

SAUL RESCUES HIS PEOPLE

1 Samuel 11:1-15

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¹Nahash the Ammonite went up and besieged Jabesh Gilead. And all the men of Jabesh said to him, “Make a treaty with us, and we will be subject to you.”

²But Nahash the Ammonite replied, “I will make a treaty with you only on the condition that I gouge out the right eye of every one of you and so bring disgrace on all Israel.”

³The elders of Jabesh said to him, “Give us seven days so we can send messengers throughout Israel; if no one comes to rescue us, we will surrender to you.”

⁴When the messengers came to Gibeah of Saul and reported these terms to the people, they all wept aloud. ⁵Just then Saul was returning from the fields, behind his oxen, and he asked, “What is wrong with the people? Why are they weeping?” Then they repeated to him what the men of Jabesh had said.

⁶When Saul heard their words, the Spirit of God came upon him in power, and he burned with anger. ⁷He took a pair of oxen, cut them into pieces, and sent the pieces by messengers throughout Israel, proclaiming, “This is what will be done to the oxen of anyone who does not follow Saul and Samuel.” Then the terror of the LORD fell on the people, and they turned out as one man. ⁸When Saul mustered them at Bezek, the men of Israel numbered three hundred thousand and the men of Judah thirty thousand.

⁹They told the messengers who had come, “Say to the men of Jabesh Gilead, ‘By the time the sun is hot tomorrow, you will be delivered.’” When the messengers went and reported this to the men of Jabesh, they were elated. ¹⁰They said to the Ammonites, “Tomorrow we will surrender to you, and you can do to us whatever seems good to you.”

¹¹The next day Saul separated his men into three divisions; during the last watch of the night they broke into the camp of the Ammonites and slaughtered them until the heat of the day. Those who survived were scattered, so that no two of them were left together.

¹²The people then said to Samuel, “Who was it that asked, ‘Shall Saul reign over us?’ Bring these men to us and we will put them to death.”

¹³But Saul said, “No one shall be put to death today, for this day the LORD has rescued Israel.”

¹⁴Then Samuel said to the people, “Come, let us go to Gilgal and there reaffirm the kingship.” ¹⁵So all the people went to Gilgal and confirmed Saul as king in the presence of the LORD. There they sacrificed fellowship offerings before the LORD, and Saul and all the Israelites held a great celebration.

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POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	QUESTIONS
5		1.) What did Nahash the Ammonite say he would do the Israelites? (Verse 2)
5		2.) What happened when Saul heard about how his people were being treated?
5		3.) What happened to the Ammonites?
5		4.) Why do you think Samuel wanted to Saul to have a great celebration?

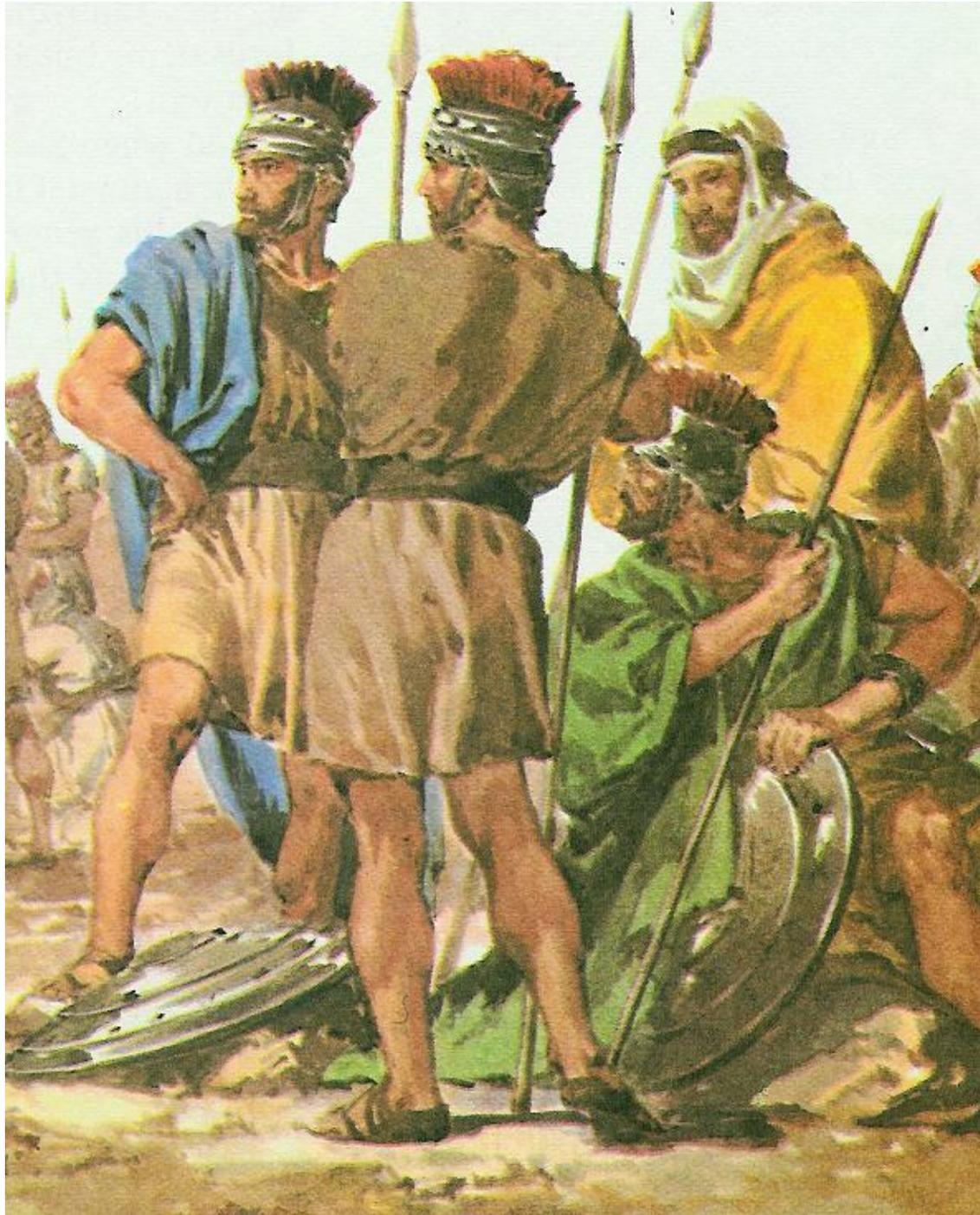
POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		<p>“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you...”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Acts 1:8</p>

