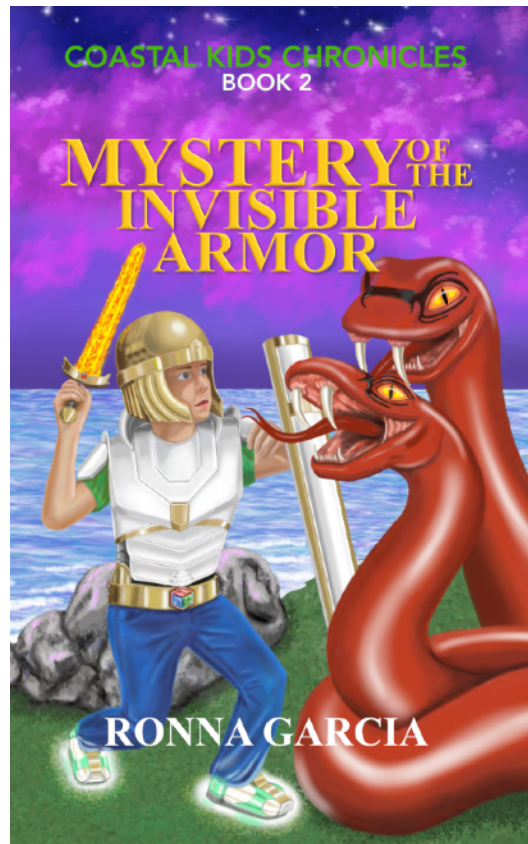


5 DAY VBS SCRIPT BASED ON THE BOOK:

MYSTERY OF THE INVISIBLE ARMOR



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Mystery of the Invisible Armor

Setting: The story takes place in the beach community of Newport, Oregon.

STAGE DIRECTIONS: SR=STAGE RIGHT, SL=STAGE LEFT, CS=CENTER STAGE

CHARACTERS: (IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE)

EWAN: A WARRIOR ANGEL WHO GETS HIS ORDERS FROM GOD, THE LORD OF HEAVEN'S ARMIES. HE IS WEARING THE FULL ARMOR OF GOD, AND IS INVISIBLE TO THE HUMAN CHARACTERS.

WILL BRADFORD: 5TH GRADER, HANNAH'S BROTHER. HE IS WEARING COMFORTABLE KIDS CLOTHES.

DIEGO VALDEZ: 5TH GRADER, LUCIA'S BROTHER. HE IS WEARING COMFORTABLE KIDS CLOTHES.

HANNAH BRADFORD: 3RD GRADER. SHE IS WEARING COMFORTABLE KIDS CLOTHES.

LUCIA VALDEZ: 3RD GRADER. SHE IS WEARING COMFORTABLE KIDS CLOTHES.

MRS. BRADFORD: WILL AND HANNAH'S MOM. WEARING MOM CLOTHES.

SHADOW: A DEMON ASSIGNED TO TEMPT THE KIDS AT NEWPORT INTERMEDIATE AND BATTLE EWAN, GOD'S ANGEL. HE IS WEARING BLACK SWEATS AND A BLACK T-SHIRT WITH A BLACK HOODIE.

SAM: SCHOOL BULLY WHO INTIMIDATES KADE AND LISTENS TO THE VOICE OF SHADOW. HE IS WEARING A ZIPPY HOODIE AND COMFORTABLE KIDS CLOTHES.

KADE: A NEW BELIEVER WHO GETS BULLIED BY SAM, THE LEADER OF HIS OLD GANG. WILL AND HANNAH INTRODUCED HIM TO JESUS LAST SUMMER. HE IS WEARING COMFORTABLE KIDS CLOTHES.

SNIPER SNAKES #1 AND #2: EVIL SNAKES IN THE VIDEO GAME THAT TRY TO TEMPT THE KIDS TO STOP TRUSTING GOD.

MRS. VALDEZ: LUCIA AND DIEGO'S MOM, WEARING MOM CLOTHES

SAM'S GANG, 4 KIDS: THEY ARE A PART OF THE CROWD IN DAY 5. THEY FOLLOW SAM AROUND AND ARE A PART OF THE FIGHT SCENE. THEY ARE WEARING COMFORTABLE KIDS CLOTHES

POLICE MAN: PLAYED BY EWAN. HE IS WEARING A POLICE OFFICER'S UNIFORM.

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DAY 1

Scene 1

WILL AND HANNAH'S HOUSE IN THE LIVING ROOM, MID-MORNING ON SATURDAY.

PROPS: TELEVISION, COUCH, CHAIR, A COFFEE TABLE, 4 VIDEO GAME CONTROLLERS, GAME SYSTEM, A BIBLE. THE BIBLE AND 4 CONTROLLERS ARE ON THE COFFEE TABLE.

*LIVING ROOM IS SET UP AT CS

*AT SR ON A MICROPHONE, EWAN, AN ANGEL, WHO SPEAKS AS HIMSELF AND FOR THE COMMANDER'S VOICE IN THE VIDEO GAME.

*CS, FROZEN DURING EWAN'S INTRODUCTION, WILL AND DIEGO ARE SEATED ON THE COUCH IN FRONT OF THE TV WITH CONTROLLERS IN THEIR HANDS.

*IN FRONT OF WILL AND DIEGO IS A COFFEE TABLE WITH 2 MORE CONTROLLERS AND A BIBLE ON IT.

EWAN: (Speaking on the microphone to the audience)

Well, hello! Welcome! I have been waiting for you to join me on this latest mission God has given me.

My name is EWAN, which means warrior in the Hebrew language. I am one of God's angels.

As you can see, I am wearing armor called, The Armor of God. I have the belt of truth around my waist, righteousness like armor on my chest, and gospel shoes on my feet. On my head I have the helmet of salvation. I carry my shield of faith, and this weapon in my hand is the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

This armor is to protect me in an ongoing battle that rages against evil spiritual forces in the heavens. It's a battle as old as time itself. It's not a battle of flesh and blood, but against the rulers, authorities, and cosmic powers of darkness.

To you humans, the battle in the heavens is invisible, but in the Bible it tells how it is very real.

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To the characters in this story I am invisible but I am allowing you to see me so you can understand how the angels in God's army must battle the powers of darkness.

My Commander and Chief is the Lord of Heaven's Armies. I obey whatever he commands me to do.

Come along with me as I tell you the Mystery of the Invisible Armor.

(WILL and DIEGO unfreeze and begin to move and talk.)

WILL: Hey, Diego, do you want to help me figure out this new video game, Conquering Warriors?

DIEGO: I've been wanting to play Conquering Warriors, Will! I see you have the new Galaxy 2000 gaming system. The graphics are so clear on it.

EWAN: (Commander's voice for video game.) Welcome Warriors! Level one is a warm-up round. There's a whole herd of trolls coming for you. Let's see what you're made of in 3,2,1...Go!

