

# Are We Ready for the Battle? The Spiritual Battle, That Is.

Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate [chest protector] of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace [your boots]. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Ephesians 6:14-17

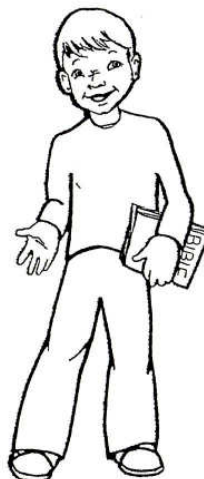
Our battle is with Satan and his army of fallen angels who are invisible. They try to make us have thinking that is not the thinking of the Lord Jesus Christ. Satan and his army are our enemies.



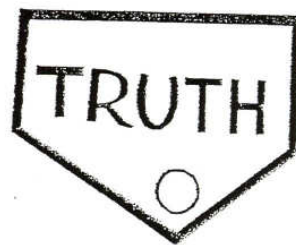
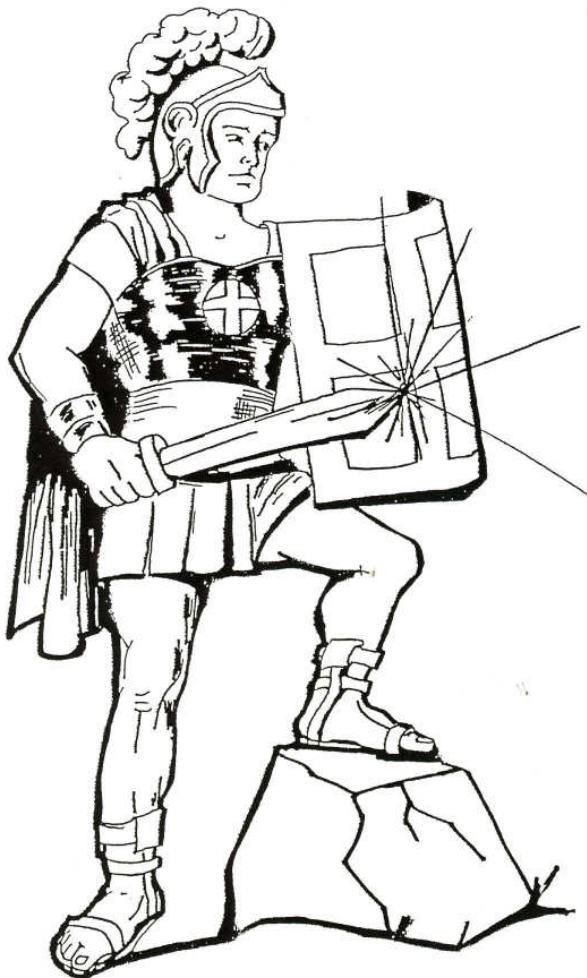
ANGELS, FALLEN



SATAN



Since our battle is invisible, we need invisible armor or spiritual armor. Our spiritual armor has six pieces. The main one is the belt of truth. This is the truth about God and how He wants us to live our lives.

