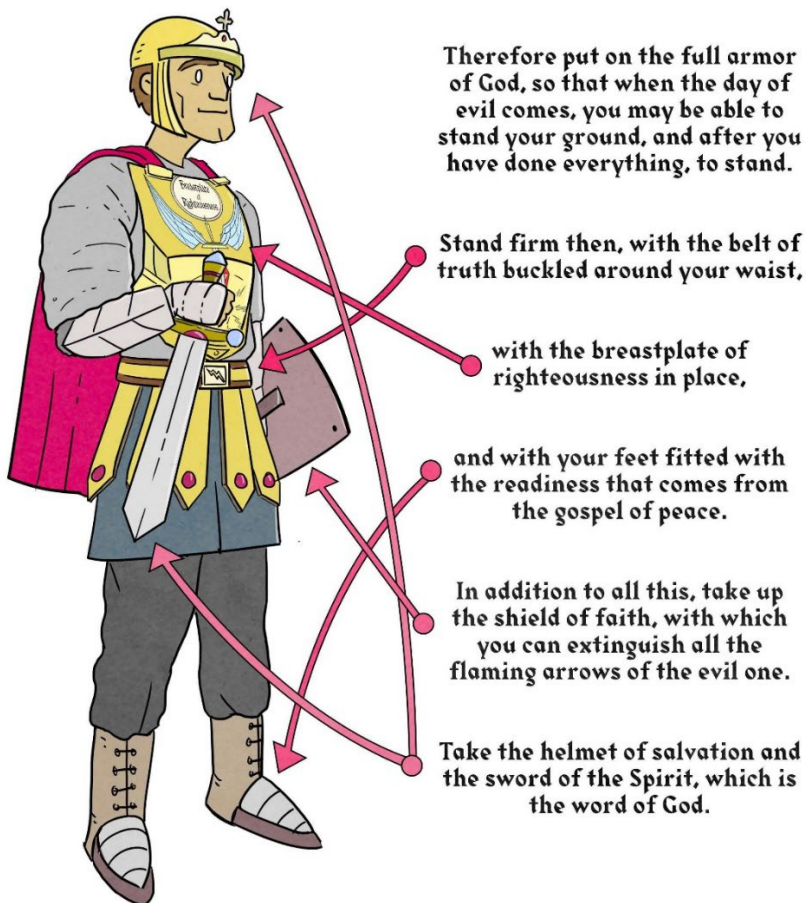
What are the pieces have we learned about? *The Belt of Truth and Breastplate of Righteousness, The Shoes of the Gospel & Peace, the Shield of Faith, the Helmet of Salvation and the Sword of the Spirit.*

Last time we learned the sixth & last piece of Armor. Do you remember what that was? **Sword of the Spirit:**

The Sword of the Spirit represents us knowing and remembering God's promises to us through His Word, the Scriptures in the Bible.

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.

Ephesians 6:13-17 (NIV)



Let's try to remember what each piece stands for:

The Belt of Truth. The belt of truth is like a tool belt, it is where we store all of our knowledge of God. And where do we get our Knowledge of God? – From reading the Bible!

The Breastplate of Righteousness - We put on the breastplate of righteousness when we do what God wants us to do instead of sinning. By putting on the Breastplate of righteousness we are protecting our hearts from sin and doing what is right before God.

The Boots (or shoes) of the Gospel & Peace – Helps us to stand firm in life's storms as well as for eternity by remembering God's word and encourages us to step out and share Jesus with others!

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. We can use our shield of faith to block those temptations and lies that get thrown towards us. Again, by remembering God's promises from the Bible.

The Helmet of Salvation – **KNOWING** in our minds that Jesus died on the cross for our sins and rose again 3 days later and that we have the promise of eternal life with Him in heaven.

The Sword of the Spirit – Using God's word (scripture) in our battle against Satan. And how can we do that? By memorizing scripture so we can remember it when we need it. To remind ourselves when we are discouraged or to share with others when they are doing wrong.

So, now that we have our Full Armor of God – what do we do?

Ok – so let's say you try out for a sports team. Could be baseball, soccer, hockey, whatever? What is the FIRST thing you need before playing?

The Equipment - right? Whether it is cleats, soccer ball, a bat and baseball, ice skates and a hockey stick. Whatever. Once you have your equipment, what's next?

You need a coach – right? Someone to TEACH you how to play the game and how to use your new equipment.

Well, God has given you your Armor of God. Your equipment to battle against Satan. Your coach (or Sunday school teachers) to teach you how to use it all.

But what happens next? What if you're faced with a difficult situation and there is no one around to help? Who do you turn to?

God! Did you know you can talk to God ANYTIME you want? Do you know how? Yes – through Prayer. God is ALWAYS there to hear your prayers and He will answer them. Either by allowing something to happen that helps you, or reminding you of a bible verse that you have memorized. All you need to do is pray.

The Bible tells us that it's okay to pray for everything.

- **In Philippians 4:6 it says**, *“Do not worry about anything. But pray and ask God for everything you need. And when you pray, always give thanks”*.

When should we pray? Ephesians 6:18 tells us to pray all the time. *“Pray in the Spirit at all times. Pray with all kinds of prayers, and ask for everything you need. To do this you must always be ready. Never give up. Always pray for all God’s people.”*

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.

And it doesn't mean you just come to God with a list of what you want. You pray for your family, your teachers, your friends and your enemies. If you see someone struggling, who can just pray silently and quickly to yourself and God will hear you.

- So, now we have our equipment (Armor of God) to face Satan and all his lies. We know how to use all of our equipment and we know who to turn to when we need help!
- Are you ready to face the battle? I think you are!

Let's take some time to pray. Let the kids all take turns praying.

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: Armor of God Shield and Necklace

Supplies: Purchased from Oriental Trading Co.



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

Video: Full Armor of God

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

God’s Story about Prayer:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZrdlXOk_QdQ

Video: Veggie Tales: Where is God when I’m scared

<https://app.pureflix.com/videos/267051046563/play?autoplay=true&recommended=q%3Awhere%27s%20god>

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Week! Until we can meet again

~ *Teacher Chrissy*

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