

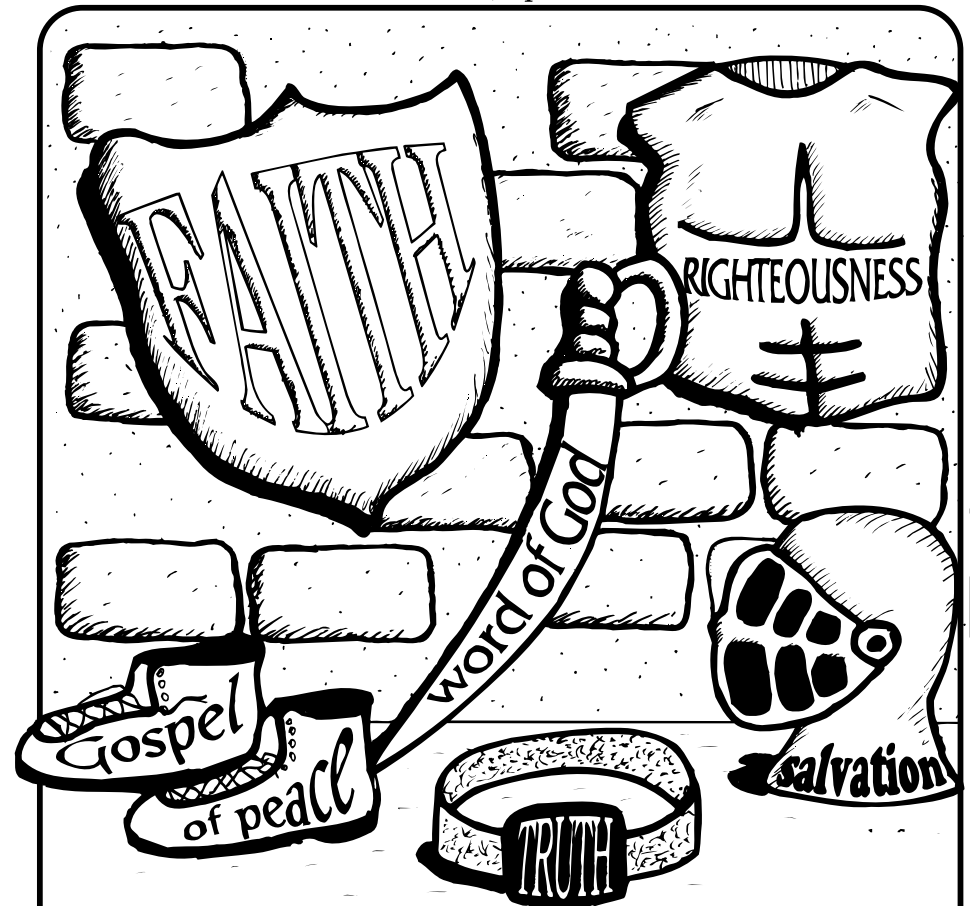
Kidsword

Mark 7:1-23; Eph. 6:10-20

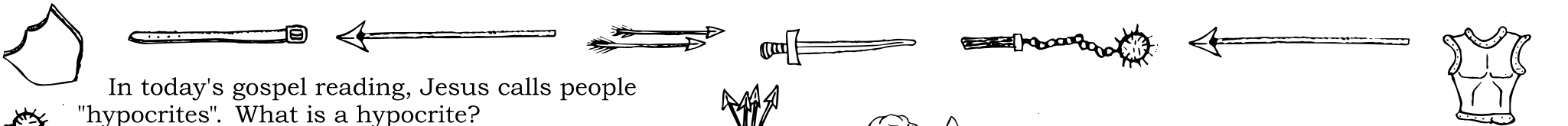


NONE OF US IS ALWAYS OBEDIENT TO GOD. WE ALL SIN AND MAKE MISTAKES BUT HERE'S THE GOOD NEWS: GOD DOES NOT LOVE US OR ACCEPT US BECAUSE OF OUR OBEDIENCE OR REJECT US FOR NOT OBEYING; GOD ACCEPTS US BECAUSE OF OUR FAITH IN JESUS; AND THAT FAITH IS GOD'S FREE GIFT TO US!

Can you think of people in the Bible or in your life who showed obedience to God? List them and tell how they obeyed.



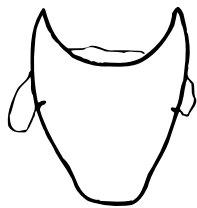
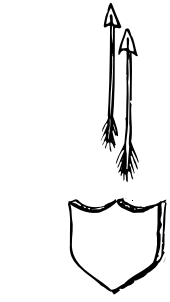
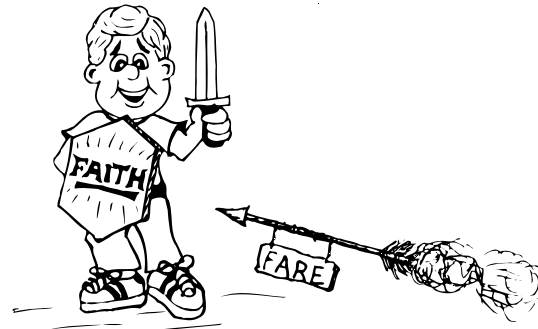
Put on the whole armor of God so that you can resist the devil's attacks. Our war is not against people, but against the power of evil. Put on the belt of _____ and the breastplate of _____. Slip on the shoes of the _____; and take the shield of faith to protect you from the devil's burning arrows. Wear the helmet of _____ and use the sword of the Spirit, which is the _____.



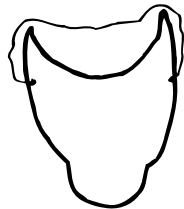
In today's gospel reading, Jesus calls people "hypocrites". What is a hypocrite?

In Jesus time "hypocrite" was a word for an actor who performed in plays. Often, actors wore masks to show what kind of character they were playing.

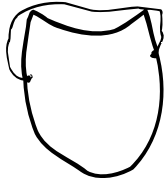
When Jesus called certain people hypocrites, he meant that they were only acting or pretending to love God. They were like actors wearing masks to make them look holy or religious, but they were not.



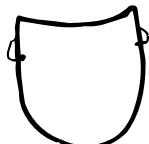
PEACEFUL



SERIOUS



HAPPY

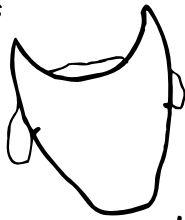


DEPRESSED

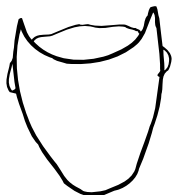
Draw faces on these masks that show the feelings that are opposite the ones written under the masks.



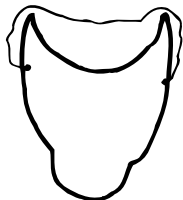
HATEFUL



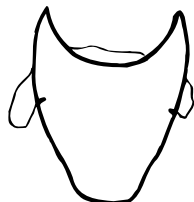
ANGRY



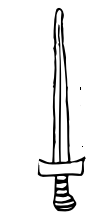
LOVING



WORRIED



CALM



The Apostle Paul said that we should use faith like a shield to protect us against the devil's burning arrows. These "arrows" are the things that make us doubt God's plan and love for us, or tempt us to be bitter about things and people.

Draw a battle scene. Help these kids win their fight against the devil. Unscramble the burning arrows.

