Armour of God

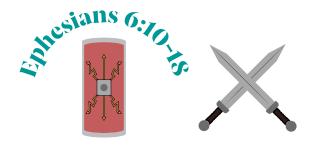
Ephesians 6:10-18

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. 12 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. 13 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. 14 Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. 16 In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸ 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.



Notes for Leaders



5 Activities

I've provided an A4 foldable booklet version (half of it looks upside down until you fold it), this is to save on paper, or if you'd like them as single A4 sheets for younger children print them seperately.

1. Treasure Hunt

Children can write the letters at each location to work out the key word... you'll need to come up with your own questions (make them age appropriate) for your treasure hunt location. There's a smaller version on the booklet print out if you want to make it harder!

2. Missing Item

Once the children have found the treasure hunt armour (that you previously stuck around). Ask the children can they can work out which item is missing. They can colour the work sheet too.

3. Word Scramble

Unscramble the words related to the story

4. Sword template

Ideally printed on A3, otherwise it might be a small dagger... if you don't have access to an A3 printer you can use it as a guide and free hand draw this roman sword pattern to your desired size. Adding foil and other textures to make it more realistic.

5. Family Devotional & Maze

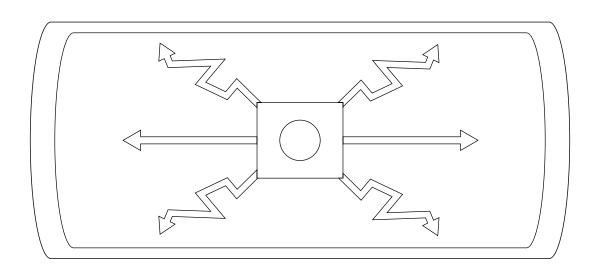
Find the sword of truth and a handout to send back with parents / guardians. (perhaps a small pack of haribo for children who bring it back the following week?!)

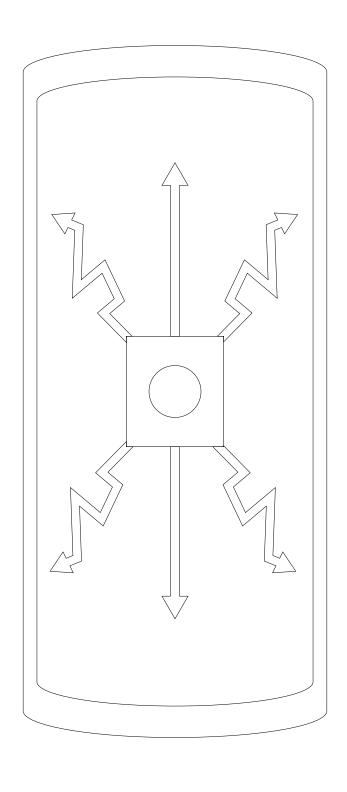
Treasure Hunt

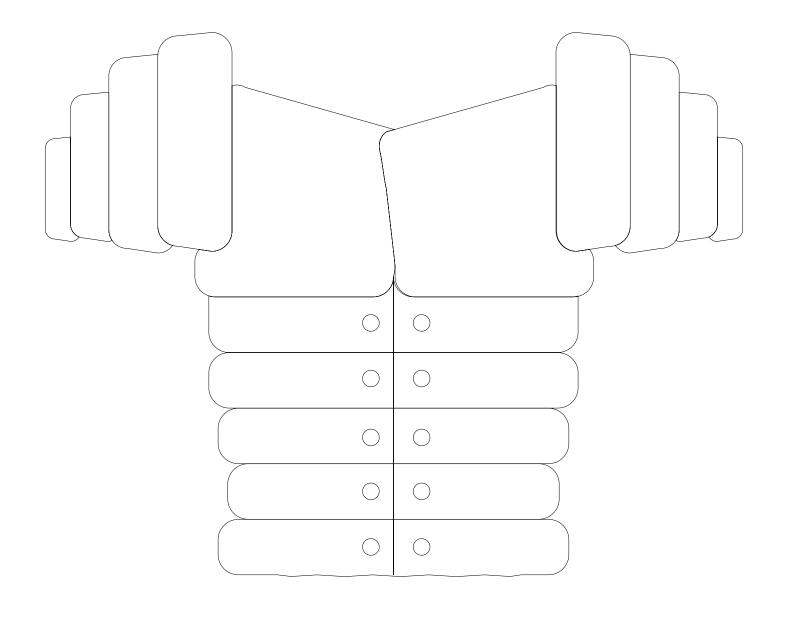
Write the letters at each location to work out the key word...

