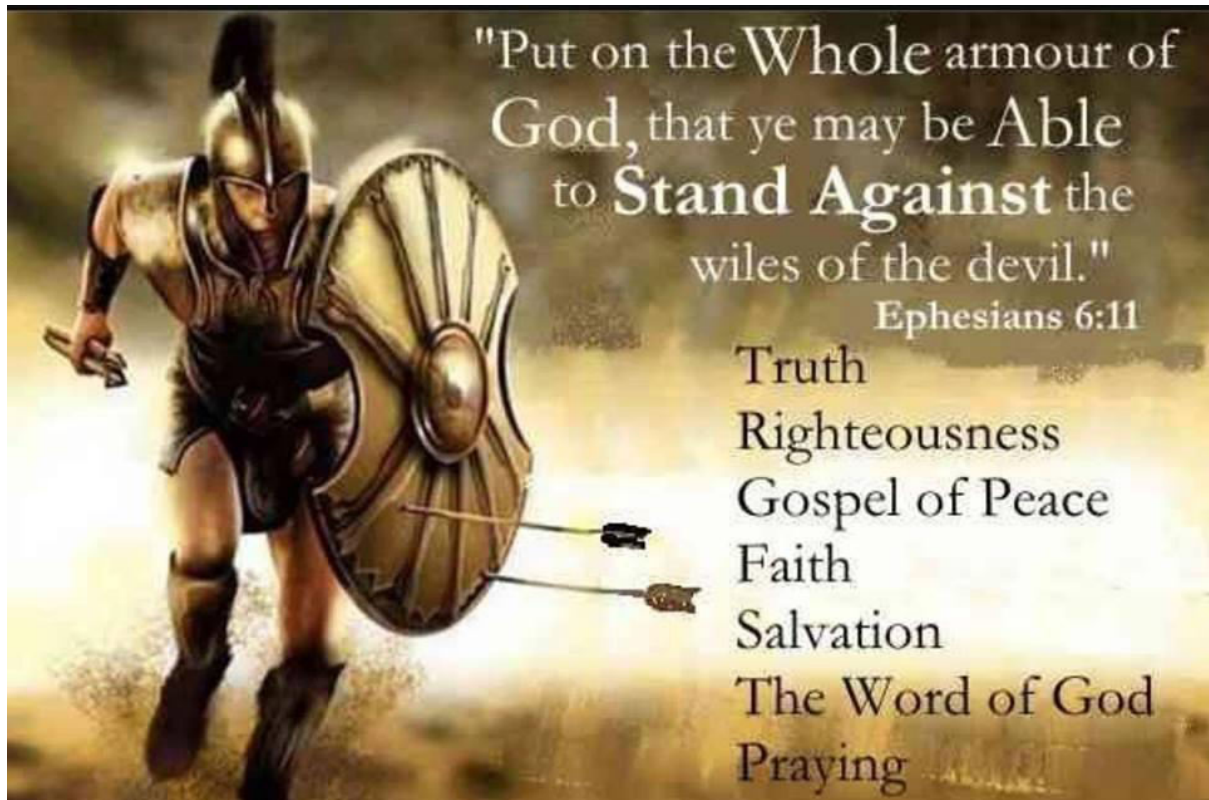


Armour of God – Lesson Plan – August 2024



The Armor of God is a staple in our Christian walk. As adults, we know the pieces we should pick up to conquer the enemy each day. We aim to help all our children understand who they are in Christ and how to use the armour God has given us. Kids need a basic understanding of the concrete versus the abstract. In literal terms, someone going into a fight, or even a game needs to be protected by wearing the correct gear.

Our text: Ephesians 6:11-18

Pray through the lesson outline and that you will have a way to reach the kids to grow in confidence to use the armour of God on a daily basis.

The lesson recordings will be available for you to use as you prepare for the lesson. If you can, hire out some piece of armour to make the lesson more relatable.

Week 5: 1 September

Lesson: Shield of faith

Objective:

- Teach kids that faith is gift we use to protect ourselves.
- Teach kids they are called to live by faith.

Scripture: Ephesians 6:10-17

Memory verse: Ephesians 6:16

“In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil.”

Declaration: I lift my shield of faith – I have faith in God.

Song of the week: <https://youtu.be/7iOgGUfEThA?feature=shared>

Word of the week: faith

Opening Activity: shoes in a pile – find your own shoes.

Have all the kids take off their shoes and place them in a pile on one side of the room, then have them all stand on the opposite side. When you say go, they all have to run to the shoes, grab a pair that does not belong to them, find the person they belong to and put their shoes on them.

This is not a race with just one winner. All the students need to work together and make sure everyone has their shoes on right and makes it back safely.

Lesson Content:

Ask: Which super hero carries a shield with them?

Ask: How does the shield help the superhero?

Say: A shield is a pretty awesome piece of armour. Today we are going to learn about the shield of faith.

Ask: when you think of a shield, I wonder how big you think it is? (let kids show how big they think the shield is)

Say: The Romans had a HUGE door-like shield almost the size of them that kind of curved around them. It looked like that (point to picture). They were made of wood and covered on the outside with thick leather. The shield was so strong it even protected against the fire-tipped darts of their enemy.

