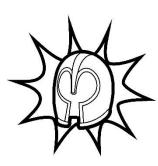
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MEMORIZE

Ephesians 6:17 – "Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God."

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As we learned about in Worksheet #19, our minds are so important. The <u>helmet of salvation</u> protects our heads, our minds. This means that we need to always re-mind ourselves that we belong to God because we have put our trust in Jesus for our salvation. And, we need to fill our minds with the Word of God, the Bible, which is like a

<u>sword</u>. Can you imagine being a soldier without a weapon? That is like a believer in God who doesn't read the Bible, know

much about the Bible, or memorize important verses in God's Word. Just think, every time you read the Bible or memorize another verse, your "sword" gets a little bit bigger, a little bit stronger, and a little bit sharper. If you don't have a Bible yet, please talk to one of your leaders.



"ROAR" (that's lion for "Well done!") (name of Clubber) has finished "The Armour of God 2.0." Well done!

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23 THE ARMOUR OF GOD 2.0

In Worksheet #22, we started learning about God's armour, what He gives to us to protect us from evil, from sin, from Satan. Let's review what you learned last time:

REVIEW

Ephesians 6:10-13 – "Be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Put on all God's armour so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. Therefore, put on every piece of God's armour so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then, after the battle, you will be standing firm."

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The first piece of armour is the <u>belt of truth</u>. Nowadays, people wear belts to keep their pants from falling down, but in the past soldiers wore a belt to hold much of their armour



together. Thus, the belt was superimportant! In the same way, truth is super-important for followers of Jesus. Truth is found in God's Word, the Bible. And, when we know the truth, found in the Bible, we always know what to do, what to say, how to live, and what to believe in.

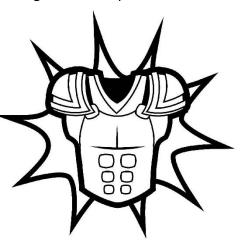
MEMORIZE

Ephesians 6:14 – "Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armour of God's righteousness."

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The second piece is the <u>body armour (or breastplate) of God's</u> <u>righteousness</u>. This piece protects all of the important organs of the body, below the neck and above the waist. In the same way, the body armour of God's righteousness protects our

spiritual hearts (not the organ that pumps blood, but the invisible part of us that lives forever, that makes us who we are). When we put our trust in Jesus, He makes us "righteous" (clean, pure, holy) forgiving us of our sin. But, it gets even better than that, because – as we trust Him more and more and



know Him better and better – we will become more "righteous," more and more like Jesus. Thus, we *know* we belong to God and we *act* more and more like Him, who we belong to. Like body armour, this protects us from evil and sin.

MEMORIZE

Ephesians 6:15 – "For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared."

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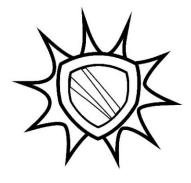
Can you imagine going into battle without the right kind of shoes? Long ago, soldiers would wear sandals, but with hobnails (like cleats) to give them grip on slippery ground. Without these, a soldier could not defend himself or win against the enemy. God has given us shoes to keep us from slipping too. They are <u>peace-from-the-Good-News shoes</u>. We have peace when we put our trust in Jesus for our salvation. This is Good News, also called the Gospel. This faith gives us peace with God: we are no longer His enemies, but now we are His friends. It also gives us peace in our hearts: Even when we go through hard or stressful times, we are okay – at peace – because we know that God cares about us, and He is in control.

MEMORIZE

Ephesians 6:16 – "In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil."

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Long ago, shields were made of wood, covered with leather, and were nearly as tall and wide as the soldier. Back then, shields were soaked in water, so if a flaming arrow hit it, it would protect the soldier and stop the arrow from burning. God has given us the <u>shield of faith</u> to protect us from the lies of the devil, lies that cause us to doubt that God is good and



powerful. Every day, ask God to make your faith, your shield, strong. And read the Bible, which makes your faith strong too. Also, spend time with people who have a strong faith. That's why being with a church family is so important. When we are together, our faith should get bigger!