

**THURSDAY, JULY 16**



**Session**

**4**

**PRESCHOOL / KINDERGARTEN**



# Knights of North Castle Shield of FAITH

## BANNER VERSE

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Ephesians 6:10 (NRSV)

## CASTLE CALL-OUT

Armor Up with Faith!

## BIBLE STORY

Jesus Walks on Water  
(Matthew 14:22-33)

Our Bible story begins after Jesus miraculously fed about five thousand people. Jesus instructed his disciples to go ahead of him to the other side of the lake. The disciples did as he said, and Jesus went up to a mountain to pray. Night came and the disciples—still on the lake—found themselves in the midst of a storm. Early in the morning, they saw the figure of a man walking toward them on the lake. They were terrified and screamed, thinking it was a ghost! They didn't know it was Jesus until he said, "Be encouraged! It's me. Don't be afraid" (verse 27). Peter said, "'Lord, if it's you, order me to come to you on the water.' And Jesus said, 'Come.'" (verses 28-29). Peter took a few steps toward Jesus on the water. Then Peter felt a strong wind, became frightened, and began to sink. He shouted, "Lord, rescue me!" Jesus reached out and grabbed him and said, "You man of weak faith! Why did you begin to have doubts?" (verses 30-31).

## Queen Candi's DAILY DECREE:

Day 4 brings us to the search for the armor that helps us focus on what we CAN DO when our eyes are on the KING!

North Castle Welcome

Royal Musicians- "Knights of North Castle"

Armorer John and Sparky

Royal Musicians- "Jesus You Remain"

The Royal Players & the King's Book-  
Jesus Walks on Water

Craft Corner- "Wooden Crosses" 5 yrs. -Kinder  
"Armor of God Bracelets" 5<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Science Session- Pencil Flips

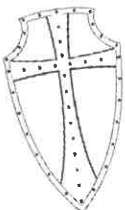
Assembly Trivia

Court Musicians- "Jesus Loves Me"  
"Be Strong in the Lord"

The Round Table- "~~Pringles~~ *like Krispy Treats*  
(Your Helmet of Salvation)  
*Shield of Faith*

**FAITH is the reality of what we HOPE for—  
Even though we can't see it...there's no proof.**

**RIDDLE 4: The Shield of Faith is not found yet. Direct your search for feet so wet.**



**ANSWER: Peter walking on water with Jesus.**

**Be Strong in  
the Lord -  
Have FAITH in  
Jesus!**



# Wooden Cross

The *Artistic Cut Wood Cross* will remind you about the great Bible stories you have learned during the week at the *North Castle*!



## **DIRECTIONS:**

Step 1: Your cross can be colored, painted or decorated however you choose! Markers have been provided for you in your Day 1 bag or even use some stickers.

Step 2: After you've finished making your cross, you can hang it someplace where you'll remember that God is always with you.

**Ephesians 6:10** "Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power."

# Pencil Flips

## I. Preparation

Prepare two images. One should show a representation of Jesus (a stick figure is fine!); the other image should show the stormy sea.

## II. Introduction

Say Something Like: **In our Bible story, Jesus walked across the water. This miracle helped the disciples know that Jesus was in control of the wind and the waves. We're going to do a science experiment that will let us see an image of Jesus showing up on our own stormy sea. Hold up your two pictures, of Jesus and the stormy sea.**

Ask: **Do you think there is a way we can make it seem as if we seeing both pictures at the same time?**

Ask: **Do you have any ideas on how we could do it?**

## III. Experiment

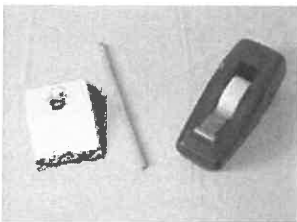
Have your Knights complete the following directions:

Step 1. Fold your index card in half. On one side, draw a stormy sea. On the other side, draw a picture of Jesus with no background.

Step 2. Stick your pencil into the folded note card so that the note card sits on the pencil like a lollipop on its stick. Use a small piece of tape on each side to attach the note card to the pencil.