(WILL and DIEGO act out playing the video game. Video game music is playing in the background.)

(Music stops at the end of level 1)

EWAN: You crushed level one! I salute you, conquering warriors!

DIEGO: Woohoo! Let's go!

(WILL and DIEGO give each other a high five)

WILL: That was so cool the way we were able to defeat those ugly trolls together. I thought we were going to lose until we figured out how to unsheathe our swords, and then, *crash, boom*, trolls were knocked out left and right.

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DIEGO: I know! And did you see that pimply green troll jump on my shoulder and try to remove my helmet? I knocked him off with my shield and he smashed into the ground. I thought I was a goner!

WILL: Let's start level 2.

DIEGO: Yes!

EWAN: Loading level 2. The battle is going to intensify. You will need two more players to succeed at this level.

WILL: Huh? That's strange. Games don't usually tell you how many players you need. What do you think, Diego, should we ask our sisters to play?

(HANNAH and LUCIA enter the living room from SL.)

HANNAH: Did I hear someone say, "ask our sisters to play?"

LUCIA: Diego, is this the Conquering Warriors game we've been wanting to get?

DIEGO: Yeah! So, Hannah and Lucia, do you want to play? We need four players for level 2.

(HANNAH grabs two more controllers off of the coffee table and gives one to Lucia.)

HANNAH: We are armed and ready for battle!

EWAN: Prepare for battle. Choose your pieces of armor wisely. You are going to need to stand firm. Welcome to level two of Conquering Warriors!

Will, Hannah, Diego, and Lucia, you have been chosen by the Lord of Heaven's Armies to put on the full armor of God and *stand firm* against the schemes of the devil. You have been entrusted with this assignment because you have joined forces with God's kingdom.

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Your mission is to wear your armor, stand firm, and pray, against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this darkness, against evil, spiritual forces in the heavens.

WILL: Hey guys, this is for real! Did you hear how the Commander said each of our names?

HANNAH: It sounds like we need to armor-up for a raging battle.

EWAN: First, you will need the belt of truth around your waist. Truth is found in God's word and it is what will secure the other pieces of armor. *Brum,brum,shing!*

(ALL KIDS look in amazement at their belts of truth. They are invisible of course!)

DIEGO: Whoa! Look at the smooth gold metal and gleaming multicolored jewels!

EWAN: Next, God's righteousness like armor is yours to protect your heart from enemy attacks. It is the righteousness of Jesus that you wear."*Brum, brum, shing, click*

(*ALL KIDS look at their chest armor and look amazed.*)

HANNAH: It's glowing bright white!

EWAN: *Brum, brum, shing!* Your feet are now fitted with gospel shoes. As you wear them, wherever you walk, you will take the good news of Jesus with you.

(ALL KIDS admire their gospel shoes)

LUCIA: Look how our shoes dazzle like liquid silver and a tranquil green. And they're so comfortable. I feel like I could walk forever in them!

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EWAN: The helmet you will wear is called, salvation. It will protect your mind when the enemy tries to tell you lies.

Brum, brum, shing!

(ALL KIDS look at each other's helmets)

WILL: *(tap, tap, taps, his helmet with his fist)* Yep, it's made of real gold!

EWAN: *Incoming! Brum,brum,shing*

(All kids drop their controllers and snatch up an invisible shield in their left hand)

EWAN: Here is your shield of faith. Just as you had to drop your controller to catch your shields, so you will have to let God be in control during each battle. Stand behind your shield of faith, and the flaming arrows the evil one throws at you will be extinguished.

And finally, the sword of the Spirit—which is the word of God.
Shing, shing, shing, shing.

(ALL KIDS grab a sword with their right hand as it comes flying to them in the air.)

EWAN: The sword and shield are the only defensive pieces of your armor. Activate them by praying the word of God over your battles. Stand firm, mighty, conquering warriors of God!

WILL: Look at these awesome blazing swords! (WILL holds his sword up and DIEGO, HANNAH, AND LUCIA follow his lead.)

EWAN: Await marching orders from the Lord of Heaven's Armies. Congratulations warriors! You have completed level 2.

(ALL KIDS look amazed at their armor and the armor the others are wearing.

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(MRS. BRADFORD enters the living room from SL.)

MRS. BRADFORD: Hey kids, it's such a sunny, warm day, I thought you would enjoy taking a picnic lunch to the beach.

LUCIA: I love to go to the beach! Can we stop by our house to get my dog Nacho?

MRS. BRADFORD: Let's stop by your house on the way home from the beach. Then we can bring Nacho here.

HANNAH: Sure, Mom, that would be great.

MRS. BRADFORD: Okay, we'll leave in half an a hour.

(MRS. BRADFORD exits SL)

WILL: Dude, our mom didn't see our armor. It must be invisible!

(ALL KIDS look shocked)

HANNAH: Hey, let's level up before we go to the beach.

LUCIA: Yes!

DIEGO: Game on. Let's do this! (All four kids picked up their controllers.)

WILL: Here we go!

EWAN: Conquering Warriors, level 3. In order to complete this level, and win the competition, you will need to remember each piece of armor, and exactly how to put it into action. Know this, the armor is invisible in the earthly realm, but visible in the heavenly realm. Here are your marching orders. Now, pull your swords from their sheaths.

WILL: *Shing (Pulls his invisible sword.)*

HANNAH: *Shing (Pulls her invisible sword.)*

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DIEGO: Shing (Pulls his invisible sword.)

LUCIA: Shing (Pulls her invisible sword.)

DIEGO: Look, all of our swords have Ephesians 6:10-18 written on them.

EWAN: Stand firm, mighty warriors! The battle is raging in the heavens! You are fully equipped. Begin your quest!

WILL: The screen went black. That's it? No more details? What should we do?

LUCIA: Ephesians 6:10-18 is our clue.

HANNAH: Here's my Bible. Let's look it up and see what it says.
(HANNAH takes her Bible off of the table)
Ephesians is in the New Testament...here it is...page 1390.

Be strengthened by the Lord and by his vast strength. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can stand against the schemes of the devil.

(HANNAH HANDS THE BIBLE TO LUCIA AND SHE CONTINUES TO READ.)

LUCIA: For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this darkness, against evil, spiritual forces in the heavens.

(LUCIA HANDS THE BIBLE TO DIEGO AND HE CONTINUES TO READ.)

DIEGO: For this reason, take up the full armor of God, so that you may be able to resist in the evil day, having prepared everything, to take your stand.

(DIEGO HANDS THE BIBLE TO WILL AND HE CONTINUES TO READ.)

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WILL: Stand, therefore, with truth like a belt around your waist, righteousness like armor on your chest, and your feet sandaled with readiness for the gospel of peace.

In every situation take up the shield of faith with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit—which is the word of God.

Pray at all times in the Spirit with every prayer and request, and stay alert with all perseverance...