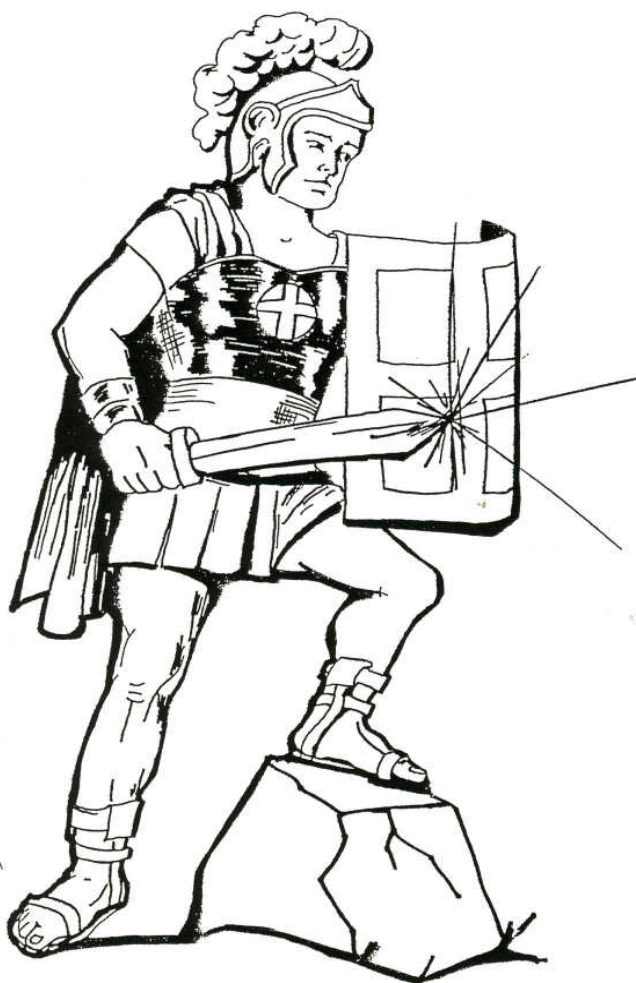


The next one is the chest protector of God's goodness or His righteousness, +R. When we became believers we received God's righteousness and then God was free to bless our socks off and grace us out!

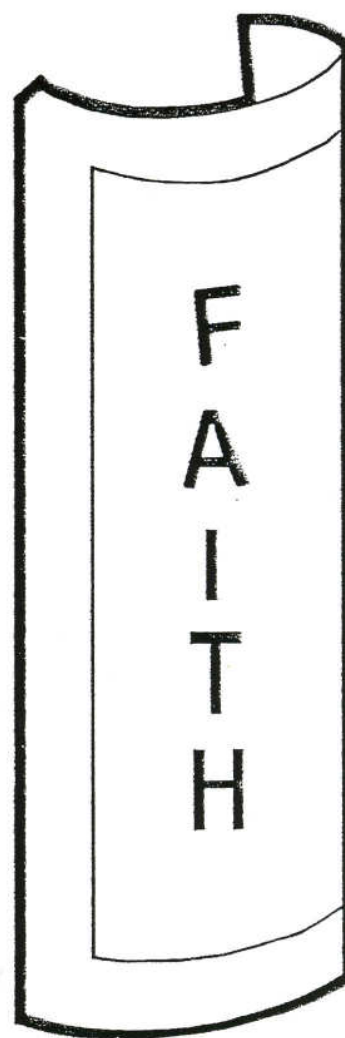
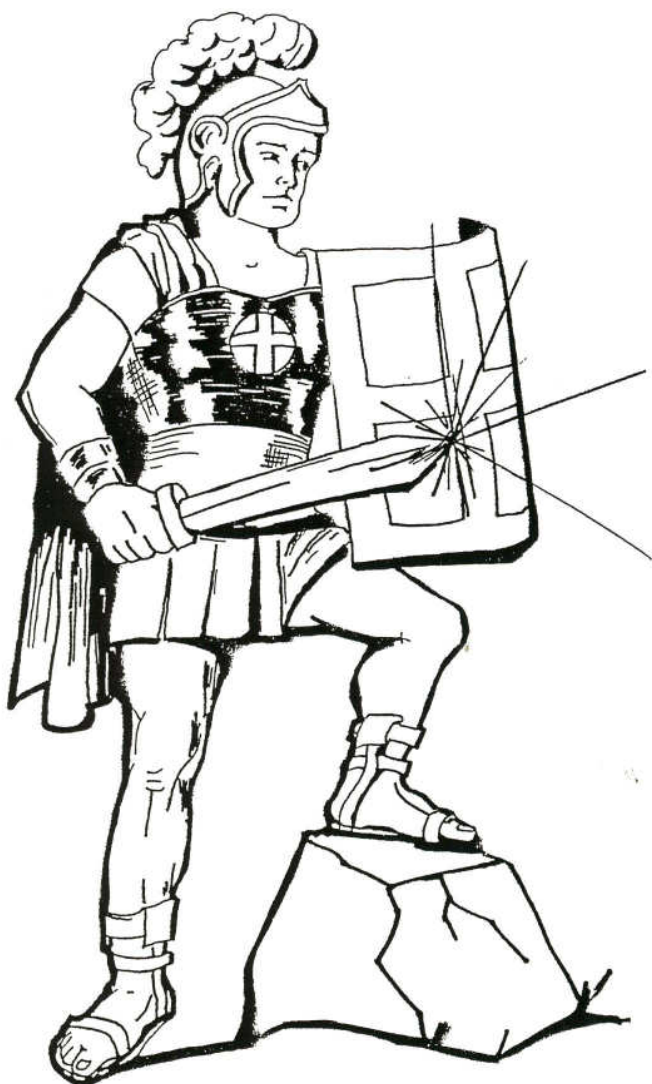


