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WELCOME TO LifeWay's SUMMER R.E.A.D. PROGRAM

Reveal. Explore. Amaze. Discover.

We're so glad to have you join us on our summer reading adventure to put on the full armor of God! But why do we need armor to protect us?

When we put on the armor of God, we can stand against evil in the world. We don't struggle against things we can see, but we fight against the spiritual forces that want to stop God's plans (Eph. 6:11-13, CSB).

As you add each piece of armor, you'll explore God's truth through stories, Scripture, and questions. When you've reached the end of your quest and you're wearing the full armor of God, you'll receive a special reward!

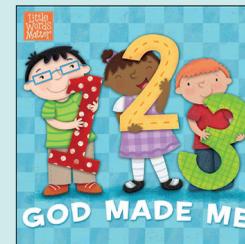
First, choose six books to read along the way. This journal will serve as a record of your adventure, and you'll need it to receive your prize. Are you ready to put on the full armor of God this summer? Grab your first book, open the Bible, and let's go!

All Scripture is from the Christian Standard Bible, unless otherwise noted.

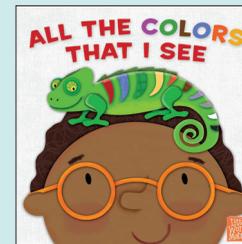


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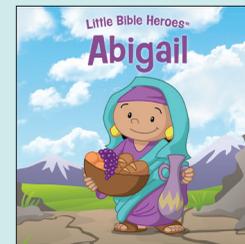
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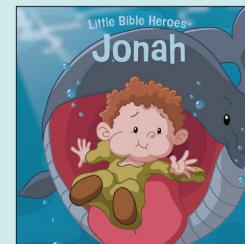
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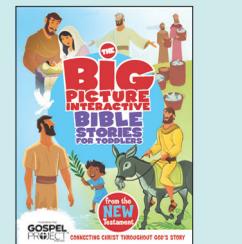
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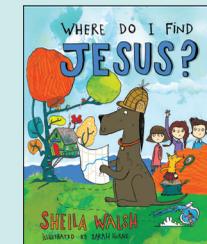


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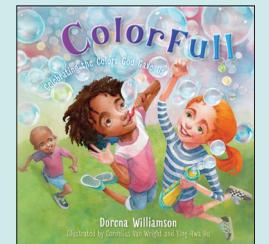


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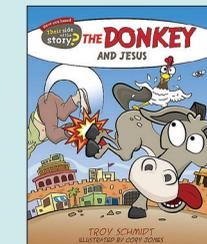
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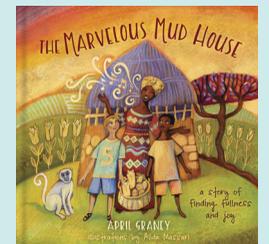
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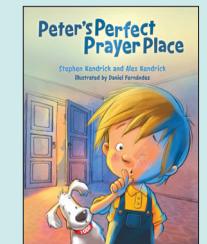
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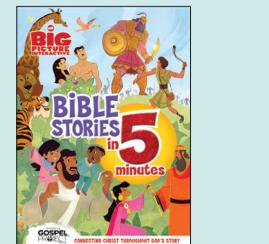
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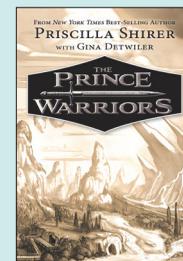


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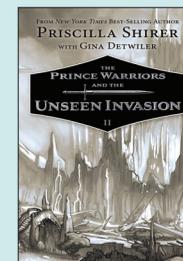


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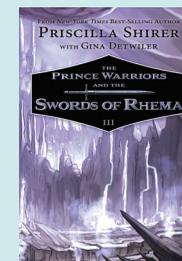
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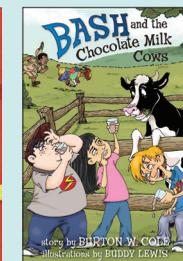
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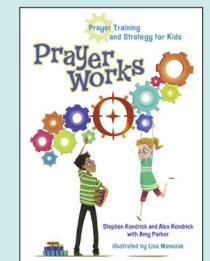
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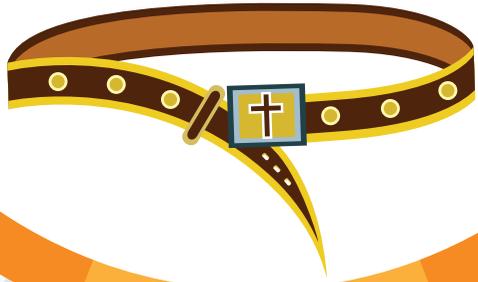
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1: THE BELT OF TRUTH



Our first piece of armor is the belt of truth. The belt covers a central point on our bodies, right in the middle. Having the truth of God seated there means that it's the core of our fight.