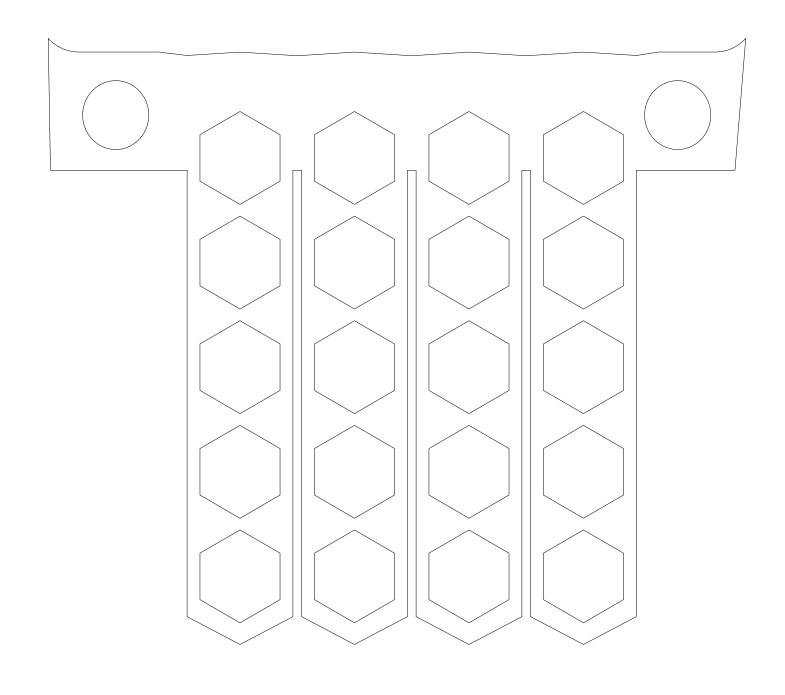
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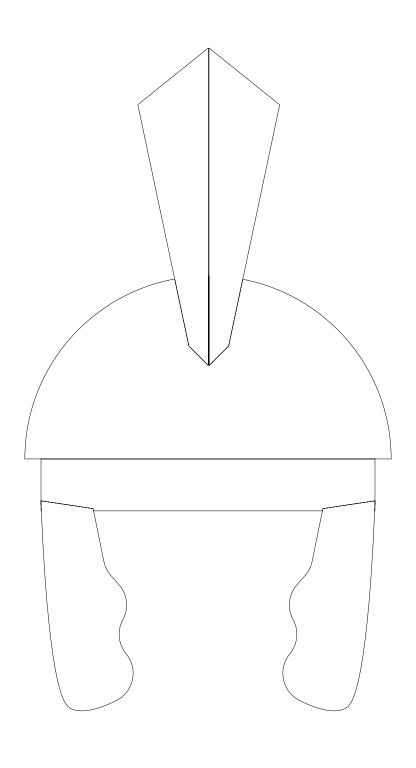
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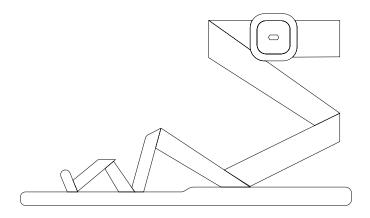