DIEGO: Flaming arrows! I will definitely keep my shield of faith in hand. I don't want to catch on fire! (Diego raises the shield protectively in front of his heart.)

WILL: Did you hear that part about "the sword of the Spirit—which is the word of God." The Bible is God's word, so we need to keep it close.

LUCIA: The Commander said we are equipped with our armor. The last part of the reading says "pray at all times in the Spirit with every prayer and request, and to stay alert."

HANNAH: Hey, let's put our swords back in their sheathes and pull them out again to see if we get a clue about what we should pray.

(WILL, HANNAH, DIEGO, AND LUCIA put their invisible swords into a sheath and as they take them out they each say, "SHING")

HANNAH: Look! (WILL, HANNAH, DIEGO, AND LUCIA ALL LOOK AT THEIR SWORDS.) Our flaming swords say Psalm 34:8.

DIEGO: So cool! Can I look it up this time?"

HANNAH: Sure! (HANNAH hands him the Bible.)

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DIEGO: (DIEGO turns to Psalm 34:8) It says,
"Taste and see the Lord is good. How happy is the person
who takes refuge in him!" Psalm 34:8

WILL: Let's pray the verse. Jesus, we have tasted and seen that
you are good. We happily take refuge in you. In your name, amen.

LUCIA: Umm, what does it mean to take refuge?

WILL: A refuge is a shelter or place of protection from danger.

DIEGO: We must be getting ready for some sort of dangerous
battle complete with flaming arrows. Warriors, ready your armor!

(WILL, HANNAH, DIEGO, AND LUCIA all freeze.)

EWAN: (On SR with the microphone.)
When the kids pray, it makes things happen in the heavenly
realm! Lord of Heaven's Armies, these children have claimed you
as their refuge. I stand with them as they prepare to walk into
the battle. (EWAN stands tall, shield and sword raised.)

End of day 1.

DAY 2

SCENE 2

PROPS: KENNEL FENCE, NACHO THE DOG, SMALL BLUE RUBBER BALL, DOG LEASH.

*SR THE KENNEL FENCE IS SET UP WITH NACHO INSIDE THE FENCE WITH HIS BLUE BALL. THE LEASH IS LOOPED OVER THE FENCE.

*SL SHADOW IS SPEAKING ON THE MICROPHONE TO THE AUDIENCE. HE HAS HIS HOOD OVER HIS HEAD.

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SHADOW: (Enters SL.) Oh, hi. Allow me to introduce myself. I'm Shadow, a henchman of the kingdom of darkness. I exist on the battleground in the heavenly realm. Normally, I am invisible to you, but I heard you met my enemy, Ewan, so I thought you should meet me too.

My mission is to find humans who's hearts don't know the Lord of heaven's armies. I try to bring them to the dark side. I'm super sneaky. I can whisper into someone's thoughts and they don't even know I'm there.

Ah, here comes a boy named Sam! Let's see if he'll listen to me.

SAM: (SAM enters SL, walks right past SHADOW and stops CS. Shadow follows him.) I wish I had something to do today. Saturdays are so long sometimes. (Heavy sigh)

SHADOW: (tip-toes up to Sam's ear and whispers loud enough for the audience to hear.) You should look around and take something for your very own.

SAM: I am bored. Maybe I can find something to borrow from someone's yard, and then return it later. It wouldn't really be stealing if I brought it back.

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SHADOW: (Whispers) Look at that cute little doggie. You should take it!

SAM: (SAM walks over to the cage and looks in.) Ah, look at that cute little doggie!

SAM: (SAM reaches into the cage and scoops the dog up.)
It's okay. I won't hurt you. You want to go for a walk? What does your tag say? Nacho? Nacho? Haha, what a funny name!

You look as bored as I am. Let me grab your leash and rubber ball. We can go have some fun at the beach.

(SAM hides the dog by zipping it inside his hoodie. He puts his hood on his head looking both ways to make sure no one saw him.)
He hurries off SR.

SHADOW: (On the microphone SL) The kid did it! He stole the dog!
Mission accomplished! HAAAA

SCENE 3

*BEFORE the scene begins, **STAGE CREW** removes the dog kennel from SR.

PROPS: A MINI MUFFIN WITH WRAPPER IN KADE'S HAND, NACHO THE DOG, SAM HAS NACHO'S BLUE BALL AND LEASH

*EWAN stands at attention SR.

*SHADOW slouches SL.

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*SAM ENTERS SR, STILL WEARING HIS HOOD. KADE ENTERS SL. BOTH BOYS ARE WALKING TOWARD EACH OTHER AS THEY WALK DOWN THE SIDEWALK.

(KADE is holding a muffin that he is about to eat. BOTH KADE AND SAM stop CS. SAM removes his hood.)

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KADE: Sam? What are you doing here?

SAM: Hey Kade. Just hanging out with my new dog, Nacho. (SAM takes the dog out of his jacket.) Is that a muffin in your hand? You should give it to me.

KADE: Oh yeah, sure, I guess. I was just about to eat it.

SAM: Hand it over, Kade. Here, hold my dog while I eat it. (SAM roughly hands Nacho to Kade and takes the muffin. SAM starts to eat the muffin.)

KADE: (KADE gently pets Nacho) So, did you just get your dog? I don't remember you ever talking about him.

SAM: Hey man, I don't have to tell you everything about my life. You're just someone I hang out with at school. Remember, I let you be in my gang.

(Finishing off the muffin, SAM throws the wrapper on the ground, Sam reaches out to take the dog back.)

SAM: I'm going down to the beach to play fetch with my dog. Do you want to come?

KADE: Sure, I guess so. I'm on a short break from working with my dad. I'll tag along.

SAM: By the way, you're going to have to keep my dog, Nacho, at your house for awhile. My mom doesn't know about him yet. I need time to convince her to let me keep him.

KADE: I don't know. I'll have to ask my dad if I can.

SAM: If you want to stay in my gang at school, you have to take the dog home with you.

KADE: Okay, okay. I'll make sure my dad says yes.

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SAM: That's more like it, Kade. C'mon. Let's go play fetch with my dog.

(SAM and KADE walk off SL)

(SHADOW, is laughing really hard as the boys exit. On the opposite side of the stage, EWAN stands SR with a serious face, holding up his shield defensively.)

SCENE 4

STAGE CREW: BEFORE the scene begins STAGE CREW places the dog kennel SR.

EWAN: Standing SR.

SHADOW: Standing SL.

PROPS: BLUE RUBBER BALL, DOG KENNEL

(WILL, HANNAH, DIEGO, AND LUCIA enter SL.)

LUCIA: (ALL KIDS pause and listen to LUCIA) Why did we find Nacho's blue ball at the beach? (LUCIA holds the ball up.) I know it's his because his name is written on it. I hope we'll find him at our house.

SHADOW: (Tip-toes to Lucia and whispers) You are going to feel so scared if Nacho isn't in his kennel.

