



JOURNAL PAGE

1. What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
2. What does this story teach me about myself?
3. Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
4. Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
5. How does this story help me to live on mission better?



Unit 24 • Session 3

THE WORLD IS AGAINST GOD

Ephesians 6

WHY DO PEOPLE REJECT JESUS? PEOPLE REJECT JESUS BECAUSE ALL PEOPLE ARE BORN WITH A SIN NATURE AND WANT TO PLEASE THEMSELVES RATHER THAN OBEY GOD.

“Be strong! God is strong, and He will give you strength.” Paul wrote these words in a letter to the church at Ephesus. Paul was in prison in Rome, and he knew from experience that the Christian life was not an easy life. In fact, the Christian life is like a battle. The battle is against evil.

“Put on the full armor of God,” he said. “It will help you stand up against the devil, who is trying to trick you.”

Evil is strong, but God is stronger. These are the pieces of God's armor: Truth is like a belt around our waist. Truth can stand up against lies. Righteousness is like armor on our chest.

Paul said, “Be ready with the gospel—like sandals on your feet.” We must always be ready to tell others the gospel.

Faith is like a shield. This evil one—the Devil—wants us to doubt God and believe lies. God gives us faith to help us trust in Him and obey Him.

Paul said, “Salvation is like your helmet, and God's Word is like your sword.”

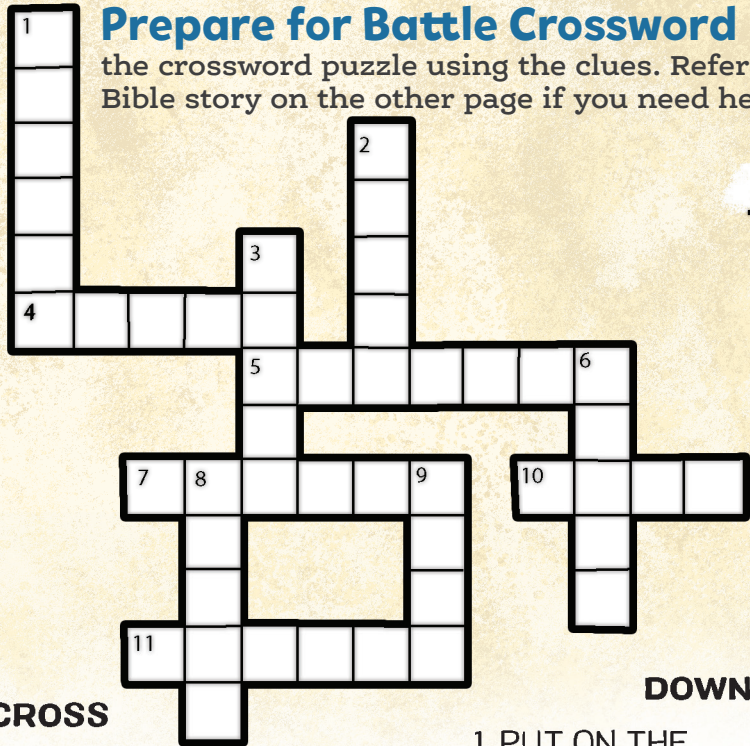
God's Word, the Bible, is a strong sword! The Bible tells us what is true, and the Holy Spirit helps us do what it says.

We must remember to pray. God will show us how to be ready and how to live for Him.

Christ Connection: Paul told believers to be ready to fight a spiritual battle every day. People and powers who are against God will be against us too. But Jesus died and rose from the dead. He had victory over evil. We can fight the battle against evil, knowing Jesus already won the war.

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Prepare for Battle Crossword | Complete the crossword puzzle using the clues. Refer back to the Bible story on the other page if you need help.