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	HOME CONNECTION	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
5		<i>I have read, or been read, the passage of scripture for this week.</i>	
5		<i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>	
10		<i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i>	

TOTAL POINTS	CLUB CONNECTION
	LEADER'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE ___/___/___

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The Israelites are victorious over the Ammonites

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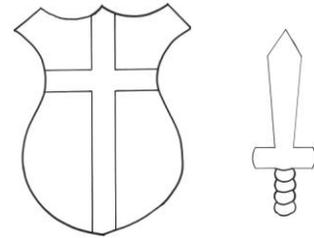
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CRAFT/ACTIVITY: SWORDS & SHIELDS

Students will make swords and shields to remind them that God was with the Israelites when they were fighting against the Ammonites. God gave them the victory.

MATERIALS

1. Sword & Shield Pattern
2. 67 lb. White Cardstock
3. Crayons, Markers, or Colored Pencils
4. Tape
5. Scissors
6. Aluminum Foil



DIRECTIONS

1. Make a copy of the “Sword & Shield Pattern” on 67 lb. white cardstock for each student.
2. Have students color the sword and shield with crayons, markers, or colored pencils.
3. Instruct students to cut out the shield, sword, and rectangle (handle for the shield).
4. Tape the rectangle to the back side of the shield as a handle.
5. Glue a piece of aluminum foil to the blade of the sword.

FOR DISCUSSION

As students are coloring their swords and shields, remind them that God was with the Israelites as they fought against the Ammonites. God continued to protect the Israelites as he protects his children today. Help students realize that God is bigger than our problems. No matter how big our problems are, we have a God that is bigger! When God sent his son Jesus to die for our sins, he gave us victory over sin and death.

TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:

Approximately 15 minutes

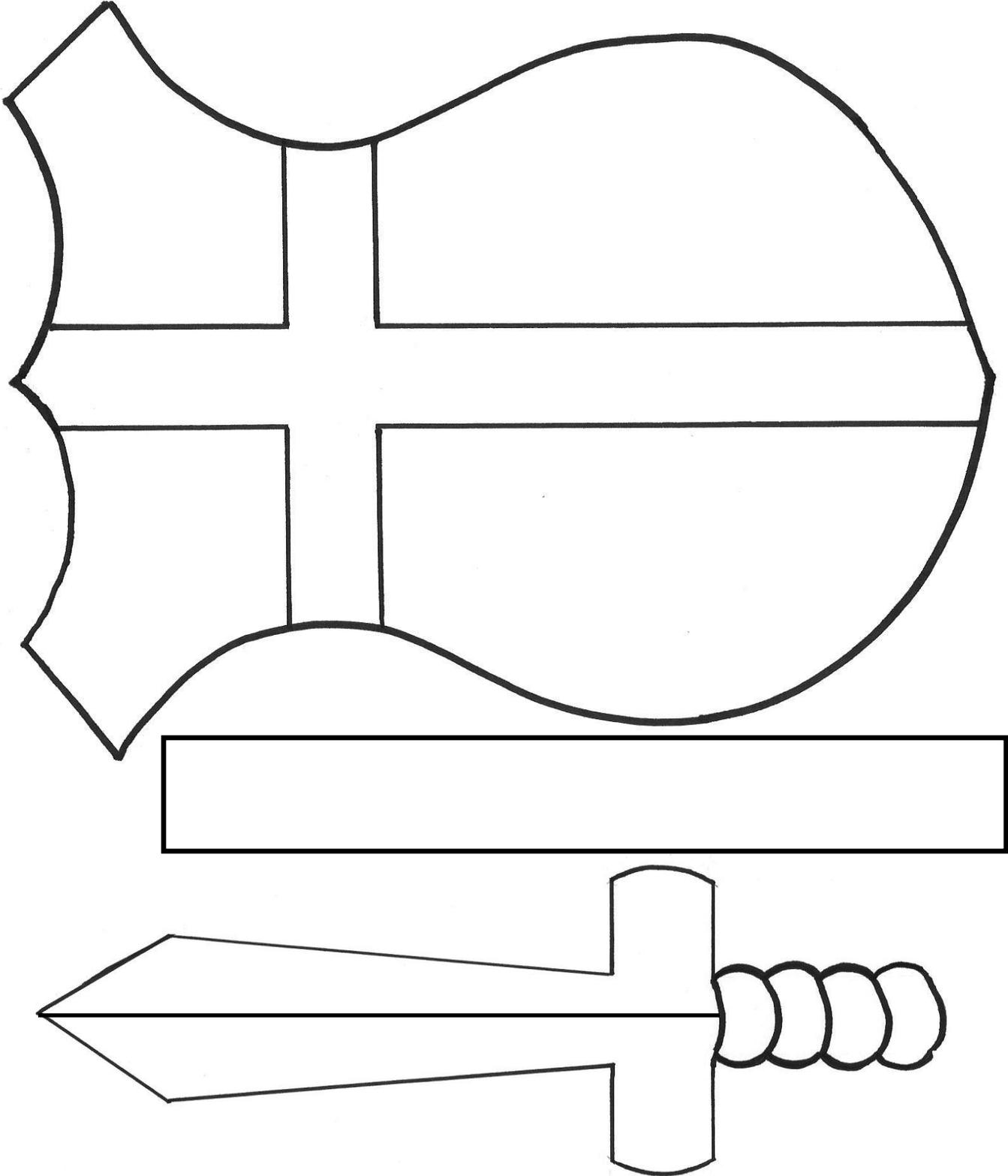
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SWORD & SHIELD PATTERN



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Directions: In box #1, draw a picture of something that happened at the *beginning* of the story. In box #2 and #3, draw a picture of something that happened in the *middle* of the story. In box #4, draw a picture of something that happened at the *end* of the story. Then write a sentence for each picture to describe what you have drawn.

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2.

3.

4.

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A SPECIAL REPORT ON 1 SAMUEL 11:1-15

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Last week, the Ammonites came to God's people and wanted to rule over them. The Ammonites also wanted to cut out the right eye of all of God's people to bring disgrace on

Israel.

The elders asked for seven days before this would happen. They wanted time for someone to rescue them. The Ammonites agreed.

When Saul heard what the Ammonites were going to do to God's people, the Spirit of God came upon him. He cut up two oxen and sent messengers throughout Israel. The messengers told God's people that this would happen to them if they do not follow after Saul and Samuel.

Over 300,000 men decided to fight the Ammonites. At night, the people of Israel attacked the Ammonites. Many of the Ammonites died. Those who were left were scattered so that they would not fight.

Later, there was a great celebration. The people sacrificed fellowship offerings before the Lord. Saul was confirmed as king in front of his people.

For more details, please read 1 Samuel 11:1-15 in your Bible.

QUESTIONS

1. Why did the Ammonites want to cut out the Israelites' eyes?
2. What did the elders ask for?
3. Why did the elders need time?
4. Why do you think there was a great celebration?

MEMORY VERSE

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you..."

Acts 1:8

TRUE OR FALSE?

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| <input type="radio"/> | T | F | The people of Israel asked for 6 days to find a rescuer. |
| <input type="radio"/> | T | F | More than 300,000 men decided to fight. |
| <input type="radio"/> | T | F | There was a great celebration after the battle. |
| <input type="radio"/> | T | F | Samuel was confirmed as king. |
| <input type="radio"/> | T | F | The Spirit of God was with Saul. |