Sola Publishing Children's Message Pentecost 15 – Year B	SOLA

We Always Do it This Way

Readings	1) Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 2) Ephesians 6:10-20 3) Mark 7:14-23
Scripture Focus	Ephesians 6:10-20
Take Away	An Armor of God picture for each child
Aids (pics, props, etc.)	Armor of God pictures from freebibleimages.com

Message

Can anyone tell me what armor is? It's something men (and sometimes women) used to wear when they would have to fight with swords. You may have seen them in movies. Look at this picture. Most of the time, armor is metal so it was really heavy, but sometimes it was made of hard leather like some shoes or belts. What do you think the job of the armor is? To protect whoever is wearing it from being hurt by the bad guy they're fighting. Look at this picture. It shows the kind of armor they might have worn in the Bible.

Paul talks about the Armor of God in one of his letters to a church. This armor is to protect us from the bad guy who wants us to stop loving Jesus. What do we call him? [The devil! He hates God and doesn't want us to love him.] So, Paul gave us a list of things God gives us to use as armor. [Show the pictures of God's armor.] These are the things all Christians wear every day and should remember that they have them on, especially when something sad or scary happens.

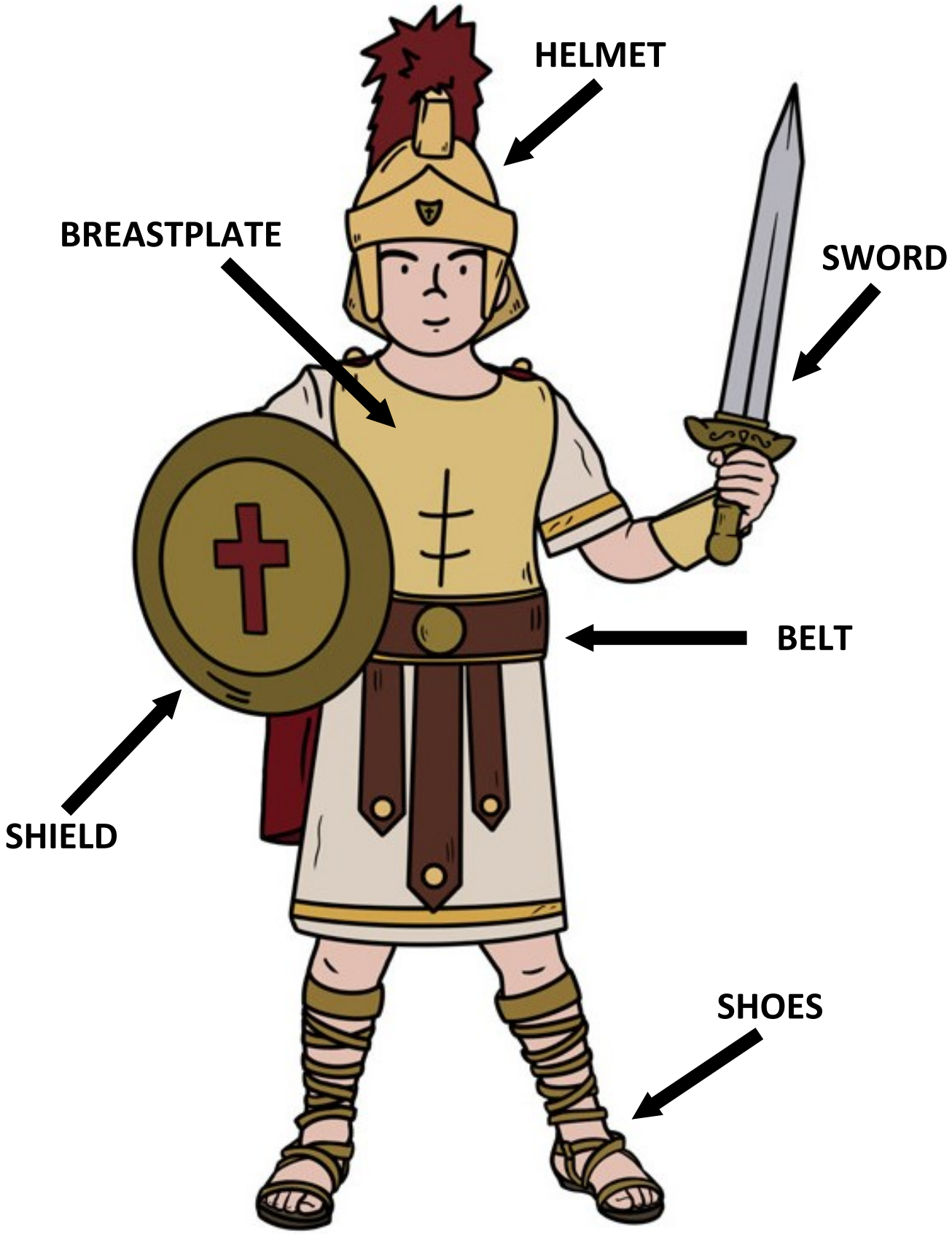
- Belt of truth [Only God's truth is THE TRUTH – he loves us always.]
- Breastplate of righteousness [If God says we are saved – we are saved.]
- Shoes of the gospel [The gospel is the GOOD NEWS that Jesus died to save us.]
- Shield of faith [Faith tells us we can believe the Good News.]
- Helmet of Salvation [Salvation – the greatest gift God gives.]
- Sword of the Spirit [Spirit – God's helper sent to grow and strengthen our faith.]