Step 3. Roll the pencil back and forth in your hand very quickly and watch the pictures. You should see Jesus standing on the stormy sea.

Steps 1



Step 2



Step 3



## Bible Story

**Jesus Walks on Water**

Matthew 14:22-33

## Castle Callout

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## Materials

- unsharpened pencils
- unlined 3-by-5 cards
- clear tape
- colored pencils
- markers or crayons

## Teacher Tip

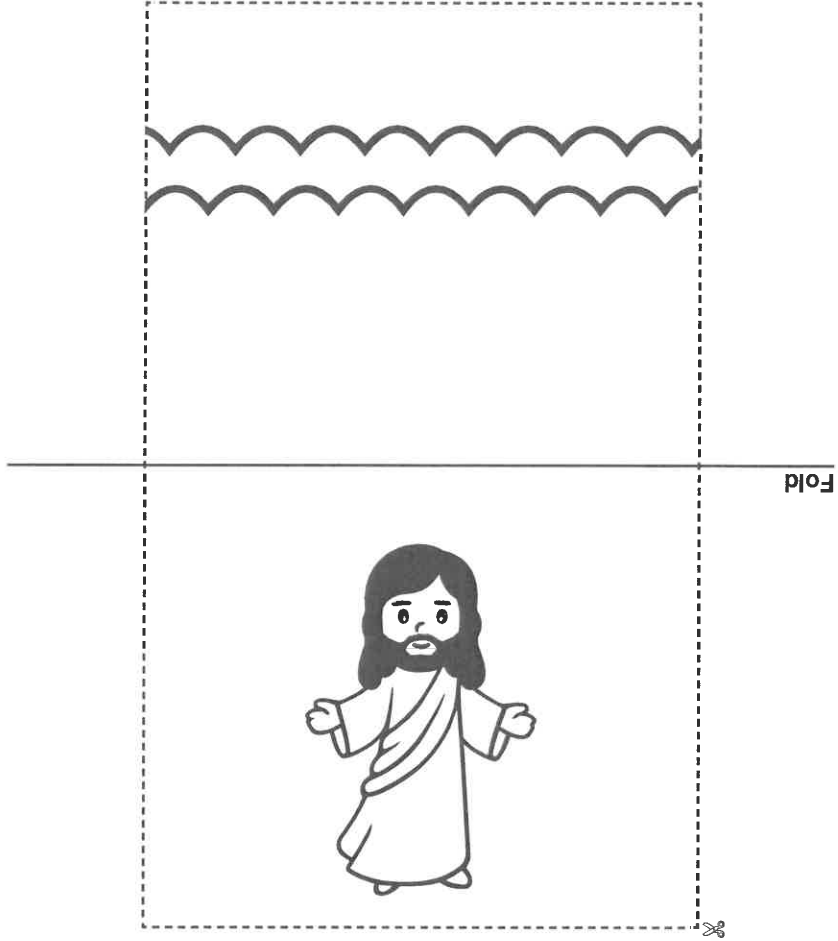
You may want to pre-draw some cards for younger Knights.

#### IV. How does it work?

When your eyes catch an image, they send it to your brain. Your brain holds on to that image for about 1/15 of a second. If you look at a new image during that time, your brain merges the two. This is the science behind movies and cartoons. Cartoons are a stream of drawings that change very quickly, but your brain sees them as constant movement. You have created a tiny cartoon in your hand!

#### V. Bible Tie-in

Flipping the pencils helped us see an image of Jesus in the stormy sea. When you are in a tough spot, you can picture the ways that God has been faithful in the past, and that will help you remember to look for God at work in your current situation.