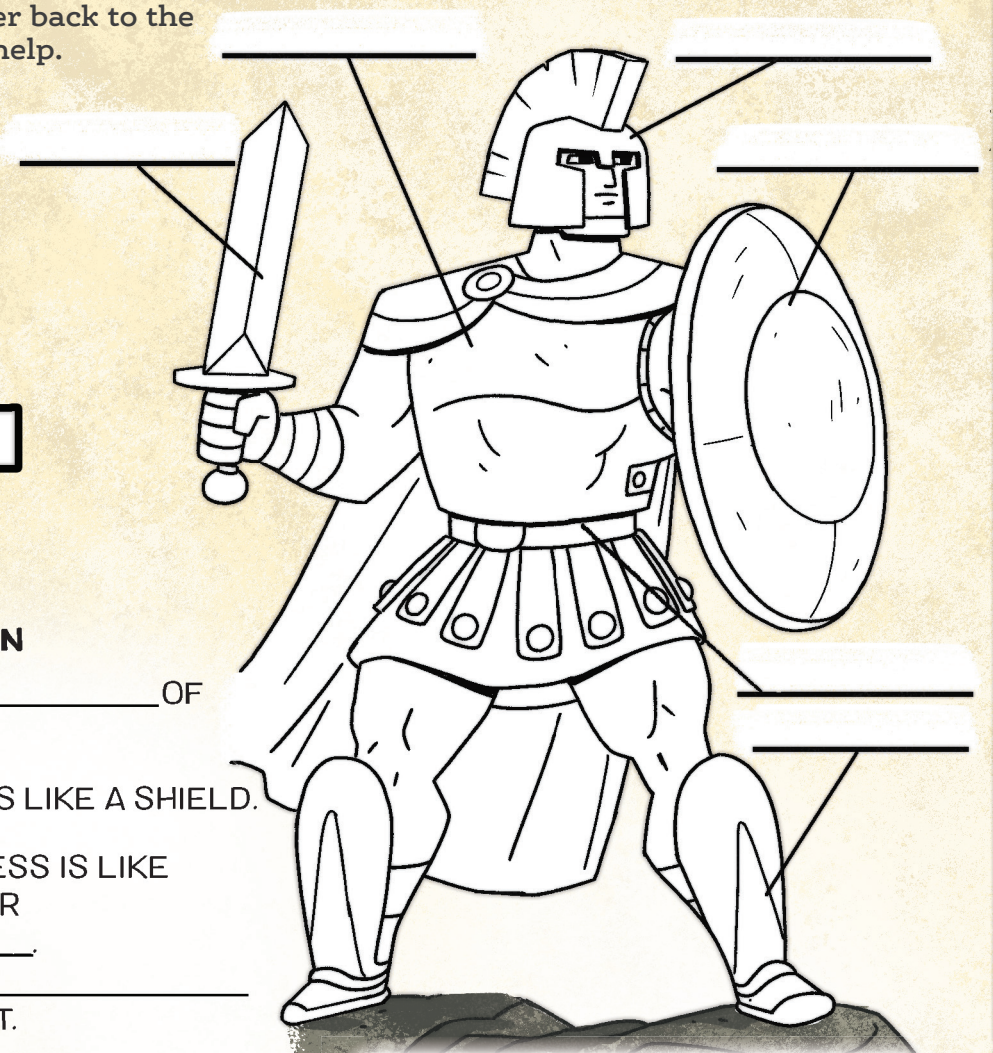


ACROSS

DOWN

- 4. _____ IS LIKE A BELT AROUND OUR WAIST.
- 5. PAUL WROTE THE LETTER OF EPHESIANS TO THE CHURCH IN _____
- 7. THE CHRISTIAN LIFE IS LIKE A _____
- 10. THE GOSPEL IS THE _____ NEWS OF JESUS.
- 11. BE READY WITH THE _____—LIKE SANDALS ON YOUR FEET.

- 1. PUT ON THE _____ OF SALVATION.
- 2. _____ IS LIKE A SHIELD.
- 3. RIGHTEOUSNESS IS LIKE ARMOR ON OUR _____
- 6. TAKE UP THE _____ OF THE SPIRIT.
- 8. PAUL TOLD BELIEVERS TO PUT ON THE FULL _____ OF GOD.
- 9. THE CHRISTIAN BATTLE IS AGAINST _____



Dress for Battle | Label each piece of armor used in the battle against evil. Read Ephesians 6:10-17 for help. Then color in the soldier.