

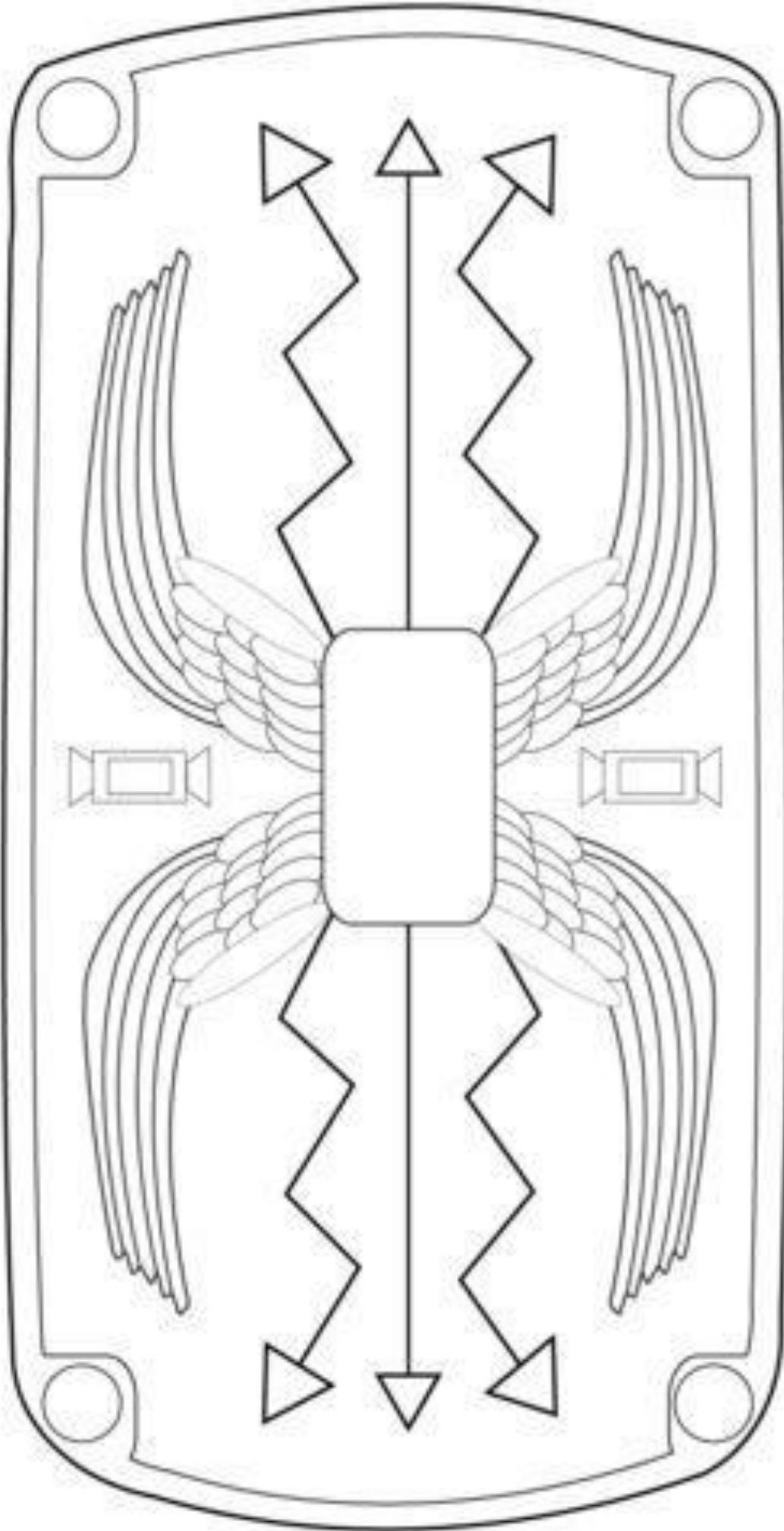
A Captain's Faith

- **Ask:** The children, who or what do they trust?
- **Activity: Trust Falls:** Pair up the children, preferably of similar heights. Number the children number 1 and number 2. Number 1's go first by turning their backs on their partners and falling into the arms of number 2's who must catch them. When they have had a couple of attempts, swap roles. The children are trusting that the other child will catch them.
- **Activity: Trust Obstacle Course:** Number 1's are blind folded and number 2's must guide them though the obstacle course either physically, verbally or both depending on the age of the children. Set up some cones/cushions to weave them through, hula hoops/boxes to step in and out of, steps to step on and off, tunnel to crawl through, cushions to jump on - whatever you can find. Swap roles so that everyone has a turn. The children are trusting each other to guide them safely through the obstacle course.
- **Sing:** Our God is a Great Big God available at https://youtu.be/uZNVaBNzs_Q, or Jesus Love is Very Wonderful at <https://youtu.be/VC4eb8Pk-3g> or Wiggle Freezer at https://youtu.be/tM_wGFVBBmA or Wiggle like a Worm at <https://youtu.be/YenZbKXiYg>.
- **Talk:** What is Trust? **It is a belief in the reliability, truthfulness and ability of someone or something.** What do we trust? **We trust that a chair will hold our weight when we sit on it. We trust bridges will hold the weight of cars and trucks. We trust that glasses will hold water without spilling.** What about people we trust? **Mums, dads, carers, police, doctors, nurses, teachers, and firefighters.** We trust that all these people will take care of us, guide, help us and do their best to protect us.