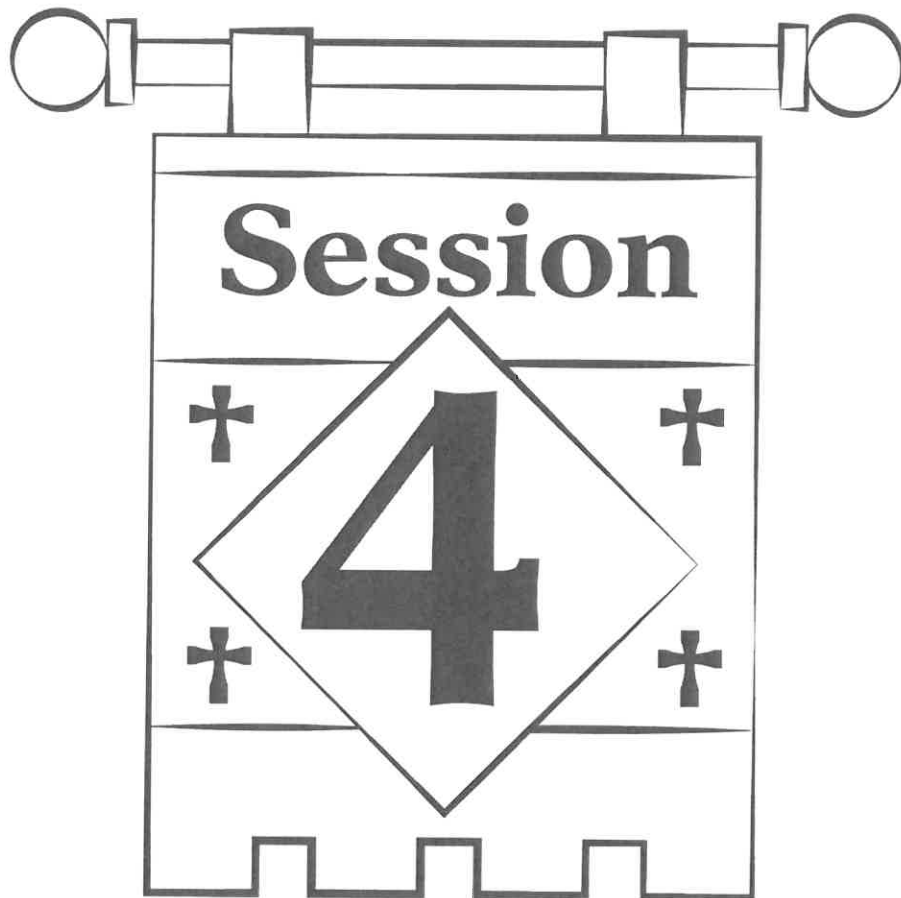


**SQUIRE**  
**Knights in**  
**Training!**

You'll find  
**OPTIONAL**  
**ACTIVITIES**  
to do  
**TODAY**

**Summer Adventure FUN at HOME!**

**OPTIONAL**  
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# Make-It-And-Take-It Bible Craft

## Shield of Faith

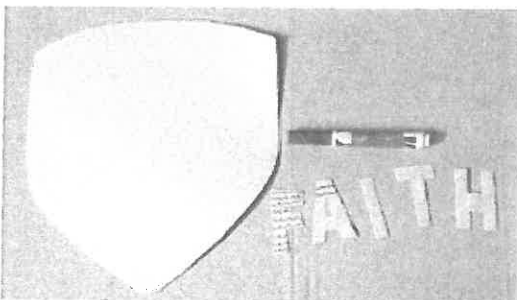
### Purpose

Knights will create part of the Armor of God to help them to remember their quests from VBS.

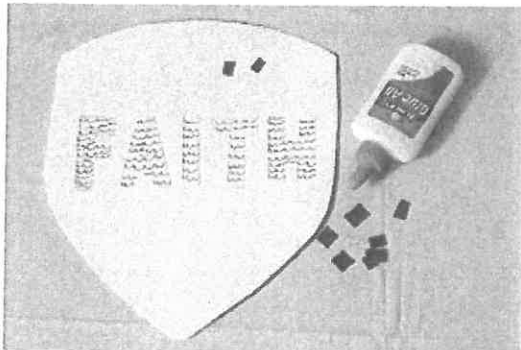
### Preparation

Trace the shield template (page 4) onto the poster board and cut it out. Cut poster board into 2" strips to use as handles for the shields. Cut the blue squares. Cut out letters to spell "FAITH" from white construction paper. Cut glittered paper into 1/4" squares.