As soldiers for Jesus Christ, we need boots! Our boots represent peace and the gospel, or the message of salvation. We can walk through life and give unbelievers the message of salvation.

Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved.  
Acts 16:31



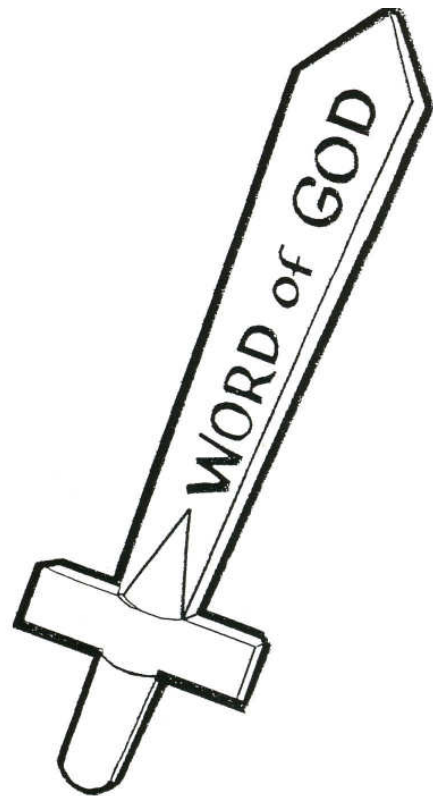
The largest piece of armor is the shield of faith. Faith is the thinking of Jesus Christ or Bible doctrine. It protects us from all problems and dangers! The more Bible doctrine we have in our souls the more ways we can use our shield.



