

Armor of God

Parents: Kids love dressing up. It is so fun to be able to put on a costume and really feel like you become someone else. God talks to us about dressing up. But not to be a superhero, an animal, or a cartoon character. He talks to us about “wearing” the things we need to fight against the devil. He tells us that we are in a battle every day against evil. Today we are talking to our kids about putting on the full armor of God and what that looks like for them as they fight against evil.

Read: *Ephesians 6: 11-18*

Now 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. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, 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. 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 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. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

Discuss: Where does God say we get our strength? *From the Lord and in His mighty power.*

Why do we put on the full armor of God? *To take our stand against the devil.*

Circle the armor piece that you want to think about this week from the passage above. *Belt of truth, breastplate of righteousness, feet for the Gospel, shield of faith, helmet of salvation, sword of the Spirit.*

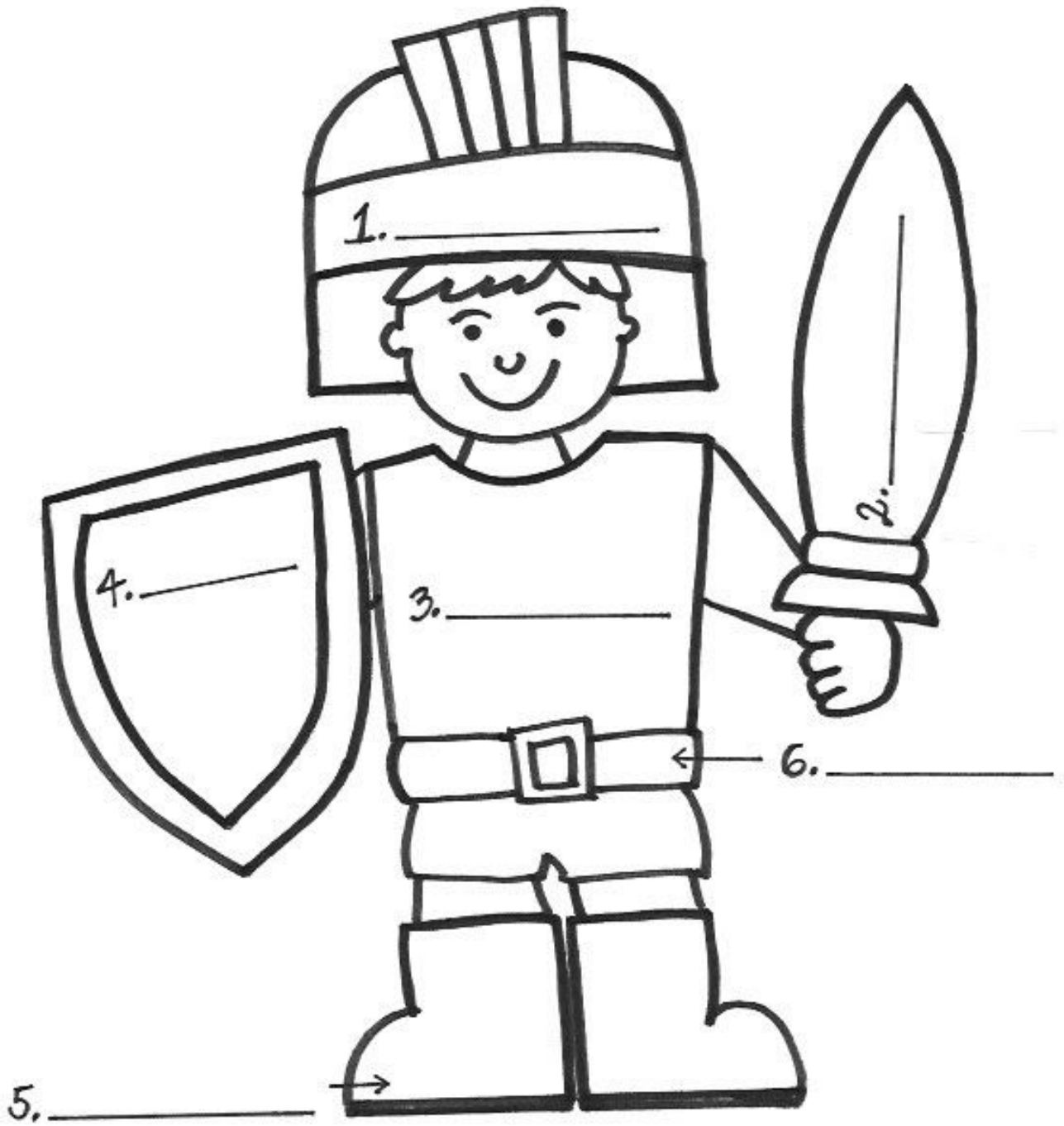
Key Point: God Gives Us Armor to Fight Sin

God (Arm straight and finger pointed to heaven)
Gives Us Armor to Fight Sin (Both hands on hips in Superman pose)

Family Activity: Have fun with this week. Sing our [SONG: Armor of God](#). Dress yourselves up! Put on your Armor of God. Find objects around your house and come up with your own armor of God to help you remember to prepare for battle. Pick one truth from God's Word that you can remember for yourself and pass on to others.

Prayer: Dear God. Thank you for giving us armor to wear to fight sin and the devil. Help us arm ourselves this week with the truth of Your Word. Amen.

Next Steps: Color the picture from our story today and memorize your Scripture truth.
Answer Key: 1. Helmet of Salvation 2. Sword of the Spirit-Word of God 3. Breastplate of Righteousness 4. Shield of Faith 5. Readiness to share the Gospel 6. Belt of Truth



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