(WILL, HANNAH, DIEGO, AND LUCIA walk toward Nacho's empty cage. SHADOW follows the kids. EWAN comes and stands in front of Shadow to keep him away. SHADOW tries to reach Lucia.)

LUCIA: Ahh, oh no! Look, the sides of the pen are all still anchored into the grass, but Nacho's gone! I feel so scared!

HANNAH: Maybe someone took him. We need to pray.

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LUCIA: (Raises her shield of faith) Let's lift our shields of faith. God we trust you. Jesus, please rescue me from all of my fears. Keep Nacho safe where ever he is.

EWAN: Lord of Heaven's Armies, these children are praying and trusting you. Now, I am going to push back the darkness! (EWAN uses his sword and shield on SHADOW.)

SHADOW: AHHHH! (SHADOW runs off SL).

EWAN: A victory for the Lord of Heaven's Armies! These young warriors are learning how to use their armor and pray. (EWAN happily listens as the kids keep talking.)

LUCIA: God is with us and with Nacho. We can trust him to help us. Because we prayed, I feel his peace even though Nacho is missing.

DIEGO: I have an idea. Let's put up some reward fliers. Someone must know where Nacho is!

WILL: That's a great idea! Let's go.

(ALL KIDS exit SR. EWAN strikes a victorious pose SR.)

SCENE 5

*Scene 5 takes place at school.

STAGE CREW: BEFORE the scene begins place two chairs next to each other SL and two chairs together CS. Remove the dog kennel.

PROPS: BACKPACK FOR EACH KID, DIEGO'S BACKPACK HAS A BIBLE IN IT, 4 chairs.

*SHADOW is slouching SL.

*EWAN is standing SR.

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SAM and KADE enter SL and sit on the two chairs that are placed there.)

SAM: You better not tell anyone at school about my dog Nacho, Kade. He's our little secret, okay? And remember, I told you not to hang out with Will and Diego anymore. They're losers.

KADE: Ugh, okay. Will and Diego used to be my good friends. I don't like being mean to them.

SAM: You're 'Team Sam' now, understand?

KADE: (Nods his head at SAM)

SHADOW: (tip-toe's over and whispers into SAM'S ear) You should say something rude to Will and Diego. Here they come. (SHADOW continues to stand behind SAM and KADE's chairs, laughing at what Sam says.)

(WILL and DIEGO enter SL, wearing backpacks. DIEGO'S backpack has a Bible in it.

SAM: Hey, Willie Wonka and San Diego! Hurry, hurry, or you'll be late for class! You don't want to miss out on a front row seat. Hahahaha

(WILL and DIEGO ignore SAM, and walk past him to CS. They sit on two chairs and remove their backpacks.)

SHADOW: (stands near WILL and DIEGO, listening in.)

EWAN: (Stands behind WILL and DIEGO.)

DIEGO:I am so thankful we know about our invisible armor. The helmet keeps those rude words away from my brain. It's like they just bounce off my head and can't get into my thoughts. Jesus is protecting us.

WILL: Hey, let's pull our sword of the Spirit and see what God's Word says about how to face bullies.

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(WILL and DIEGO pull out their invisible swords.) Shing!

EWAN: (Pulls his sword when WILL and DIEGO pull theirs.)

DIEGO: Look, the blade says Psalm 34:19. My Bible is in my backpack. (DIEGO takes out his Bible and turns to Psalm 34:19.) Here it is, Psalm 34:19. "One who is righteous has many adversities, but the Lord rescues him from them all."

WILL: We are righteous because Jesus has forgiven us of all the bad things we have done. And we are wearing his righteousness like armor on our chests. The verse says we will have many adversities, which means troubles.

DIEGO: It also says that the Lord will rescue us from them all. Let's pray. Jesus, we trust you to rescue us from the bullies today, amen.

SHADOW: (Puts his hands over his ears and looks angry.)

EWAN: Woohoo! Lord of Heaven's Armies, these boys trust you to take care of the bullies. Time to chase Shadow out of here!

(EWAN holds up his shield and sword and chases SHADOW off SL)

(CLASS BELL rings)

WILL: We better get to class. One thing I know for sure, God's mysterious invisible armor is epic!

(WILL and DIEGO exit SR)

(KADE and SAM exit SL)

End of day 2.

DAY 3

SCENE 6

*Scene 6 takes place at school.

STAGE CREW: BEFORE the scene begins place two chairs next to each other SL.

PROPS: BACKPACK FOR HANNAH AND LUCIA, HANNAH'S BACKPACK HAS A BIBLE IN IT, 2 chairs.

*SHADOW is slouching SL.

*EWAN is standing at attention SR.

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(HANNAH and LUCIA enter SL, take off their backpacks, and sit on the chairs.)

EWAN: (Moves to stand at attention behind LUCIA AND HANNAH)

SHADOW: (Leans in to listen their conversation.)

LUCIA: Hannah, I miss Nacho so much. We've put reward posters all over town, but nobody has called to say they've found him.

HANNAH: Lucia, we can trust God to help us!

LUCIA: Hey, let's pull out our swords of the Spirit and see what God's word says.

HANNAH: Great idea! I have my Bible right here in my backpack.

EWAN: Yes! (EWAN holds up his sword and shield defensively toward SHADOW.)

(HANNAH pulls her Bible out of her backpack.)

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LUCIA: Ready?

HANNAH: Ready!

(HANNAH and LUCIA pull their swords) *Shing, shing!*

LUCIA: Look! Our swords say, Psalms 34:18.

HANNAH: (HANNAH opens up her Bible and turns to Psm. 34:18)
Here's what it says, "The Lord is near to the brokenhearted; he saves those crushed in spirit."

SHADOW: (Covers his ears and acts like he can't stand what they are saying.)

LUCIA: Ah, God's word always goes straight to the heart. Even though my spirit is crushed, Jesus is near to me and he knows where Nacho is right now.

(LUCIA raises her shield of faith.)

LUCIA: I raise my shield of faith because I have faith that Jesus is going to help me find Nacho.

(EWAN raises his shield with Lucia and then chases SHADOW off SL. EWAN also exits SL.)

HANNAH: Knowing how to use our sword of the Spirit makes us courageous and brave!

LUCIA: We better use our gospel shoes and make tracks to the library.

HANNAH: I love our gospel shoes! They are so stylish and they help us spread God's peace wherever we go.

(HANNAH AND LUCIA stand up, put on their backpacks and begin walking toward SR.)

(KADE comes charging from SR and runs into the HANNAH AND LUCIA.

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KADE: Oh, Excuse me!

HANNAH: Kade? Are you okay?

KADE: Oh, hi Hannah. Sorry I almost pushed you two to the ground. My mind was some place else. Who's your friend?

HANNAH: This is my new friend, Lucia. She and her brother Diego just moved here, and Will and I have been getting to know them.

LUCIA: Nice to meet you, Kade.

HANNAH: Is something bugging you, Kade? Can I help?