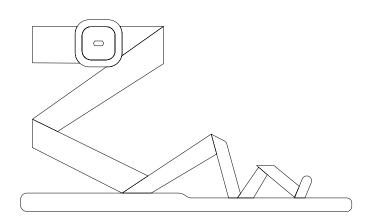




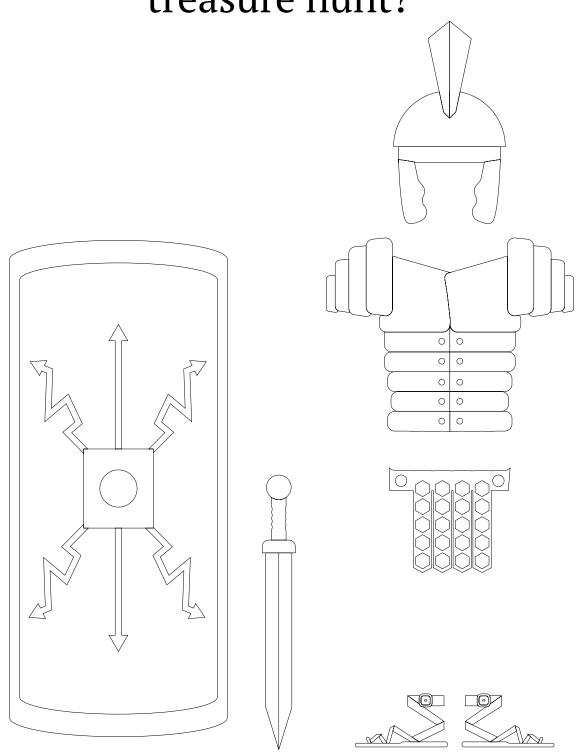








Which item was missing on the treasure hunt?



Colour me in...

Word Scramble

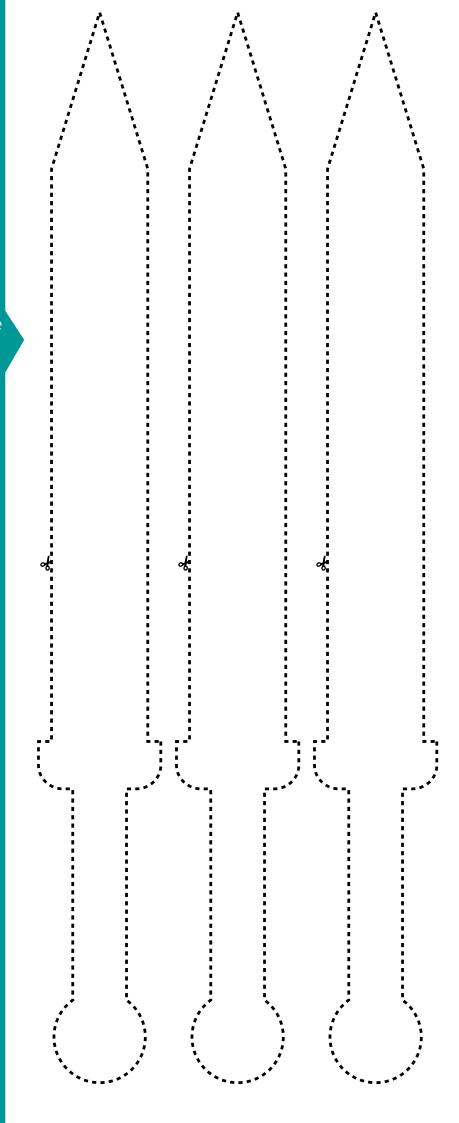
Unscramble the words related to the story.

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Template for cardboard sword print on A3 for a larger sword.

- 1. Cut the outer dashed line.
- 2. Make multiple layers of cardboard
- 3. Glue the cardboard cut outs together to make more rigid swords...

Double up or triple up the carboard and glue foil on them for texture.





The pieces of the armour of God represent different ways God can protect us.

1. Talk with your family about what each piece may mean...

For example... the Breastplate of Righteousness could represent protecting your heart, the Helmet to protect your mind, Shoes could represent your feet standing firm in the Lord, the Shield of Faith to put your trust in God and Sword of the spirit is the word of God.

2. Talk to your family about how has God protected you in the past...

Find the Sword of Truth