- **Watch or Read:** The Angry Birds Movie 2 clip, 'Making new plan to destroy Super weapon' on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/6MmiiM6nWmw> or Lottie's A Captain's Faith on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfoRgvwNoapVwiU5UCF2ZMg>, A Captain's Faith, The Beginner's Bible p324 or Matthew 8:5-13. The Faith of the Centurion <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+8%3A+5+-13&version=NIV>,
- **Discuss:** In the clip, Silver was giving the team orders - what did she ask the Bomb to do? **Take out the guards.** What did she tell Chuck to do? **Take out all the security cameras.** What did she order Leonard, Courtney and Gary to do? **Pull the giant lever all the way down so that they can destroy the ultimate weapon.** When Silver ordered them to they all went and did what she said This reminds me of the faith of the Roman Captain who visited Jesus. A Roman Army Captain came to Jesus and said "Lord Jesus, my servant is sick. Please will you help him?" Jesus said "I will go to your house and heal him." The Captain replied "You do not need to go to my house. Just say the word and my servant will be healed".

Jesus was amazed “I have not found anyone whose faith is so strong,” he said, “Go, your servant is healed”. When the Captain returned home he was so happy that his servant was well again! What did the Roman Captain believe that Jesus needed to do? **He trusted Jesus so much that he believed all Jesus had to do was to say the words ‘your servant is healed’ and he would be.** The Captain knew that when you have authority you can say things and they will be done. He believed that because he asked for things to be done and they were done, Jesus also had the same power to order something and it would be done. We can trust Jesus to help us with all our worries, doubts, problems and he will help us through. Your challenge is to trust Jesus with everything this week and see in what ways he helps you to overcome, worries, doubts or problems.