KADE: I'm super frustrated with Sam, a kid from my lunch table. I have been watching his dog at my house and he told me I have to keep watching him, even though my dad says I can't. You know what, I think I need some new friends.

HANNAH: Why don't you come over to our house after school today? Will just got a new video game. I think you would enjoy it.

KADE: I don't know Hannah. I haven't been talking to Will much since school started. I don't know if he would even want to hang out with me anymore. And, since I'm taking care of a Sam's dog, I need to go check on him.

HANNAH: I know Will would like a visit from you. Go feed your friend's dog, and then walk over to our house.

KADE: Well, maybe. I'll think about it. Bye.
(KADE waves and exits SL)

LUCIA: Does your friend, Kade, know Jesus?

HANNAH: Yes, he asked Jesus into his heart last summer.

LUCIA: He needs to learn about God's invisible armor!

HANNAH: Yes, he does!

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(LUCIA and HANNAH exit SR)

SCENE 7

WILL AND HANNAH'S HOUSE IN THE LIVING ROOM, AFTER SCHOOL.

STAGE CREW: LIVING ROOM IS SET UP AT CS

PROPS: TELEVISION, COUCH, CHAIR, A COFFEE TABLE, 4 VIDEO GAME CONTROLLERS, GAME SYSTEM, A BIBLE. THE BIBLE AND 4 CONTROLLERS ARE ON THE COFFEE TABLE.

*LIVING ROOM IS SET UP AT CS

(WILL AND HANNAH ARE SITTING ON THE COUCH HOLDING VIDEO GAME CONTROLLERS.)

EWAN: STANDING AT ATTENTION SR

SHADOW: SLOUCHING SL

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HANNAH: Oh Will, I ran into Kade at school today and...

(Knock, knock, knock. From SR)

WILL: I wonder who that could be. I'll get it.

(WILL pretends to open a door and KADE enters SR.)

WILL: Kade! What are you doing here?

KADE: Did Hannah tell you she invited me over to play your new video game?

HANNAH: That's what I was about to tell you before we heard the knock at the door.

WILL: Oh.

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KADE: Hey man, I need to apologize for how I've been treating you lately. I know I haven't been a very good friend at school, and I'm sorry. Can you forgive me?

WILL: I forgive you Kade.

KADE: Friends? (KADE extends his hand for a fist bump.)

WILL: Friends!

(WILL and KADE fist bump.)

WILL: Come on in bro. We have a lot of catching up to do!

(WILL, KADE, HANNAH all sit on the couch and freeze)

(EWAN steps CS into the living room scene where the kids are frozen.)

(SHADOW is SL looking angry)

EWAN: Yes, yes, yes!

(EWAN looks up) Lord of Heaven's Armies. Your children, Kade and Will, are following your model of forgiveness. This will weaken anything the enemy might throw at them. Thank you, God, that these kids are listening to you!

SHADOW: (SL listening to what EWAN says stomps his feet and looks mad.)

SCENE 8

*LOCATION: LIVING ROOM

PROPS: TELEVISION, COUCH, CHAIR, A COFFEE TABLE, 4 VIDEO GAME CONTROLLERS, GAME SYSTEM, A BIBLE. THE BIBLE AND 4 CONTROLLERS ARE ON THE COFFEE TABLE.

*LIVING ROOM IS SET UP AT CS

EWAN: STANDING AT ATTENTION SR

SHADOW: SLOUCHING SL

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WILL: How have you been, Kade?

KADE: Last summer when we first became friends, you two introduced me to Jesus, and I knew he forgave me of my sins. He made me new inside and I see life differently now. When I hang out with my friends at school and they give others a hard time, it feels so wrong. I don't know what to do sometimes.

Today at lunch they ticked me off so much. I couldn't stand it another minute, so I dumped my entire lunch tray in the trash, and left the cafeteria. I'm kind of worried they will try to get back at me.

HANNAH: I think Kade needs to play Conquering Warriors with us.

KADE: Huh? What does your video game have to do with fighting bullies?

WILL: Kade, God has given each of his children invisible armor to fight against the evil things the devil tries to throw at us. When we played this video game, the Commander of the Conquering Warriors showed Hannah and me how to use God's armor. Would you like to give the game a try?

KADE: Sure. I need all the help I can get.

(WILL, HANNAH, and KADE all grab a controller.)

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EWAN: (standing SR on a microphone) Welcome Conquering Warriors! Will and Hannah, you have been using your armor and praying. Excellent! Darkness is being defeated because of your efforts.

KADE: Wait, how does this Commander know your names? What is going on?

EWAN: I see you have brought a Newbie. Welcome Kade. Are you ready to put on the full armor of God so you can stand firm against the schemes of the devil?

KADE: Whoa. Did you hear that? The Commander was talking to me! I just got goose bumps on my arms!

EWAN: Kade, you have been chosen by the Lord of Heaven's Armies to put on the full armor of God. You have been entrusted with this assignment because you have joined forces with God's kingdom.

KADE: This is beyond awesome!

WILL: Ready up. Let the game begin.
(*Brum, brum, shing*)

(WILL, HANNAH, and KADE jump to their feet. KADE looks at his invisible armor and then at HANNAH and WILL)

KADE: What are we wearing?

WILL: This is God's invisible armor that all his children have to help them fight the enemy. We all have on a belt of truth, righteousness like armor on our chest, gospel shoes, the helmet of salvation, shield of faith, and the sword of the Spirit.

EWAN: Warriors, now that you are prepared to fight, you will battle in a round against sniper snakes. You are a team and will need to provide cover for each other to win this round.

(WILL, HANNAH, AND KADE EXIT SR. THEY QUICKLY PUT ON THE ARMOR OF GOD COSTUME.)

SCENE 9

WILL, HANNAH, and KADE step beyond the TV into another world. The world they entered was dim as the sun was setting in a purple sky. The glow from their gospel shoes gave them just enough light to walk along a narrow, rocky path. Around them were tufts of grass growing next to boulders as big as cars.)

STAGE CREW: Lights go down and LIVING ROOM IS PULLED BACK TO SR, not totally off stage.

THERE IS A PURPLE SKY BACKGROUND AND TWO BOULDERS AS BIG AS A CAR CS.

While lights are down, WILL, HANNAH, AND KADE, put on the full armor of God costumes.

PROPS: FULL ARMOR OF GOD COSTUMES FOR WILL, HANNAH, AND KADE TO WEAR WHEN THEY STEP INTO THE VIDEO GAME, TWO BOULDERS AS BIG AS CARS

SNIPER SNAKES #1 AND #2- WEARING A RED COSTUME WITH RED EYE MASKS AT SL.

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(WILL, HANNAH, AND KADE ENTER SR.)

(SNIPER SNAKE #1 IS BEHIND FIRST BOLDER AND SNIPER SNAKE #2 IS BEHIND THE SECOND BOLDER)

SHADOW: (Lurking behind the boulders)

(Lights come up.)

