

SWORD OF THE *Spirit* CRAFT



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When my kids were young, we used to start the day by acting out Ephesians 6:10-18. We would pretend we were dressing for the day in the whole armor of God. We'd fasten the belt of truth and slip our invisible breastplate of righteousness over our heads. Then, we would put on the shoes of readiness of the gospel of peace and fit the shield of faith on our backs. Last, we'd slip the helmet of salvation on our heads and pick up the sword of the Spirit.

We did this with great excitement, talking about what it meant to use each piece of spiritual armor in our daily lives.

"...AND TAKE THE HELMET OF SALVATION, AND THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT, WHICH IS THE WORD OF GOD..." - EPHESIANS 6:17, ESV

Finally, I worked with the boys to create cardboard and aluminum foil swords. We hung them on their walls and talked about how important God's Word is to our daily lives.

I still have those swords, though my boys are in college now. We no longer pretend to clothe ourselves in the whole armor of God, but I'm blessed to know they truly value God's Word.

Crafts are a fun way for our kids to really understand important spiritual truths. Your family can make this sword of the Spirit craft and display it as a way to remember that the Bible is our sword of the Spirit. It's something we pick up every day!

Read Ephesians 6:10-18 as a family before you begin your craft.

Discuss:

HOW DOES VERSE 10 TELL US TO CONDUCT OURSELVES?

VERSE 11 TELLS US HOW WE CAN BE STRONG IN THE LORD IN HIS MIGHT. WHAT ARE WE TO DO?

WHAT IS THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT?

HOW CAN YOU USE THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT IN YOUR DAILY LIFE? WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO "TAKE UP" THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT?

Talk about how important it is for us to read, study, and memorize God's Word. You wouldn't enter a battle without your sword, and we shouldn't get through our day without consulting God's Word, the Bible!

Supplies Needed to Make Your Sword of the Spirit Craft

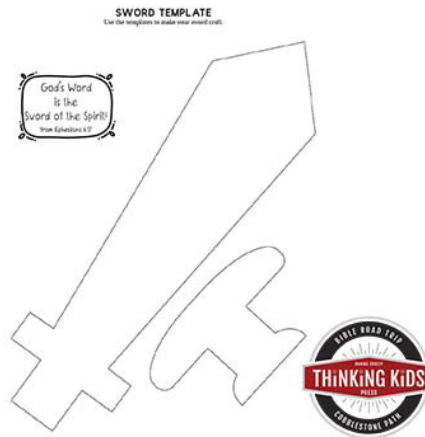
You'll need a few supplies to make your project. You may have a few of these items already. If not, these are all fairly inexpensive and will serve you well for multiple projects.

- Glitter Cardstock
 - White Cardstock
 - Cardboard
 - Aluminum Foil
 - Scissors
 - Pencil
 - Glue Stick
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INSTRUCTIONS

1) Print your sword template and frame.



Print your template on white cardstock. Cut out the sword pieces and the “God’s Word is the sword of the Spirit” frame.

2) Cut out the sword and hilt. Decorate the hilt.



Trace the sword template onto cardboard and cut it out. Trace the hilt template onto gold glitter cardstock and cut it out. Cut out decorative shapes from pieces of glitter cardstock. Glue shapes onto the hilt to decorate it.



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3) Cover the sword blade.



Wrap the cardboard sword blade in aluminum foil as shown, gluing it to the cardboard.



Fold the aluminum foil onto the blade and glue it behind the sword blade.



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4) Finish your sword.



Glue the sword hilt to the top of the sword, then glue the “God’s Word is the Sword of the Spirit!” frame to the sword.



Help your kids put the sword on the wall, somewhere they will see it often and remember that God’s Word is the sword of the Spirit!

SWORD TEMPLATE

Use the templates to make your sword craft.

God's Word
is the
Sword of the Spirit!
from Ephesians 6:17