The Roman Soldiers could see the arrows coming towards them when they were under attack, but with us it's different. We cannot see our shield or our enemy so the Bible tells us to take up the shield of FAITH to protect us against the fiery darts of our enemy; Satan.

So faith is our HUGE shield. We can't see faith or God or our enemy but Faith is trusting and believing in something or someone, even if we can't see it or them. The Bible says Faith is being sure of what you hope for and certain of what you do not see. This is what I mean.

Illustration:(a team member blind folded and is directed to sit on a chair by the Leader) Ok I want you to close you eyes and do what I say....(direct around room until at chair...) now sit down! The chair is there honestly.

Say: You see the team member (call them by name) had to listen to me and trust me and believe that there was a chair there to sit on even though they couldn't see it. That's what it's like with God. So we have faith in God even though we cannot see Him, we can be sure He is there because of what He does for us. We will believe God and His word even against what things look like or how we feel.

We have to trust and have faith that God is with us wherever we are and wants to protect us against His enemy. So...Hold up the Shield of FAITH.

Application:

Say: There are things that we need to trust God for e.g.: healing, restoration, provision, salvation of people, to be more disciplined at school.

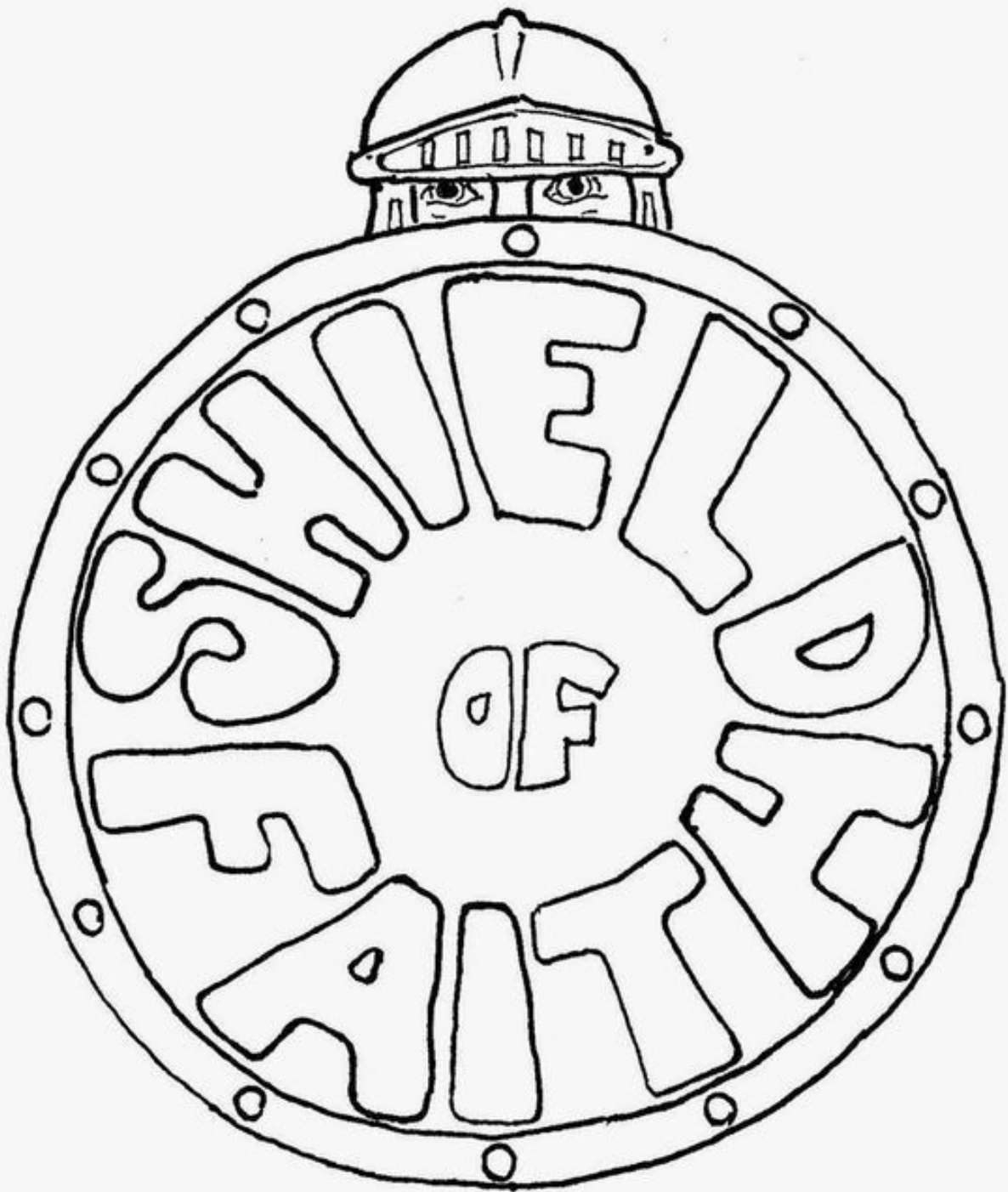
Let the older kids write down what they are trusting God for.

Lead the kids in prayer:

"Father, thank You for your love for me. Thank you for giving me the gift of faith. Help me use this faith well, to trust you for the impossible. Thank you that through faith I am protected against all the attacks of the enemy. I will conquer. In Jesus' name. Amen. "

Shield of faith - picture





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