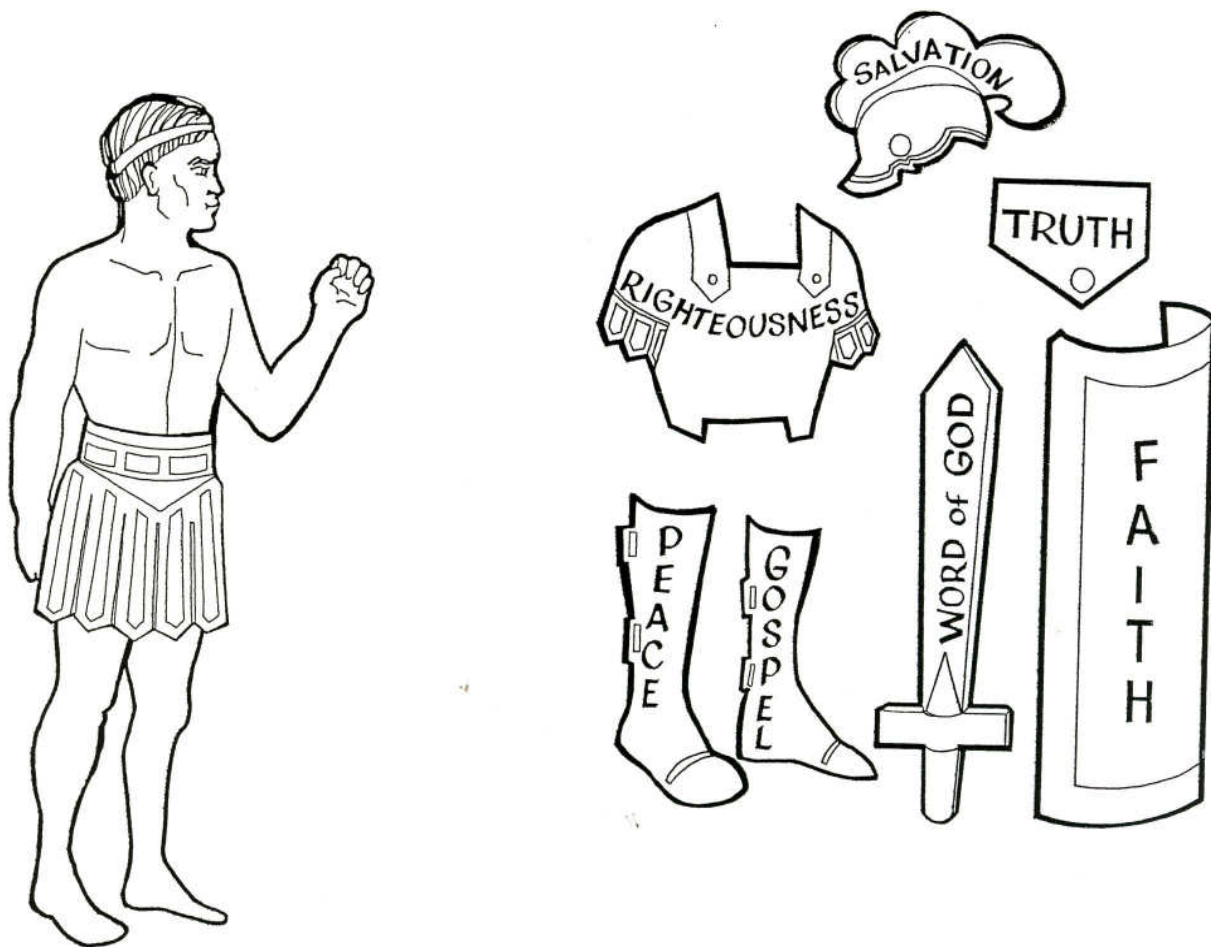
We have a wonderful helmet to wear. It is the helmet of salvation. It protects our minds. It reminds us that God gave us salvation through Jesus Christ, and all we had to do was to believe in Jesus Christ as our Redeemer. It also reminds us that God does everything to help us when we are in trouble. We just have to let Him!



The last piece of armor is the sword from the Holy Spirit, the Word of God. The Holy Spirit controls the sword. He makes sure that it goes where it is supposed to go, and that it cuts all the way through. The sword is alive and powerful. It is sharper than anything else in the world. It keeps our thinking on the right track. The sword *is* Bible doctrine.



Our armor has the power of God the Holy Spirit. If we use it we can win in the battle against Satan and his army of fallen angels. We can defend ourselves against their fiery missiles! Especially after a victory we need to be on guard against more fiery missiles! But no need to worry. God has given us everything that we need to win the battle!



Draw pictures to go along with the scriptures.