HANNAH: This place is eerie. Let's pull our swords to get some intel.

Shing, shing, shing.

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WILL: My sword says, "No weapon formed against you will succeed," Isaiah 54:17.

HANNAH: I have the same words on my sword.

KADE: My sword says something different. Psalm 34:17, "The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears and rescues them from all their troubles."

SNIPER SNAKE #1: (Comes out from behind the first bolder.) *Hiss, hiss, hiss* (Approaches KADE and hisses at him.)

SNIPER SNAKE #1: Hisss, hisss, ssso happy to sssee you, Kade. Follow me. I have sssomething for you behind this rock. (SNIPER SNAKE #1 motions for Kade to follow him.)

(Kade gives the snake his attention and moves toward him.)

HANNAH: Kade! It's a sniper snake! Don't listen to him or look into his eyes! My helmet of salvation is telling me this is a trap!

(SNIPER SNAKE #2 comes out from behind bolder #2. It grabs HANNAH'S ankles.)

SHADOW: (Standing near SNIPER SNAKE #2, laughing)

HANNAH: (Holds up her shield of faith) No weapon formed against me will succeed!

WILL: No weapon formed against you will succeed! (WILL takes his sword of the Spirit and hits the SNIPER SNAKE #2)

SNIPER SNAKE #2: (Runs screaming off stage)

SHADOW: (Stomps his feet. Turns his attention to SNIPER SNAKE #1)

HANNAH AND WILL: (Turn their attention back to KADE.)

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KADE: (While all this action was taking place, Kade becomes mesmerized with the first snake. He begins to follow the snake behind the boulder.)

SNIPER SNAKE #1: Hisss, hisss...thisss way warrior. Just a bit farther over here.

HANNAH: Will! Help Kade!

WILL: Kade! You're letting the enemy trick you. Use the words from your sword!

KADE: (Kade stops and holds up his sword and shouts) Jesus, rescue me from this sniper snake!

SNIPER SNAKE #1: (Freezes and falls to the floor)

Ding, ding, ding, ding!

(A bell rings as colorful confetti is thrown on the kids by EWAN.

EWAN: Congratulations conquering warriors! You have used God's armor skillfully and defeated the sniper snakes. You are ready for the next level.

HANNAH: Woohoo! Thank you, God, for your armor!

KADE: This game is amazing! It feels so real. God's armor is just what I need to defeat the bullies at school.

WILL: That's right, dude! Remember to pray and ask God for wisdom and strength. He will always come to your rescue.

KADE: (Looks at his watch.) Oh, hey, I gotta go. I promised Dad I'd be home in time for dinner. I'll see you at school tomorrow.

(KADE, WILL, and HANNAH exit SR.)

SCENE 10

(EWAN and SHADOW CS.)

EWAN: (Looking up) Thank you, Lord of Heaven's Armies, for equipping Kade to battle the forces of darkness.

(EWAN raises his sword and shield and stops his foot. SHADOW runs screaming off SL.)

End of Day 3.

DAY 4

SCENE 11

* LUCIA and DIEGO's front yard.

PROPS: KENNEL FENCE, CS. Green fliers that Lucia is holding in her hands)

(LUCIA enters SR, and stops to look into the empty kennel, holding green fliers.)

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(DIEGO enters SL and joins LUCIA.)

LUCIA: Oh Diego, no one has responded to any of the fliers we put up or the social media posts. What if Nacho is gone forever?

DIEGO: I know this is one of the hardest things you have gone through, Lucia. I miss the little guy too. We know God sees where Nacho is right now. Remember when you prayed for angels to surround him and keep him safe? We can trust God.

LUCIA: I do trust God. My heart is just very sad.

DIEGO: I'm going to pull my sword of the Spirit. Let's find a way to combat our sadness.

Shing!

DIEGO: (Reads the verse off of the invisible sword.) Look! The Bible verse is written on the sword! "The Lord is near to the brokenhearted. He saves those crushed in spirit, Psalms 34:18."

LUCIA: Hey, that's the same verse Hannah and I read at school today. God wants me to hear it again and believe him.

DIEGO: I'm going to pray. Jesus, we are broken-hearted and we feel crushed with sadness. Please, be near to us. We pray for

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Nacho to be safe and returned to our family. In Jesus' name, amen.

LUCIA: Thank you for praying, Diego. I feel better. God, the Lord of Heaven's Armies, is fighting for us.

DIEGO: Come on. Let's go hang up more of those reward fliers.
LUCIA and DIEGO exit SL)

(Lights out. **STAGE CREW** removes the dog kennel. Place a car sized boulder CS, with a green flier attached to it.)

SCENE 12

Lights up.

* Scene takes place along a sidewalk where SAM is walking.

PROPS: CAR SIZED BOULDER, WITH A GREEN FLIER ATTACHED TO IT.
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(SAM enters SR, walking toward the boulder. SHADOW is already behind the boulder and pops up as SAM approaches it.)

SAM: (SAM walks over and grabs the flier off of the boulder.)
Hey, what's this? It says, there's a one hundred dollar reward for the return of a dog named Nacho. And the picture matches the dog I took from that yard the other day.

SHADOW: (Whispers in Sam's ear for all to hear) Sam, you could easily collect the sweet reward of one hundred dollars by returning the dog you stole.

SAM: I know what I'll do. I'll get the dog back from Kade, and then return the mangy mutt and collect a reward.

(SAM takes out his cell phone and calls KADE)

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SAM: (Talking on the cell phone) Hi Kade, this is Sam. (pause) I need you to meet me at the big boulder by the school tonight at 7:00. Bring my dog with you. My mom says I can keep him now. Don't be late! I'll be waiting. Okay? (pause) Bye.

(Sam puts his phone away)

SHADOW: (Whispers in Sam's ear for all to hear) Apparently, crime does pay. (Laughing)

SAM: (Takes another look at the flier.) Ha, apparently, crime does pay. (SAM stuffs the flier in his pocket.)

(Lights down)

SCENE 13

PROPS: CAR SIZED BOULDER, CS, NACHO the dog
SAM has the green reward flier in his pocket.

(SAM enters SL and is waiting next to the boulder, pacing impatiently, holding the green flier, and checking his watch. SHADOW is lurking behind the boulder.)

KADE: (Enters SR carrying NACHO) Hey, Sam. Here's your dog. He's a great little pup. I was wondering, are you wanting to get rid of him? My dad and I were talking, and if you want to sell Nacho, we would like to offer you fifty bucks for him.

SAM: Ha ha, nice try, Kade, but I have a better deal I'm going to cash in on. Hand over the dog.

(SAM reaches out to grab Nacho, but KADE holds him tight.)

SAM: I said, give me the dog!

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SHADOW: (Whispers to SAM for all to hear) You should stomp on Kade's foot!