Memory Verse:

Stand, therefore, with truth like a belt around your waist... (Ephesians 6:14a)

Reading Question:

What is one thing that is true about your favorite character in this week's book?

Scripture Question:

How does knowing the truth help us every day? Where can we find truth about God?

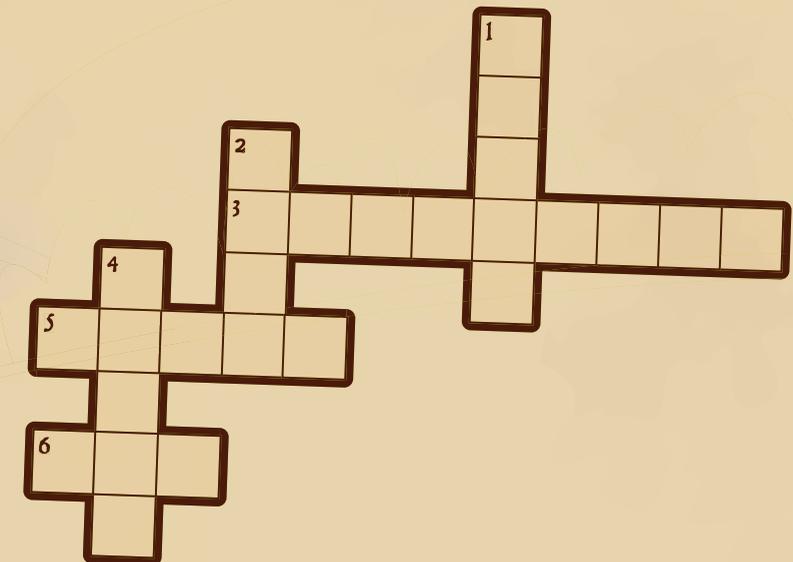
Put on the Belt of Truth

Across

3. book of the Bible that tells us about God's armor
5. the opposite of a lie
6. our creator and protector

Down

1. where you wear your belt of truth
2. the first piece of armor
4. special protection from God



Down
1. Waist
2. Belt
4. Armor
6. God

Across
3. Ephesians
5. Truth
6. God

2: ARMOR ON YOUR CHEST



Our next piece of armor is righteousness, which God tells us is like armor on our chests. Righteousness means being free from guilt, and we are righteous only because of Jesus. With our sins forgiven, our righteousness acts like armor protecting our chests, where our hearts reside. None of our enemies can get to us with Jesus' righteousness guarding us!



Memory Verse:

Stand, therefore, with...righteousness like armor on your chest...
(Ephesians 6:14)

Reading Question:

If you had to help protect a character in this week's book, what would you do?

Scripture Question:

How is righteousness like wearing armor on our chests?

Find and circle these words and phrases in the puzzle.
Words can be found across, down, and diagonally.

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- ARMOR
- BELT OF TRUTH
- EPHESIANS
- FORGIVENESS
- GOD
- GOSPEL
- GUARD
- JESUS
- PRAYER
- PROTECTION
- RIGHTEOUSNESS
- STAND

3: SANDALS



You might like going barefoot on your summer adventure, but what happens when you step onto a hot surface or pointy rocks? Ouch! That's why having our feet sandaled with readiness for the gospel is important. We protect ourselves with the gospel, our foundation, by protecting our feet. We can stand on it with confidence and be ready to share it!



Memory Verse:

Stand, therefore, with...your feet sandaled with readiness for the gospel of peace. (Ephesians 6:14a-15)

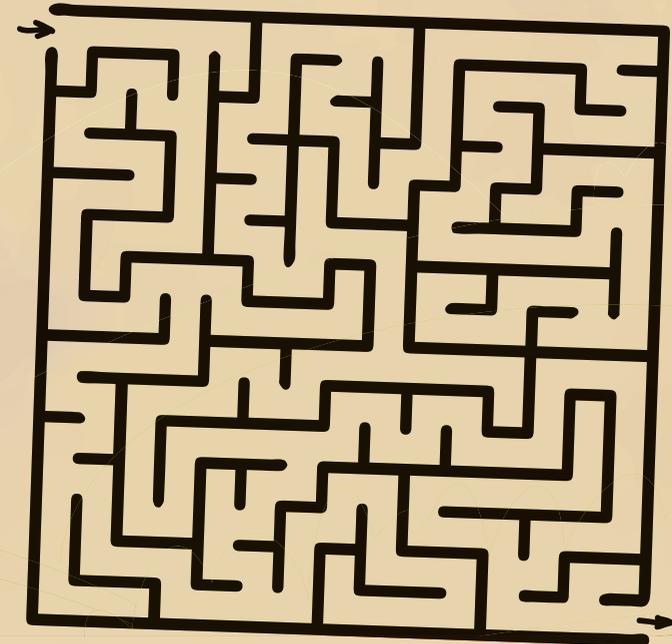
Reading Question:

In this week's book, what was one thing in which your favorite character was confident? How did it prepare them to tackle obstacles?