I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.  
Philippians 4:13

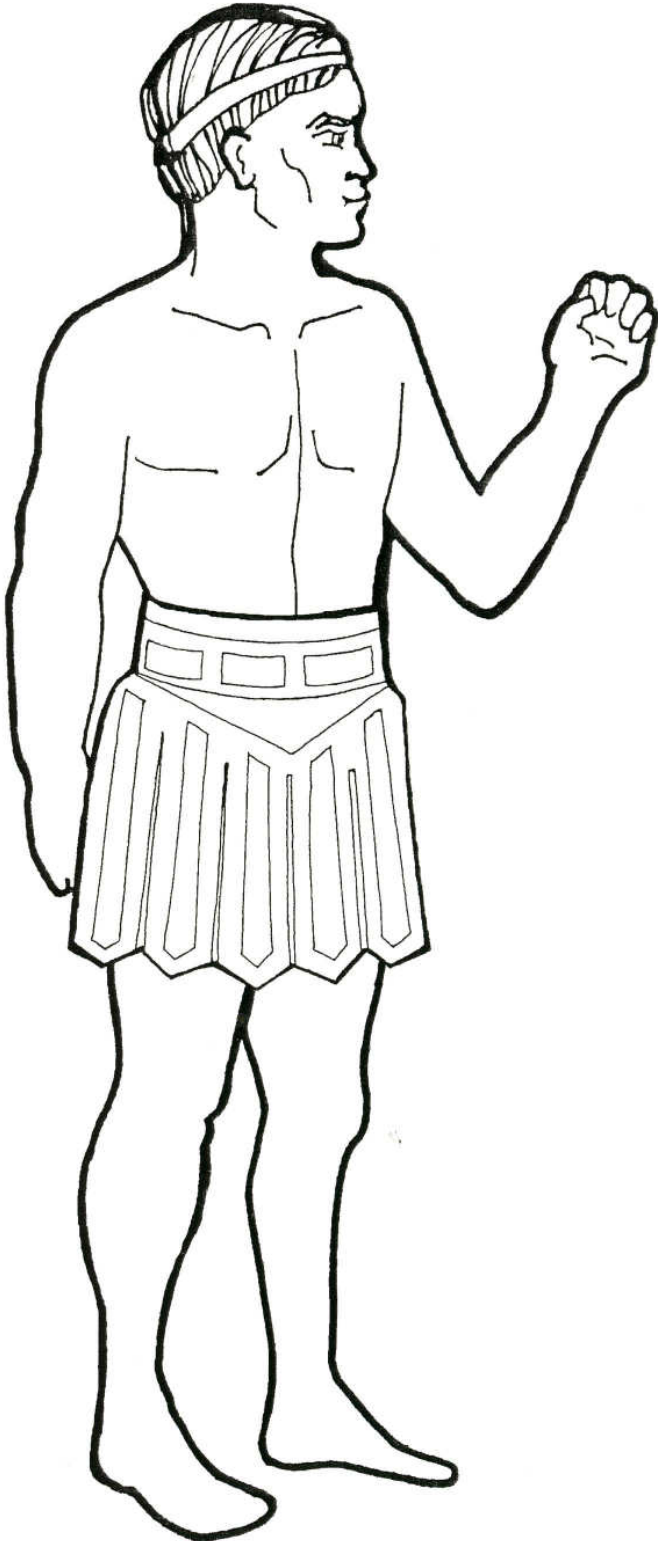
We have not the spirit of fear, but of power.  
2 Timothy 1:7

