



## Zoom & In Person Community Group Lessons – June 1 & 5, 2022

### Armor of God – The Shield of Faith

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#### Main Point

- The fourth piece of armor is the shield of faith. This shield moves to cover our doubts and struggles. The more faith we have in our Lord, the less likely we are to be hurt when Satan attacks. It is also important to remember that our God is always faithful to us. When we take up the shield of faith, we don't do it through our own strengths, but through God's strength.

#### Scripture

- Ephesians 6:11-17
  - In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.
- Hebrews 11
- 1 John 5:4-5
  - For everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

#### Prayer Time

- Spend a couple of minutes in praise and prayer to God.

#### Praise and Worship

- Phil Wickham – Living Hope  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u-1fwZtKJSM>
- Newsboys – We Believe  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WjZ01FcK0yk>

#### Memory Verse

- Ephesians 6:11
  - "Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil."

#### Review of Last Week

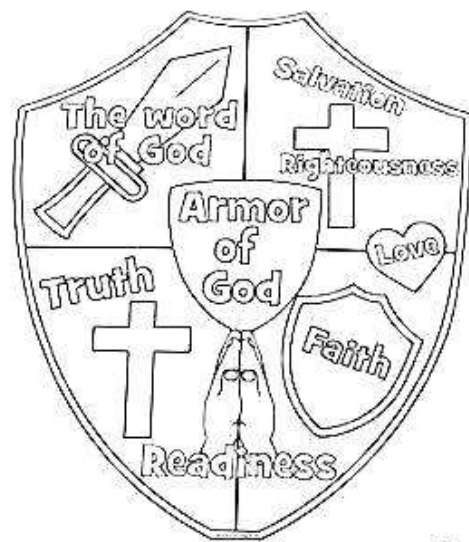
- Last week, we learned about the Shoes of the Gospel of Peace – when we put on these shoes and remember the gospel every day, we can follow Jesus instead of Satan and tell everyone we meet about God's love.
- Just like having a good pair of shoes can help us walk across rough ground, having confidence in Christ allows us to tell others about Jesus without being

scared. Having our feet fitted with the shoes of the Gospel of Peace allows us to be ready to share God with others at all times. As Christians, we should always be prepared, as we never know when an opportunity may arise to share the good news of the gospel with someone else.

- Last week, how many days did you read your Bible? What is something that you remember reading or learning about Jesus?

## Lesson

- Knights wear a lot of armor, don't they? It doesn't seem like there is any weakness in all that metal, but they still need to carry a shield. No matter how well protected a warrior may seem, there is always a weakness somewhere.
- All the enemy must do is find the weakness and they will be able to take the knight down. That's why warriors have **shields**. What makes the shield different from the other pieces of armor? – unlike the other pieces, the shield isn't strapped on to a certain part of your body. The shield can move to cover weaknesses in a warrior's armor and keep arrows from piercing through.
- Great warriors know how to use their shield to protect them from danger. We need to do the same with the Shield of Faith. Why do you think God uses a shield to represent faith? – Faith covers areas of our lives where we struggle with sins or where we just don't know the answer to a question.
- Hebrews 11 tells us of people in the Old Testament who had faith to get through difficult situations, like when Abraham and Sarah trusted that God would provide them with a child. Then when God fulfilled this promise, He asked Abraham to sacrifice his son Isaac. Now think about how you would feel if you got something you really really wanted from God, and then you were told to give it back?
- That's exactly what God asked Abraham to do. But Abraham knew that God wouldn't break His promise. He had faith that God would pull through. That's because **GOD IS ALWAYS FAITHFUL!!**
- The shield of faith is not only our faithfulness to God, but it is also God's faithfulness to us.
- The problem is, when we doubt these things, we are not being faithful. That is why God is faithful to us. He will never leave us. Even when we sin and doubt God, He is still there to protect us. When we believe that, we are picking up the shield of faith.



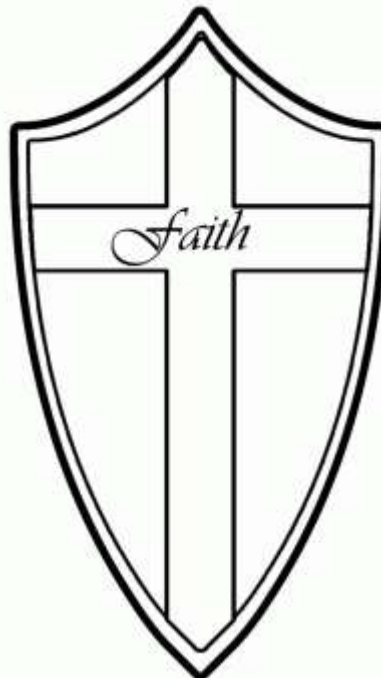
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## Application and Group Discussion

- Match the Doubt Extinguisher to the scripture in the Bible:
  - Doubt
    - Is God really with me? \_\_\_\_\_
    - Does God really have a plan for my life? \_\_\_\_\_
    - Does God really hear me when I pray? \_\_\_\_\_
    - Will God really forgive me? \_\_\_\_\_
    - Does God really love me? \_\_\_\_\_
  - Bible Verse
    - 1 John 1:9
    - Psalm 145:18-19
    - Romans 5:8
    - Hebrews 13:5
    - Jeremiah 29:11-13
- Take one of these verse home with your by writing it on your activity sheet.

## Live it out Challenge

- This week, read the Bible verse and remember the promise that God has given in the verse; try to do this every day. Remember to have faith and not to doubt.

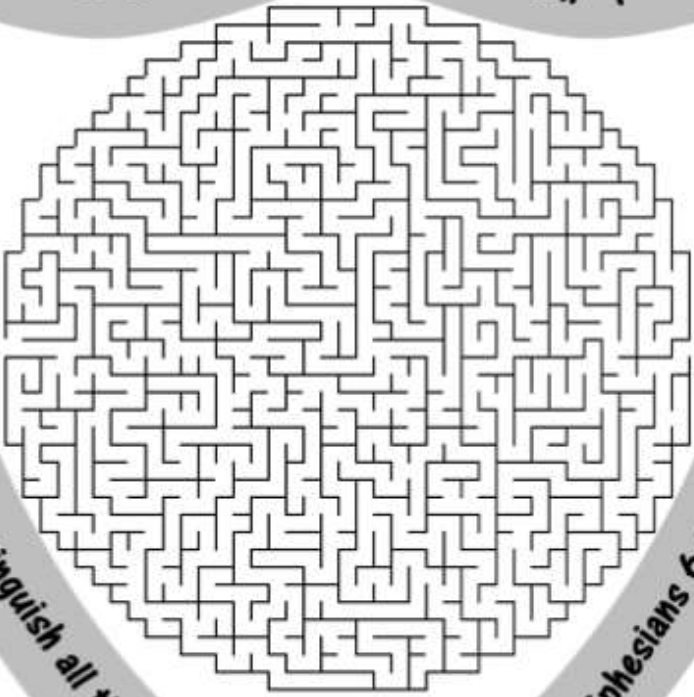


## Activity Sheet

- This is the time where people can work on the crossword puzzle or color the picture

**FIND YOUR WAY**  
**SHIELD OF FAITH**

*Take up the shield of FAITH with which you can*

Start  Finish

*Extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Ephesians 6:16 NIV*

**Put on the full Armor of God**

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