



PAUL'S LETTER TO US

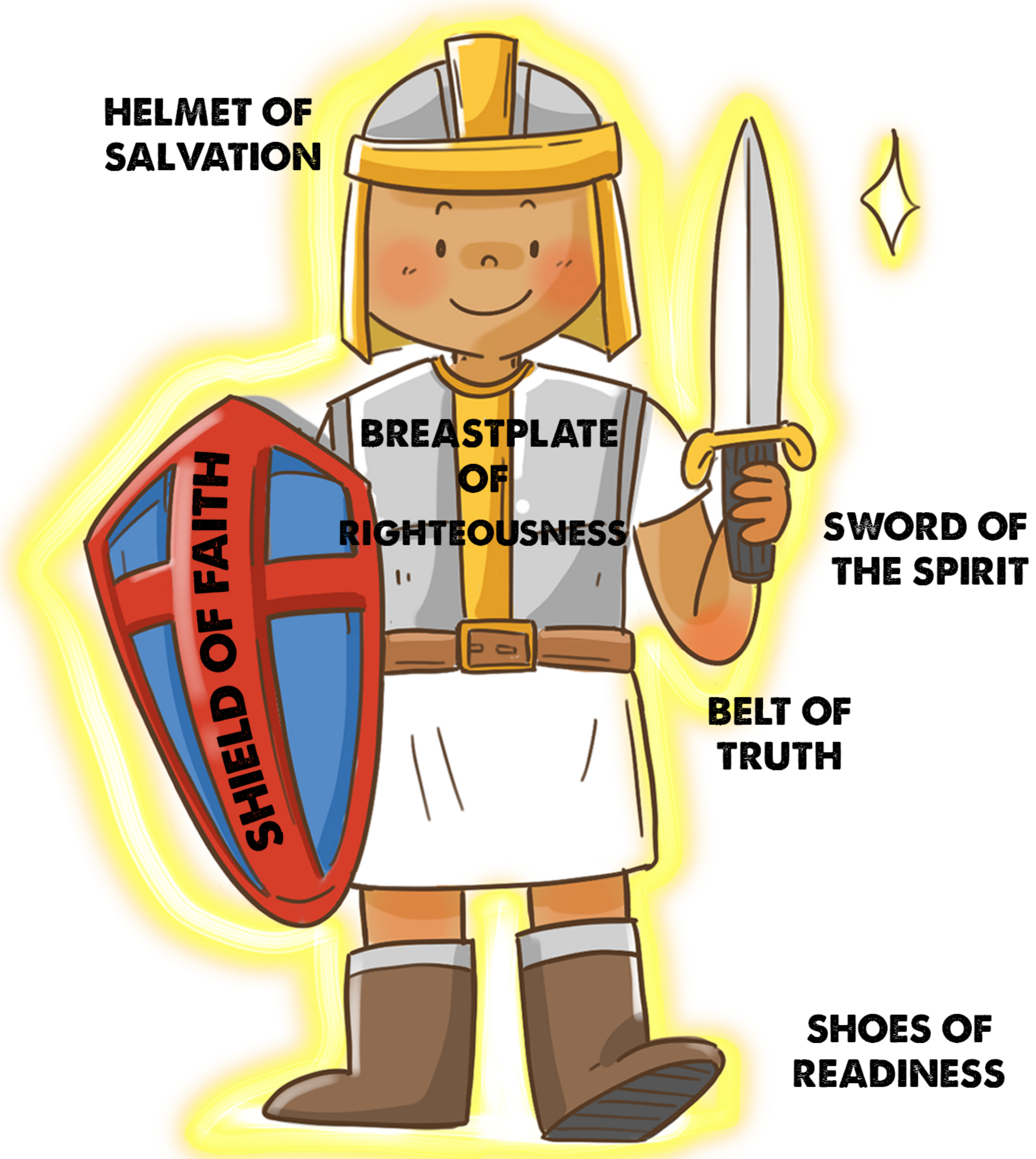
12. AMOR OF GOD

Paul wanted the Church in Ephesus to know we are in a spiritual battle with the devil and his forces. God gives us His armor and sword for the battle, and through Him we have victory!

- 10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his
might.
- 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand
against the schemes of the devil.
- 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the
rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over
this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the
heavenly places.
- 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be
able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand
firm.



- 14 Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and
having put on the breastplate of righteousness,
- 15 and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness
given by the gospel of peace.
- 16 In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which
you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one;
- 17 and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the
Spirit, which is the word of God,



- 18 praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and
supplication. To that end, keep alert with all persever-
ance, making supplication for all the saints.



END OF READING

DID YOU KNOW



The original Greek word for “schemes” in verse 11 literally means “deceptions”. In the beginning, the devil questioned the Word of God to deceive Adam and Eve (Genesis 3:1-4). We must fight the devil’s schemes with the Truth of God (John 17:17).



Ephesians was one of the letters Paul wrote while in prison (Ephesians 4:1, 6:20). Paul had been persecuted many times for Christ, and he knew what it meant to fight a spiritual battle. God wants us to be ready to fight, too.



The armor Paul pictured was probably a Roman soldier’s armor. It was something that everyone in the Roman Empire could understand. In this spiritual war, we are called to be good soldiers for Christ Jesus (2 Timothy 2:3).



The original Greek word for the “word” of God in verse 17 is “rhema” which means the written or remembered words of God. For us, that means the Bible! We must study and understand the Bible because it’s our weapon against the enemy.



Read Ephesians 6:10 in your Bible and write it below. Let’s be strong in the Lord together!

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LET'S HAVE FUN



Match each piece of the Armor of God to its name.



Belt of Truth



Shoes of Readiness



Shield of Faith



Helmet of Salvation



Sword of the Spirit



Breastplate of Righteousness