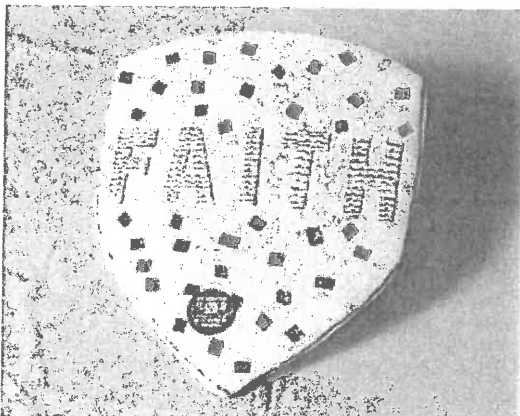
### Directions



**Step 1:** Give each child a set of letters that spell out "FAITH." Instruct Knights to draw wavy lines on each letter to represent the water from today's lesson. Glue letters onto the shield.



**Step 2:** Glue the 1/4" squares of glittered paper onto the shield.



**Step 3:** Help Knights attach a handle to the back of the shield using the 2" strips and duct tape. Refer to Step 3 on page 24 for a picture.

### Ages

Appropriate for all ages.

### Teacher Tip

If time allows, have Knights cut out their own shields and handles.



### Bible Story

Jesus Walks on Water

Matthew 14:22-33

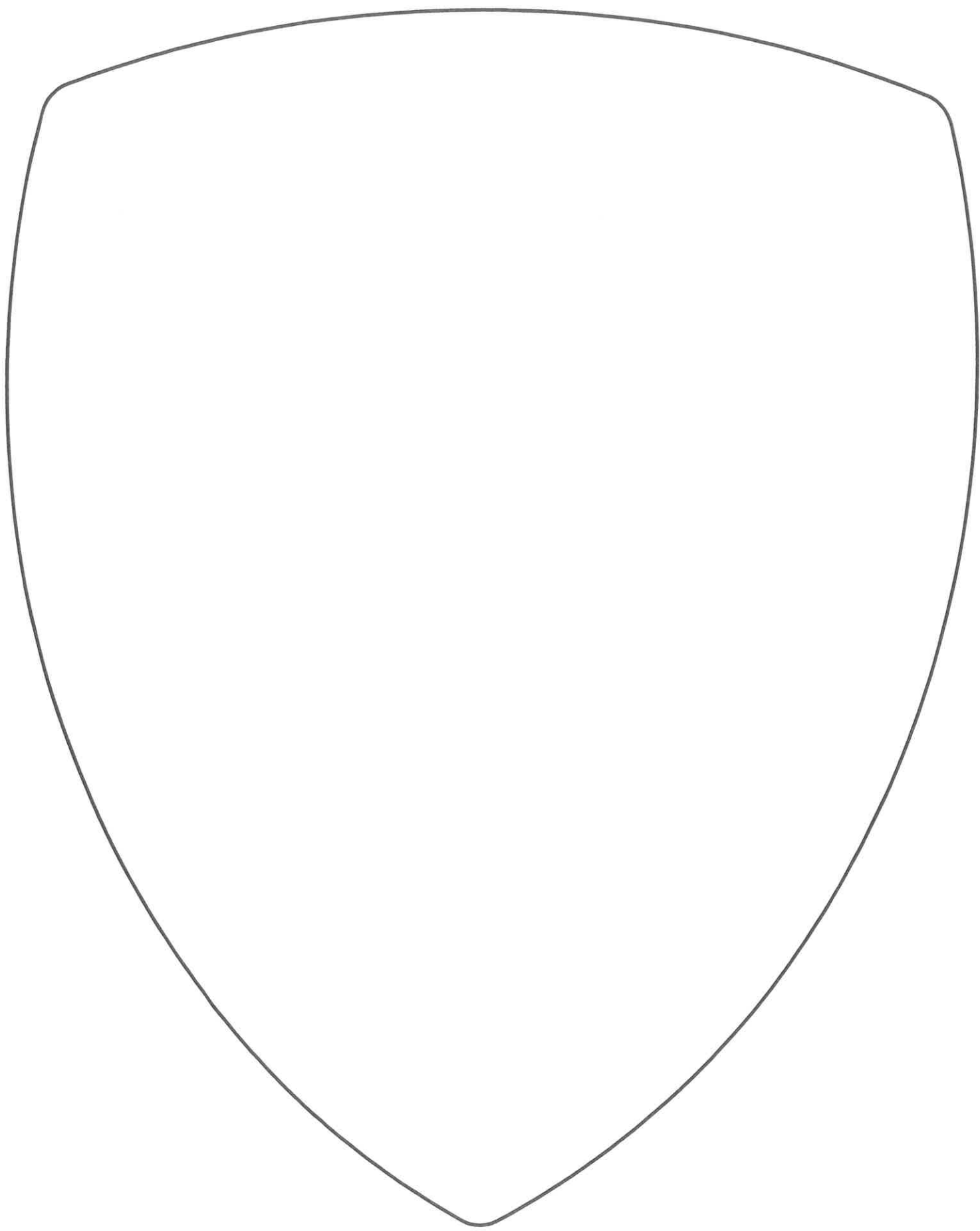
### Castle Callout

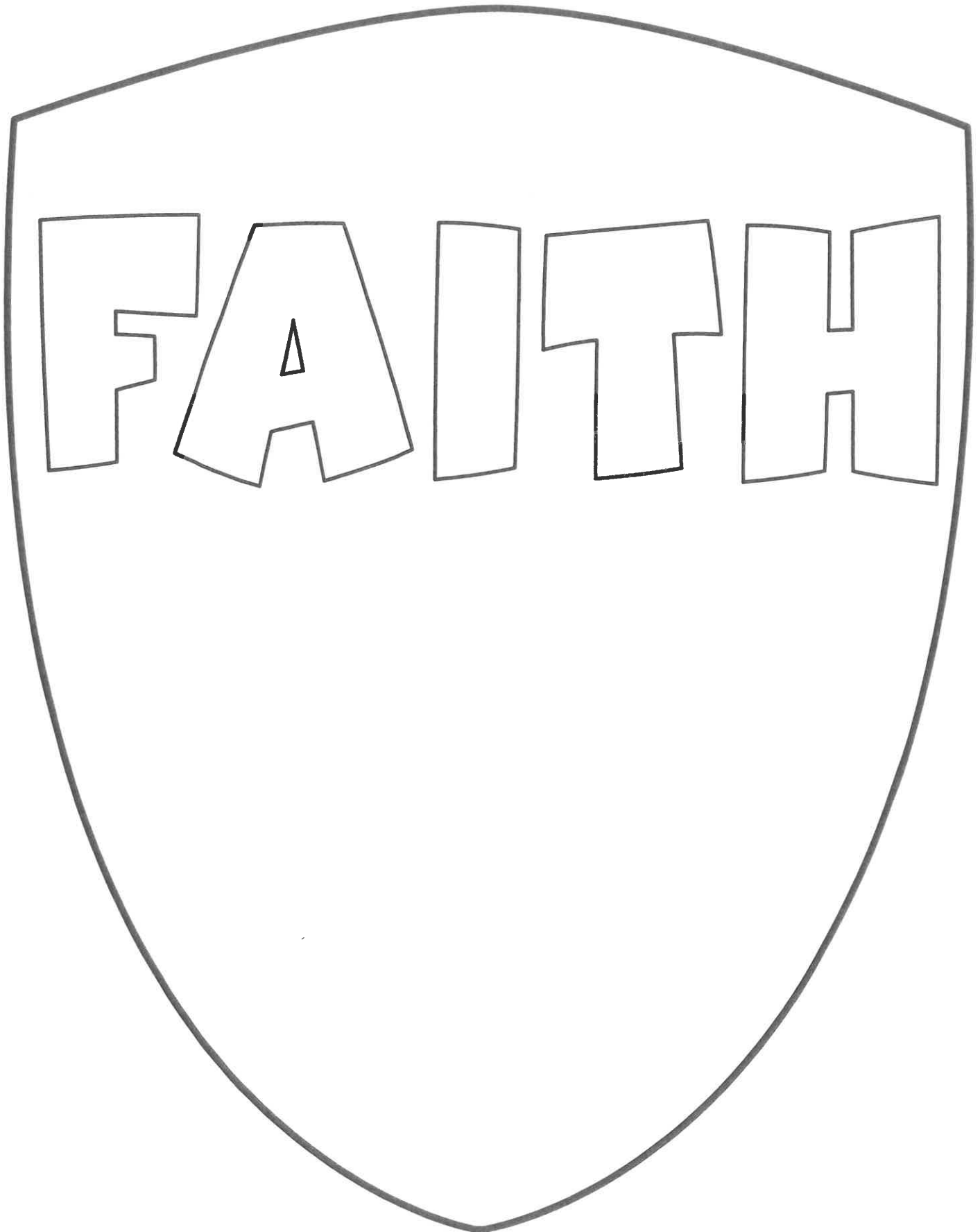
Armor Up with Faith!

