The Battleground

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Therefore put on the full armour of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground. Ephesians 6:13

To explain more about how to follow Jesus, Paul used examples from things which were in the world around him. When he wrote Ephesians he was in prison so the example of a soldier was literally in front of him! Paul explains that we need to be trained, equipped and prepared for our fight against sin in the same way that soldiers are trained, equipped and prepared.

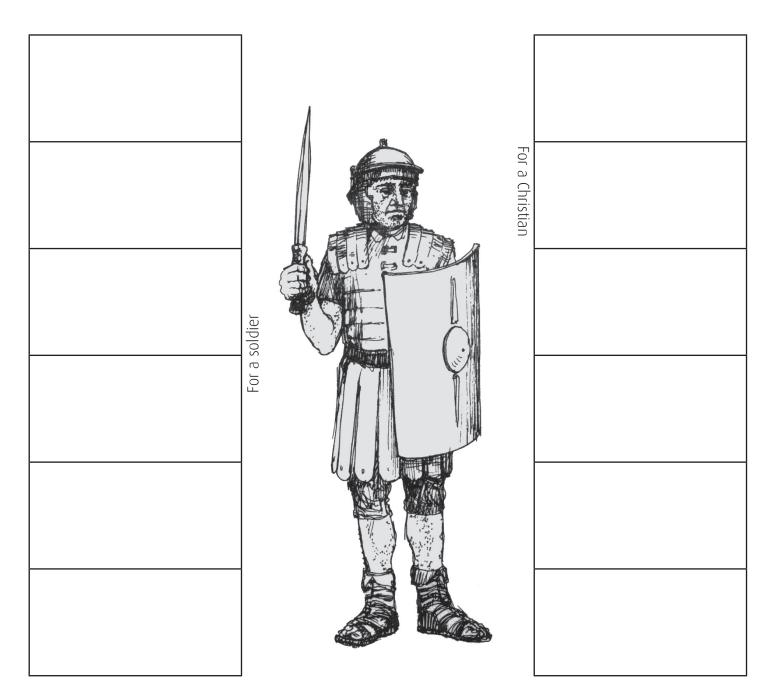
Look at Ephesians 6:10-24. On the left hand side of the soldier, list the parts of armour and why they are useful. On the right hand side, list what Paul says we should be armed with, and give some examples.

Ephesians 6:10-24

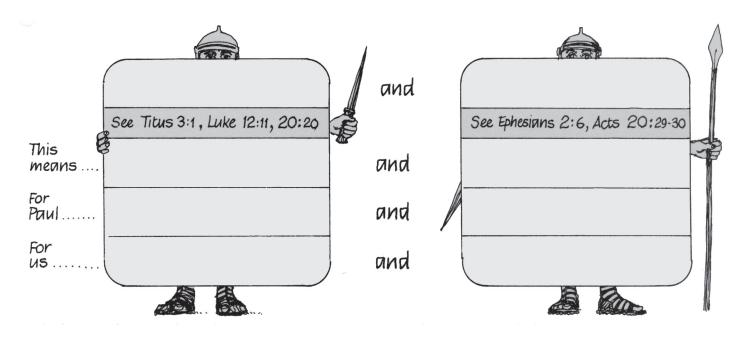
Readings this week:

S	Isaiah 59:12-20
M	Isaiah 11:1-5
Т	Ephesians 6:10-23
W	1 Timothy 6:11-21
Th	2 Corinthians 10:3-5
F	2 Corinthians 6:1-10

S 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11



Look in verse 11. What are we fighting? What are we NOT fighting?



Paul tells us we have to be like soldiers. Is it ever right to be a soldier or to fight? Can you think of any Bible references to back up the point you are making?

Digging Deeper

Paul's letter to churches

The nine books of the Bible that follow Acts are Paul's letters to churches (An epistle is a letter)

Read the first verse or two of each letter to check that this is right Now test yourself or each other about each place. Where is it? What happened there? How do you spell the name? And do you know anything Paul wrote in the letter? The bit in brackets might help you with that last question.

Romans	
1 Corinthians	
2 Corinthians	
Galatians	
Ephesians	
Philippians	
Colossians	
1 Thessalonians	
2Thessalonians	

(Romans 6:23) (see lessons 129-131) (2 Corinthians 3:11) (see digging deeper lesson 124) (see lessons 133-134) (see lesson 127) (Colossians 3:17) (1 Thessalonians 4:16-18) (2 Thessalonians 3;11-13)



Learn the names of these nine books in order.