So, every morning when we get up and get dressed, we should remember that we may not be able to see it, but we're wearing God's armor, all of these things, too. No matter what happens, God's armor will help us all day, every day.

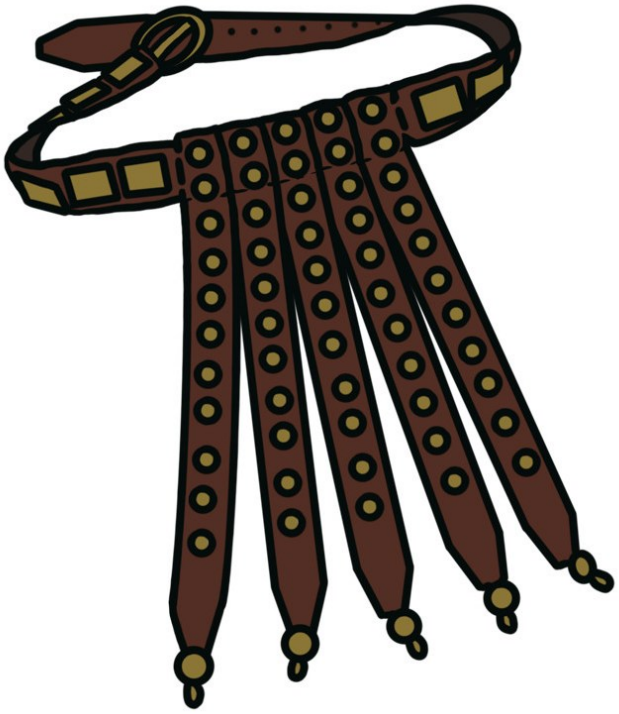
Let's pray.

Repeat Prayer	Dear God, Only you / do so much for us. Only you give us / everything we need. Thank you for loving us. We love you. Amen.

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HELMET
BREASTPLATE
SWORD
BELT
SHIELD
SHOES

BELT OF TRUTH



BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS



SHOES OF THE GOSPEL OF PEACE



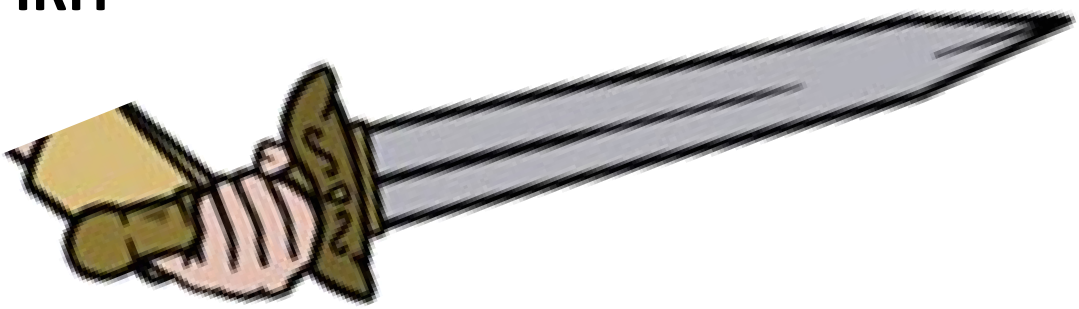
SHIELD OF FAITH



HELMET OF SALVATION



SWORD OF THE SPIRIT



Label all the parts of the Armor of God.

