

Monday : The Breastplate of Righteousness

Good Morning Knights in Training and your loyal Pages.

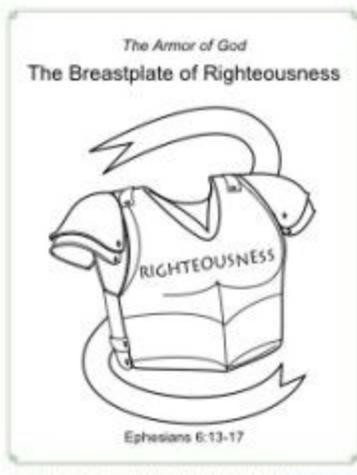
Yesterday you spent time in worship and you had the opportunity to just have fun with your fellow knights in training.

Today you are going out to work in the community. You are going to share the love of God that we talked about yesterday with other people.

Today your new piece of armor is **The Breastplate of Righteousness**.

The what? Do you have any idea what a breastplate is? What would you do with it? Why do you need it?

Put your hand on your heart. Your heart is really important. It pumps your blood and keeps you alive! When knights were in battle, they had to be sure to protect their heart so they wore a sort of vest made out of metal to keep the weapons away. That is a breastplate. It protects your chest and your heart.



When you are putting on the Breastplate of Righteousness you are trying to protect your heart in a different way. Can you say the verse you said for the Belt of Truth?

**For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son,
that whoever believes in him shall not perish
but have eternal life.**

As a knight you are told to share this love with everyone, but sometimes you may not feel like it. You may feel tired or grumpy. You may not like the person you have to love! There may be other things you would rather do.

By putting on this piece of the armor you are asking God to protect your heart so that you will want to do the right thing - you want to be righteous. But you have to put on this piece with prayer. Praying will keep your heart focused on God and showing his love to the world.

Praying FOR someone is also a really good way of keeping your heart protected and focused on God and his love. So today your task is to find a person in the church who is NOT another knight in training or their page. Maybe even someone you don't know! Go and pray this blessing over them. You should practice by praying it with each other as Knight and Page first! Then get the person to sign on the line and bring this to the Squire!

Have a blessed day sharing God's love by your work today.

Numbers 6:24-26 Easy-to-Read Version (ERV)

24 'May the LORD bless you

and keep you.

25 May the LORD smile down on you^[a]

and show you his kindness.

26 May the LORD answer your prayers^[b]

and give you peace.' Amen.