### Materials

- ☐ posterboard or recycled cereal boxes
- ☐ letter spelling out "FAITH"
- ☐ white construction paper
- ☐ glittered paper in shades of blue
- ☐ markers, colored pencils, and crayons in varying shades of blue
- ☐ school glue
- ☐ duct tape and sturdy scissors (ADULT use only)
- ☐ **Craft Theme Stickers** (optional)

**Option:** Have Knights divide shields into sections and decorate each section to illustrate ways God has given them the strength to do amazing things.





**BE STRONG IN THE LORD AND  
IN THE STRENGTH OF HIS  
POWER! EPHESIANS 6:10**



# Preschool Recreation

## Balance Relay

### Preparation

Use masking tape to make a starting line and a finish line and one line connecting them for each team.

### Let's Play!

**SAY: God's strength gives us faith and helps us do amazing things! We are going to use an amazing skill in this game.**

1. Divide Knights into groups of equal numbers. The object is for Knights to keep their balance as they walk on the tape.
2. Have the teams line up behind the starting line. Knights who are first in line will walk on the tape. When they get to the finish line, they will turn around and run back to the starting line and tag the next Knight in line. The team that completes the relay first wins.

### Bible Tie-in

**ASK: Was it hard to keep your balance? Why or why not?**

**SAY: In today's Bible story, Peter tried to do something kind of like our activity. He was walking toward Jesus, but he was out in the middle of a lake! The wind and waves frightened Peter. He began to fall into the water and called out to Jesus to help him. How did Jesus help Peter? Jesus helped Peter by reaching out and catching him.**

Let's repeat our Castle Callout together.

## Castle Quest

### Preparation

Make sure the recreation area is safe and ready for play. Use masking tape to make a starting line and a finish line.

### Let's Play!

**SAY: Our game is played liked Red Light/Green Light. Our leader, the castle marshal, will stand at the finish line. Your quest is to reach the castle marshal and cross the finish line. When the castle marshal calls out "green shield," you may start walking. When the castle marshal calls out "red shield," you must stop. See if you can conquer this quest!**

1. Knights line up at the starting line.
2. The castle marshal calls out "green shield" to start the quest.
3. The castle marshal calls out "red shield" to stop the Knights.
4. The castle marshal sends back to the starting line any Knights who are still moving when "red shield" is called out.

### Bible Tie-in

**SAY: In today's Bible story, we see Peter trying to perform an amazing quest—walking on water. We had a quest today. Tell us about this quest.**

Let's repeat our Castle Callout together.



### Bible Story

**Jesus Walks on Water**  
Matthew 14:22-33

### Castle Callout

Armor Up with Faith!

### Materials

**Balance Relay**  
masking tape