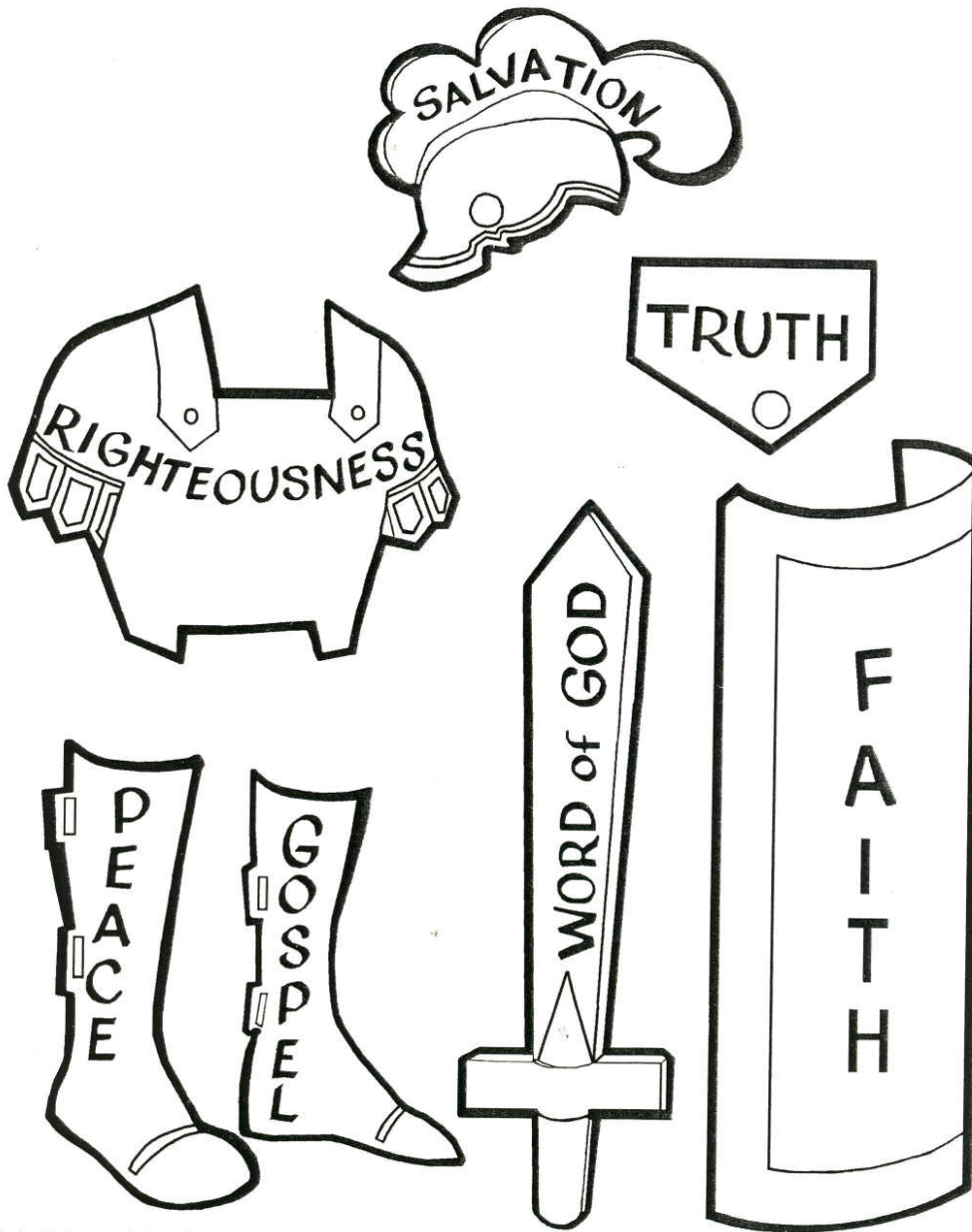
## Ephesians 6:10-17 The Armor of God

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes [plans]. For our struggle is not against flesh [old sin nature] and blood [soul], but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. [This means that our battle is against Satan and the fallen angels.] 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. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness [chest protector] in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Activity pages: Put the armor on the soldier.

THE GREAT ADVENTURE





Red—helmet, skirt; Green—breastplate  
Yellow—sword, shield, belt; Blue—boots

ARMOR OF GOD

*Are We Ready for the Battle? The Spiritual Battle, That Is.*

References: R.B. Thieme, Jr., Bible Ministries  
*The Neverending Journey, Children's Bible  
Studies - The Great Adventure*  
Lesson 9: God's Protection

Grace Bible Church, [gbible.org](http://gbible.org)  
Lesson: Teen class of 12-13-05