Scripture Question:

How do our shoes protect us? In what ways will the gospel protect us as we walk through life?

Put on your sandals, and find the path to your next piece of armor, the shield of faith.



5: THE HELMET OF SALVATION



When you ride a horse while you're on an adventure, why is wearing a helmet important? If you fall, hurting your head is a big deal! That's why our armor includes protection for our heads. We wear the helmet of salvation, meaning that nothing can take away the fact that God has saved us through Jesus and His death on the cross. The devil can try to hurt us, but we're protected by salvation!



Memory Verse:

Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit—which is the word of God. (Ephesians 6:17)

Reading Question:

In your book this week, did any characters make a mistake? What helped to protect them and fix their mistakes?

Scripture Question:

 How does God's Word help us fight evil?

Time to draw your best castle!

Grab your colored pencils and crayons. Add lots of turrets, knights, and more!



6: THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT



A sword is a powerful tool, and it can be an intimidating weapon. Our sword is God's Word! It's capable of changing our lives for the better as we learn and grow in the gospel. It can tell us the truth, help us learn what God wants us to do, and claim victory over evil. That's why it's so important to have a sword in our arsenal when we put on God's armor!



Memory Verse:

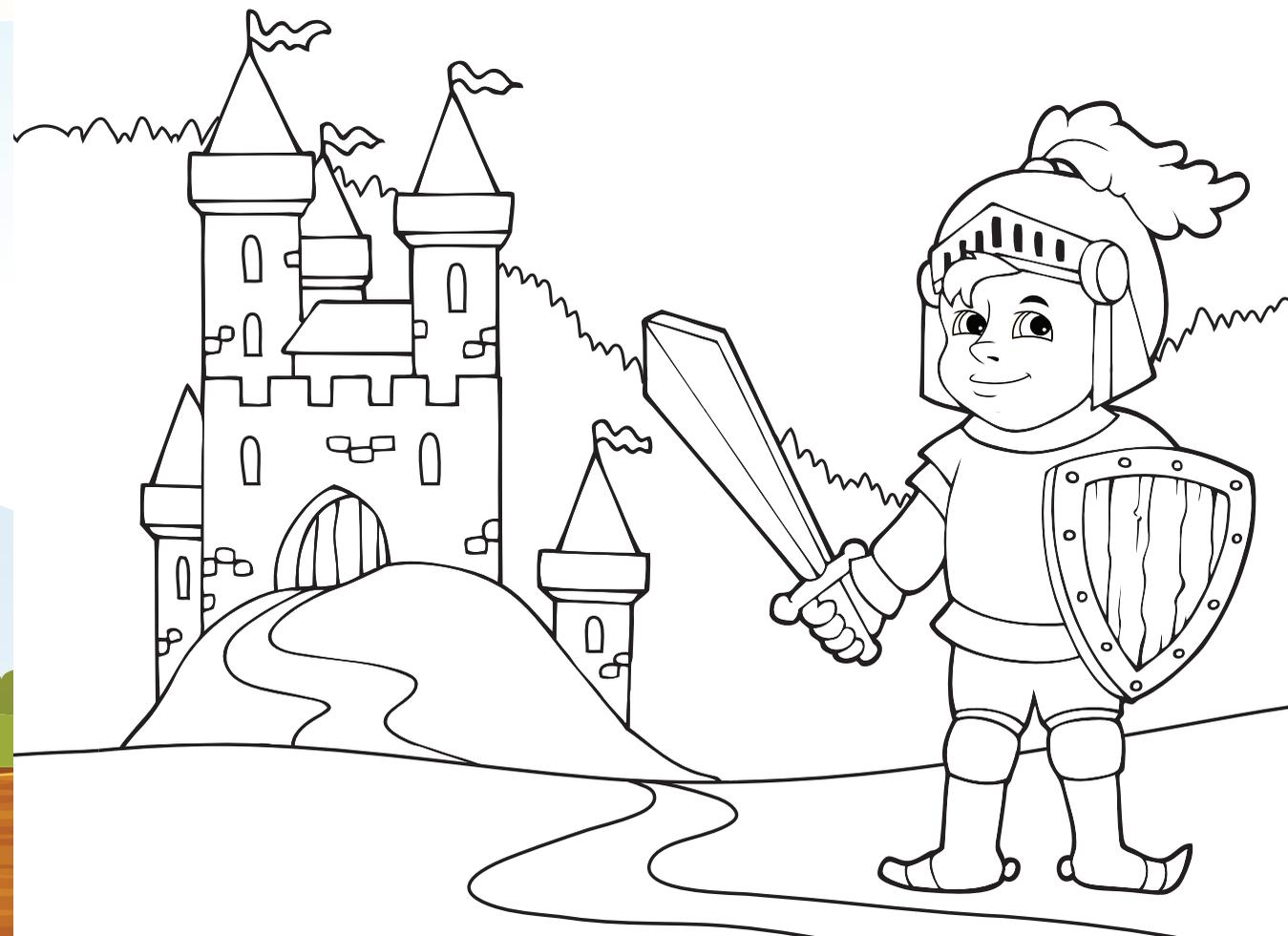
Take...the sword of the Spirit—which is the word of God. (Ephesians 6:17)

