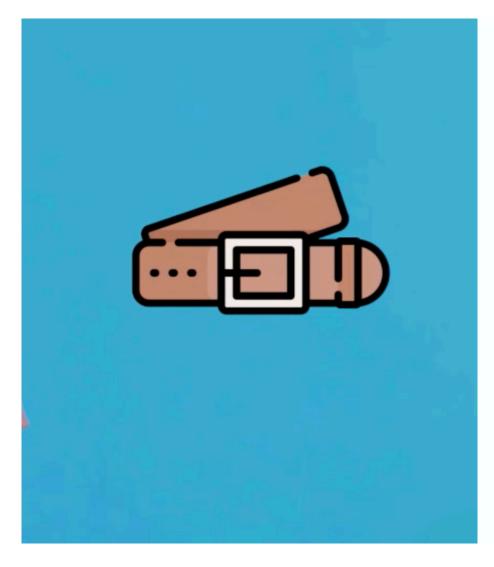


Paul wrote a letter to Christians in Ephesus. He said that following Jesus is like fighting a battle. God gives people who believe in Jesus everything they need to fight against evil. "Put on the armor of God," he said. "Be ready."





Paul said, "Truth is like a belt." We know what is true because God tells us about Himself in the Bible. He gives us righteousness, like armor on your chest, when we trust in Jesus.

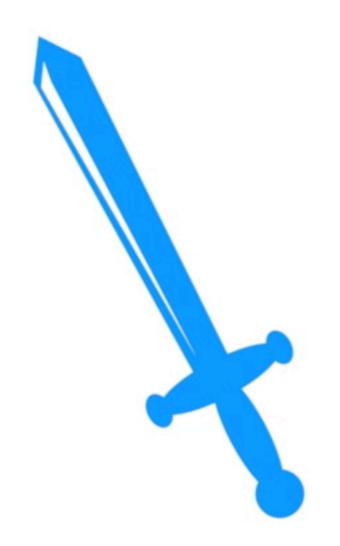
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Paul told them to always be ready to tell others about Jesus–like sandals on your feet. He said, "Faith is like a shield; it will protect you." God gives us faith to help us trust in Him.

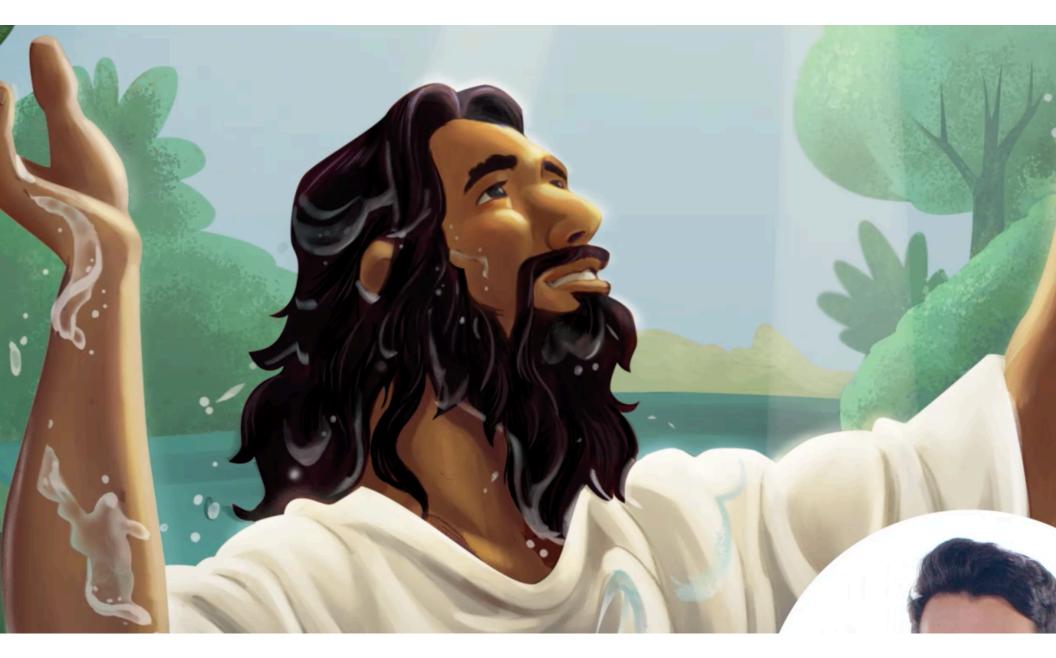




"Salvation is like your helmet, and the Bible, God's Word, is like your sword." A helmet protects your head. And God's Word tells us what is true.



Finally, Paul said, "Pray for God's people, and pray for me. Pray that God will help me when I tell others about Jesus."



PRESCHOOL

Christ Connection: Jesus won the war against evil when He died on the cross and rose from the dead. God gives us power to fight against evil. We fight against sin each day, knowing that Jesus already won for us.

2-3 AND 4-5 Year Old Questions

- 1. What was your favorite part of today's Bible story?
- 2. What did you learn about God in today's Bible story?
- 3. What are some of the different pieces of armor we can put on each day to help us fight against evil?

ELEMENTARY

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.

Elementary 4 Questions

- 1. What did you like about todays story?
- 2. What did you find confusing?
- 3. What did you learn about people?
- 4. What did you learn about God?