CAMP VENTURE

Hey Pals,

Paul had seen plenty of Roman soldiers. On the streets, in the courts, and in prison, he must have noticed the armor they wore which protected them from the weapons of their enemies. Believers have an enemy, too. It is the devil, Satan. He wants us to feel alone and discouraged. He wants us to give up hope when times are hard. But, God gives us special armor so we can stand our ground. That means to not run away or give the enemy what he wants.

On a dry erase or poster board, draw a stick figure wearing all six pieces of armor. While drawing each piece, explain its use and how to put it on using the descriptions below. Have campers brainstorm to describe a situation in which they would use each piece of armor.

- Belt of Truth: Just as a belt keeps the armor close and in place, truth keeps us close to Jesus. Put it on by remembering what is true about God.
- Breastplate of Righteousness: Just as a breastplate protects a soldier's heart, living God's way protects our heart from wanting what is wrong. Put it on by making right choices.
- Shoes of the Gospel: To be ready to go, a soldier wears shoes. The Gospel of Peace is the good news that because of Jesus, God has made peace with us. It makes our feet ready to go and tell the good news about Jesus. Put it on by telling others about Him.
- Shield of Faith: Just as a shield protects a soldier from arrows, faith protects us from evil words and lies sent from Satan. Put it on by believing God's truths instead of Satan's lies.
- The Helmet of Salvation: Salvation means being saved. Just as a helmet protects a soldier's head, knowing God's promise to save us protects our minds from evil thoughts. Put it on by thinking about who God is and what He has done for you and for others.
- Sword of the Spirit: Our only weapon is God's Word, our sword. When Satan tempts us, we can always fight back by remembering or reading what the Bible says about each temptation. When you are tempted to do wrong, remember or search for the scripture verses that will help you make the right choice instead.

Below the picture, draw the following lines as the letters in a five-word command:

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