(SAM stomps on Kade's foot, causing KADE to loosen his grip. SAM grabs the dog.)

KADE: Ow! That hurt!

SAM and SHADOW: (Laugh together)

SAM: See you later loser! (Sam runs off SR.)

SAM: (Off stage) Ouch!

SAM: (Runs back in SR without NACHO, holding his thumb) That dog's a brat! He bit my thumb! (SAM holding his thumb)

KADE: Where's Nacho?

SAM: He ran off because of you, stupid. You owe me one hundred bucks!

(Sam takes the crumpled green paper out of his pocket and holds it close to Kade's face.)

SAM: I was going to make some easy money by returning that mutt.

(He throws the flier on the ground.)

KADE: Wait, you stole Nacho?

SAM: Yes I did. You owe me big time, Kade. One hundred dollars tomorrow at school or I will make you pay another way. I'm going to see if I can find that dog.

(SAM stomps off SR. SHADOW follows SAM.)

KADE: So, Nacho doesn't even belong to Sam?

(KADE picks up the flier and reads it out loud.)

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KADE: Missing. Our family dog named NACHO. If you have any information about him, please call this number or come to this address. There is a one hundred dollar reward for his safe return.

I'm going to drop by this address and tell the family what I know. I'm sure they have been worried sick about Nacho.

(KADE exits SR)

(Lights out)

STAGE CREW: Remove boulder and place two comfy chairs center stage for the Valdez living room.

SCENE 14

*The living room at Lucia and Diego's house

PROPS: Two comfortable chairs that you would find in a living room.

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LUCIA: Mom, Nacho has been gone for three days. Someone must have seen him. (heavy sigh)

MRS. VALDEZ: Remember how excited we were to find Nacho at the animal shelter? We prayed that God would show us the best dog for our family. And there was he was, tail wagging, all smiles, and barking to get our attention.

DIEGO: We were all so happy. We knew he was the dog for us.

MRS. VALDEZ: God knew then we would love Nacho as part of our family, and He knows where Nacho is now. Jesus will take care of him until we see him again.

(Knock, knock, knock, KADE is at the door SR)

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DIEGO: I'll get the door.

KADE: Diego! Hi. Is this your house?

DIEGO: Hi Kade. Come on in.

KADE: I have news about your dog, Nacho.

LUCIA: You know where my dog is? Where is Nacho? Please don't wait another minute! I want my little Nacho in my arms.

KADE: I have some sad news to share. Sam from school stole Nacho and told me it was his dog. I have been taking care of Nacho at my house. As I was returning your dog to Sam about an hour ago, Nacho freaked out when he saw Sam. He lunged, bit Sam's thumb, jumped down, and ran away. Sam dropped the reward flier, and that is how I found you.

LUCIA: Oh no! Let's go look for him, mom!

(Knock, knock, knock, SAM is at the door SR)

LUCIA: (Runs to open the door. SAM is standing there holding the dog.)

Nacho, my Nacho puppy dog! (LUCIA takes the dog out of SAM'S arms.)

SAM: I'm here to collect my one hundred dollars reward money.

MRS. VALDEZ: Come in, Sam. Take a seat. (SAM sits in one of the chairs.)

SAM: (SAM sees KADE) Hey, Kade. What are you doing here?

MRS. VALDEZ: I understand that you stole Lucia's dog, Nacho from our yard?

SAM: Maybe I did, but what does it matter now? You got your mutt back.

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MRS. VALDEZ: I need to call your parents. May I have your phone number please?

SAM: Sure. (SAM takes out his phone to show Mrs. Valdez.) Go ahead, call my mom. She will think you are crazy because she has never even seen your dog. And besides, you owe me one hundred bucks.

MRS. VALDEZ: (Takes out her cell phone and calls Sam's mom. She talks quietly over at SL.)

SAM: Kade, this is all your fault. You had to come here and tell on me. If I don't get my reward money, I'm going to make you pay at school tomorrow.

DIEGO: Kade, remember your sword of the Spirit.

KADE: (Pulls out his sword) *Shing!*

KADE: My sword says, "No weapon formed against me will succeed," Isaiah 54:17.

DIEGO: God is going to protect you, Kade.

SAM: What are you guys talking about?

Mrs. Valdez: (finishes her phone call and comes back to talk to Sam.) Your mom is on her way to come get you Sam. She said you have some explaining to do.

(Light's out. SAM exits SR)

SCENE 15

*The living room at Lucia and Diego's house

PROPS: Two comfortable chairs that you would find in a living room.

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(LUCIA, DIEGO, and KADE are sitting in the living room. They are taking turns petting and holding NACHO)

(Knock, knock, knock)

DIEGO: That must be Will and Hannah. I called them to come over and see Nacho. (Diego goes to the door SR and pretends to open it)

HANNAH and WILL: Hi! Hi! (WILL and HANNAH enter the living room)

HANNAH: There's Nacho! Can I hold him? (HANNAH rushes over to LUCIA)

WILL: (Follows HANNAH and scratches NACHO behind the ears.) There's that cute little guy! Thank you God for answering our prayers!

LUCIA: I felt so scared when Nacho went missing. Our invisible armor helped me to get through a tough time.

DIEGO: We are going to need to armor up for school tomorrow.

KADE: Yeah, Sam said he was going to make me pay at school tomorrow for telling Diego and Lucia that he stole Nacho.

LUCIA: When Sam's mom heard what he did, she said he would have to pay us one hundred dollars for stealing our dog.

DIEGO: When Sam left he said to Kade, "SSSee you at ssschool lossser," hissing like a snake!

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HANNAH: Ahh, that sounds like one of the sniper snakes from the video game!

WILL: God helped us defeat the sniper snakes, He will surely help us defeat that bully, Sam!

(End of Day 4)

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DAY 5

Scene 16

THE SCENE TAKES PLACE IN THE SCHOOL YARD.

PROPS: TWO LARGE BOULDERS

(EWAN standing CS. SHADOW is hidden behind one of the boulders.)

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EWAN: I am Ewan, one of God's angels. Today we will see the ending of our story, "Mystery of the Invisible Armor."

This week you have studied how to use The Armor of God. The Lord of Heaven's Armies is always with you. Use his armor and you will be victorious over all your enemies.

Now, let's see what you have learned. (This will be a time of audience participation.)

Shout out the answers to my questions.

What is fastened around my waist?

AUDIENCE: The belt of truth

EWAN: What is covering my chest?

AUDIENCE: Righteousness like armor

EWAN: What is on my feet?

AUDIENCE: Gospel shoes

EWAN: What is on my head?

AUDIENCE: The helmet of salvation

EWAN: What is in this hand?

AUDIENCE: The shield of faith

EWAN: What weapon do I have?

AUDIENCE: The sword of the Spirit

EWAN: Yes, the sword of the Spirit which is the word of God.

You did an awesome job remembering all the pieces of God's armor, mighty warriors!

