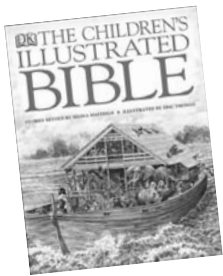


# Ordinary Time, Proper 16



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Put shoes on your feet to proclaim the gospel of peace. The shield of faith will help you quench all flaming arrows. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times. Keep alert and continue in prayers for the saints. Pray also for me, so I may speak God's message with boldness for which I am an ambassador in chains.

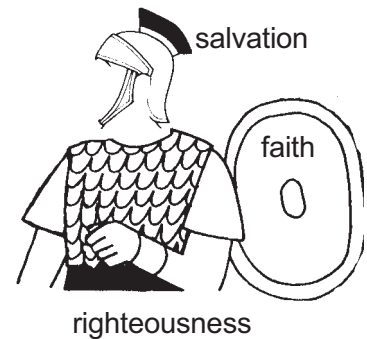
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## Paul the Peace Preacher

When Paul wrote to the Ephesians, he described the “whole armor of God” as being garments and tools of peace. He probably used the example of a soldier wearing armor because he was under arrest in Rome with many soldiers around. He also wanted to show the contrast of peaceful armor rather than armor for fighting. Discuss: What symbols do we use to show that the Community of Christ is a peace church?

Give kids construction paper, cardboard boxes and tubes, markers, and tape to create the “whole armor.” Label each piece of armor according to the Ephesians scripture. Discourage any fighting with swords or other such actions.

Discuss: How does your “armor” prepare you to be peaceful? What do you use each piece of armor for? Share examples of how the peace armor would work in your relationships with classmates, neighbors, and family.



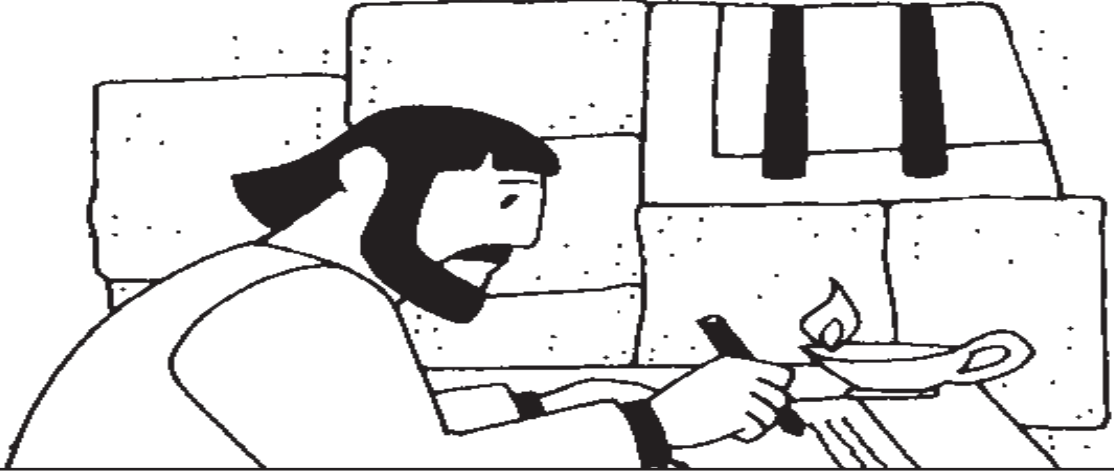
## Peace Clay

Draw a peace sign on a piece of paper. Give each kid a ball of modeling clay, and have them make a peace sign out of the clay, copying the example. Talk about the things they can do to be peaceful with their family and friends.



## Peace Doves

Make copies of the peace dove, enough for everyone attending the worship service. Have the kids write other words that mean peace on the doves. Kids can distribute paper doves at the beginning of the worship service.



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