Reading Question:

In this week's book, how did your favorite character fight their battles? With words? With actions? Think about what they used to tackle their obstacles.

Scripture Question:

 What can the word of God do?



You're wearing the full armor of God!

Your journey has come to an end, but your adventure of faith isn't over!

Now that we're all suited up, what's left? It might be the most important action we can take when we're fighting against spiritual forces: prayer. That's simply talking directly to God. We can do this because of Jesus, and He wants us to come to Him with all our requests. When we face life's battles, we can ask Him for help—anytime, anywhere. Even if you feel weak, He's ready to help and build up your strength.

Memory Verse:

Pray at all times in the Spirit with every prayer and request, and stay alert with all perseverance and intercession for all the saints. (Ephesians 6:18)

Scripture Question:

When should we pray? Is there anything we can't talk to God about?

Write down your prayers using these starting points:

• Thank you, God, for _____

• God, please help me to _____

• God, I want to pray for these family members and friends:

In Jesus' holy name, amen.

Now that you're fully suited up with the armor of God,

CREATE THE LOOK FOR YOURSELF!

What You'll Need:

- Cardboard
- Construction paper
- Tape
- Children's scissors
- Crayons
- Colored pencils
- Anything else that will help you be creative!

Create a belt, shield, sword, armor for your chest, helmet, and sandals. Use your imagination to decorate them in your own special way, and get ready to take a stand for God!

Be sure to ask for your parent or guardian's help with using scissors.

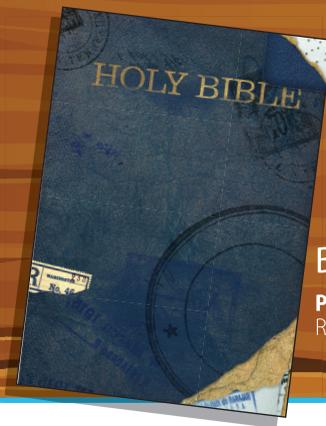
If you make your own armor, share a photo with us!

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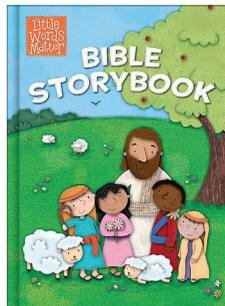
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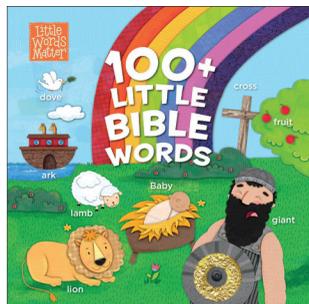


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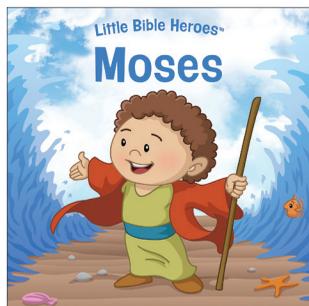
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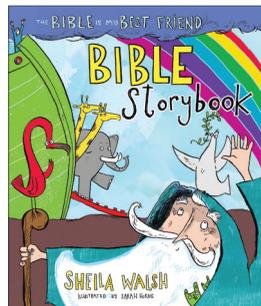


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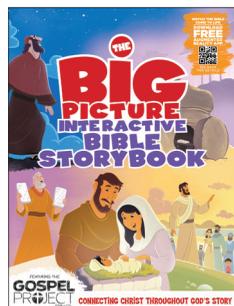
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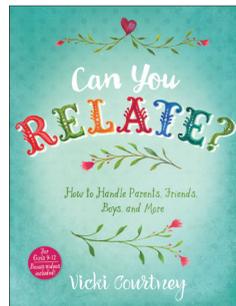


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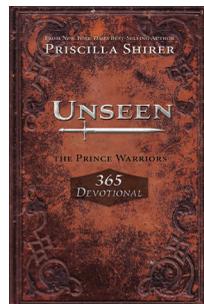


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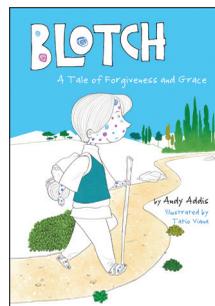
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