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This armor is to protect us in an ongoing battle that rages against evil spiritual forces in the heavens. It's a battle as old as time itself. It's not a battle of flesh and blood, but against the rulers, authorities, and cosmic powers of darkness.

SHADOW: (Peaking out from behind the boulder so the audience sees him, and then ducking back to hide.)

To you humans, the battle in the heavens is invisible, but in the Bible it tells how it is very real.

To the characters in this story I am invisible but I am allowing you to see me so you can understand how the angels in God's army must battle the powers of darkness.

SHADOW: (Peeks out again. This time stays visible to EWAN)

EWAN: Speaking of the battle raging in the heavens, I see my enemy, Shadow is here.

SHADOW: (SHADOW comes out from behind the boulder and faces EWAN.) You can't catch me EWAN!

EWAN: I raise my shield of faith and the sword of the Spirit! The battle belongs to the Lord of Heaven's Armies! Challenge accepted!

(EWAN chases SHADOW off SL. SHADOW is screaming)

SCENE 17

THE SCENE TAKES PLACE IN THE SCHOOL YARD.

PROPS: TWO LARGE BOULDERS, 5 KID BACKPACKS

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(EWAN: Standing SR, watching and listening to the kids.)

(WILL, HANNAH, DIEGO, LUCIA, AND KADE enter SR. THEY ARE EACH WEARING A BACKPACK.)

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DIEGO: Kade, today's the day that Sam, the bully, says he will make you pay for telling the truth about how he stole Lucia's dog.

KADE: I think that a time of attack could be at lunch recess. Everyone keep your eyes peeled.

WILL: It's a good thing that we have covered ourselves in prayer, armored up, and know that the Lord of Heaven's Armies is on our side. He will help us stand firm.

HANNAH: Lucia, you and I will work undercover since Sam and his gang will be more focused on Kade, Will, and Diego.

LUCIA: We can easily eavesdrop on their conversations since they won't be suspecting us.

DIEGO: We have on our invisible armor. Let's signal to each other by raising the sword of the Spirit. We can quickly catch each other's attention with this blazing beauty. (DIEGO pulls out his sword of the Spirit and raises it up. *Shing!* (WILL, HANNAH, DIEGO, LUCIA, and KADE also pull their swords and raise them up.) *Shing, shing, shing, shing!*)

HANNAH: Look! We all have Psalms 34:7 on our blades! I have this one memorized, "The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him and rescues them." God will send angels to help us fight. He will rescue us.

KADE: For the Lord of Heaven's Armies! (Sword raised)

WILL, HANNAH, DIEGO, LUCIA, AND KADE together: For the Lord of Heaven's Armies! (Swords raised)

(WILL, HANNAH, DIEGO, LUCIA, AND KADE exit SL)

EWAN: (Goes to CS and raises his sword) For the Lord of Heaven's Armies! (Exits SL)

SCENE 18

THE SCENE TAKES PLACE IN THE SCHOOL YARD, RECESS TIME.

PROPS: TWO LARGE BOULDERS, 1 PLAYGROUND BALL

EWAN: WEARS A POLICE OFFICER'S UNIFORM

SHADOW: HIDES BEHIND A BOULDER BEFORE THE SCENE STARTS.

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(HANNAH AND LUCIA ENTER SR, CARRYING PLAYGROUND BALL AND START TO PLAY CATCH CS)

LUCIA: I haven't seen Sam and his gang yet.

(SAM and GANG enter SR. The gang all gathers around SAM to hear him talk.)

HANNAH: There they are.

(LUCIA and HANNAH sneak over to eaves drop on what Sam is saying.)

SAM: It's time to pound Kade for good. He's no longer one of us. We should take out Will and Diego too. Stick to the plan. We'll let them know who rules at this school.

GANG: Yeah! (All together while nodding in agreement.)

SAM: Keep your eyes open for them. It's my fight to win.

(SAM notices LUCIA and HANNAH listening to him.)

SAM: Hey, what are you doing here? Don't you have a dog to take care of? Are you listening into our conversation little girl?

HANNAH: No weapon formed against us will succeed, Lucia.

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(WILL, DIEGO, and KADE enter SL.)

SAM: Huh? I don't have time for riddles. Move aside. (SAM lightly shoves the girls while passing by.)

(SAM is followed by his GANG. They stop CS.)

KADE: Jesus, rescue us from our enemies.

WILL: No weapon formed against us will succeed.

DIEGO: Jesus, we are wearing your invisible armor!

(KADE, WILL, and DIEGO walk to CS. Both groups face each other.)

SHADOW: (Steps out from behind the boulder and lurks around Sam's gang.)

SAM: (Speaks to KADE) You know why we're here, Kade. You are not one of us anymore. You betrayed me and made me look like a fool. I told you there would be a payment if you messed up. Time to pay your dues.

(Sam grabs the front of Kade's shirt and pulls him close. He spits in his face. Two of the GANG grabbed Will and Diego shoulders and pulled them back.)

HANNAH and LUCIA: Jesus help us!

(SAM pulls his fist back to deliver the first blow. KADE steps back and confidently holds up his invisible shield of faith. The punch misses KADE.)

EWAN: (Enters the scene wearing his police officer uniform and crowds forward, right behind SAM)

SAM: UGH! This time I will not miss! (SAM pulls back his fist again. EWAN reaches in and catches SAM by the wrist.)

EWAN: Game over! You will not hurt this warrior.

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SAM: Warrior? Huh?

EWAN: I have been watching you and your gang surround these three from my patrol car over there. (EWAN points to where his car was parked.)

(To SAM and his GANG) I am an eye witness to this fight. Line up. I'll escort you to the principal's office. You all have a lot of explaining to do.

(SAM, his GANG, and SHADOW look like deflated balloons. They quickly line up and follow EWAN and exit SR.)

DIEGO: Sam's first punch looked like it was going to take you out.

WILL: You raised your shield of faith and God's angels guarded you for sure.

KADE: Even though I knew the hit was coming, I felt protection and peace.

HANNAH: You trusted God and stood firm.

LUCIA: Thank you, God, for this epic armor!

(RECESS BELL RINGS)

WILL: Come on mighty warriors. Time to get back to class.

(WILL, HANNAH, DIEGO, LUCIA, AND KADE EXIT SL.)

(EWAN ENTERS SR wearing the armor of God.)

(SHADOW ENTERS SL)

(EWAN and SHADOW meet CS)

SHADOW: (His gaze is blinded. He loses his balance and falls to the ground.)

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EWAN: (Brandishes his sword of the Spirit in triumphant strokes.) You are not welcome here anymore, Shadow. God's conquering warriors have defeated your schemes and will continue to defend their school. All victory to the Lord of Heaven's Armies!

SHADOW: (Gets up) You won this battle Ewan! Watch your back! You never know when you will face me again. (SHADOW exits SL)

(Lights out)

End of Day 5.