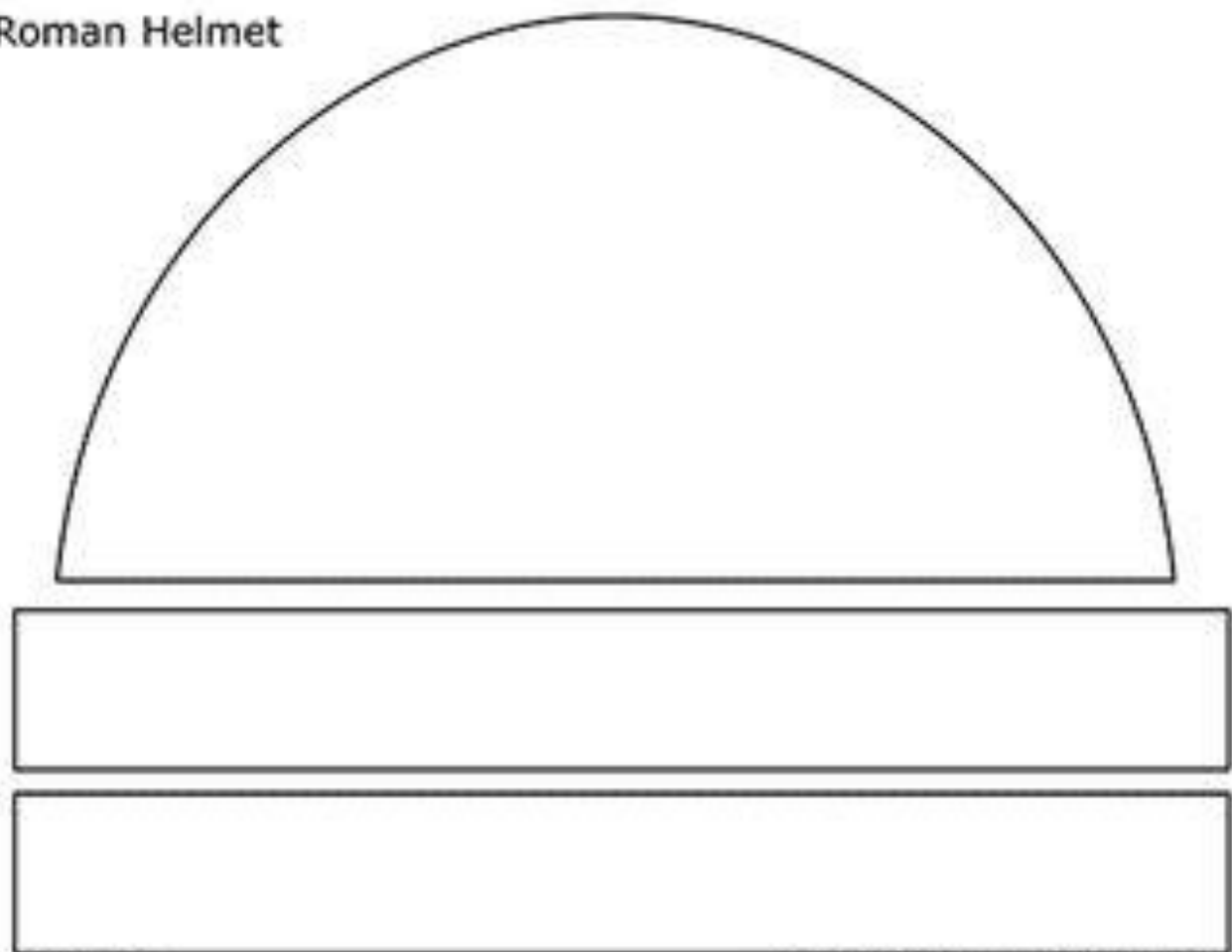
- **Prayer:** Dear Jesus, thank you that you love us thank you that you care about our worries, doubts and problems. Please help us to trust in you and to give all of our troubles to you because you will be there for us in the middle of our struggles. Amen.
- Is there anything that the children would like to pray about?
- **Make: A Shield:** Draw or print the template below onto card enough for each child. Then cut a 5cm wide by 30cm long strip of card and sticky tape onto the back of the shield so the child can put their arm through it. Then decorate the shield with pens, pencils, foil or stickers.
- **Activity: Centurion’s Helmet:** Draw or print the template below onto card for each child. Cut out the helmet. If using the basic template measure around the children’s heads and cut a length of elastic to be attached to the helmet. Then glue/sticky tape a feather to the top of the helmet and colour it in with pens/pencils. If using the printable template, help the children to glue the helmet together with the long pieces on each side of the head, glue the decorative piece across the front of the helmet and the red plume on the top of the helmet, you could also use red feathers or red wool for the plume instead.
- **Activity:** Print out the attached sheets and colour the pictures, do the word search.
- **Play:** Some more trusting games or allow the children to dress up in the Centurion shield and helmet and act out the scene from today’s story. Using role play characters, the children could act out some of the situations where we would trust a police officer, a doctor/nurse, a firefighter etc.
- **Have a drink and a biscuit!**

Centurion Shield



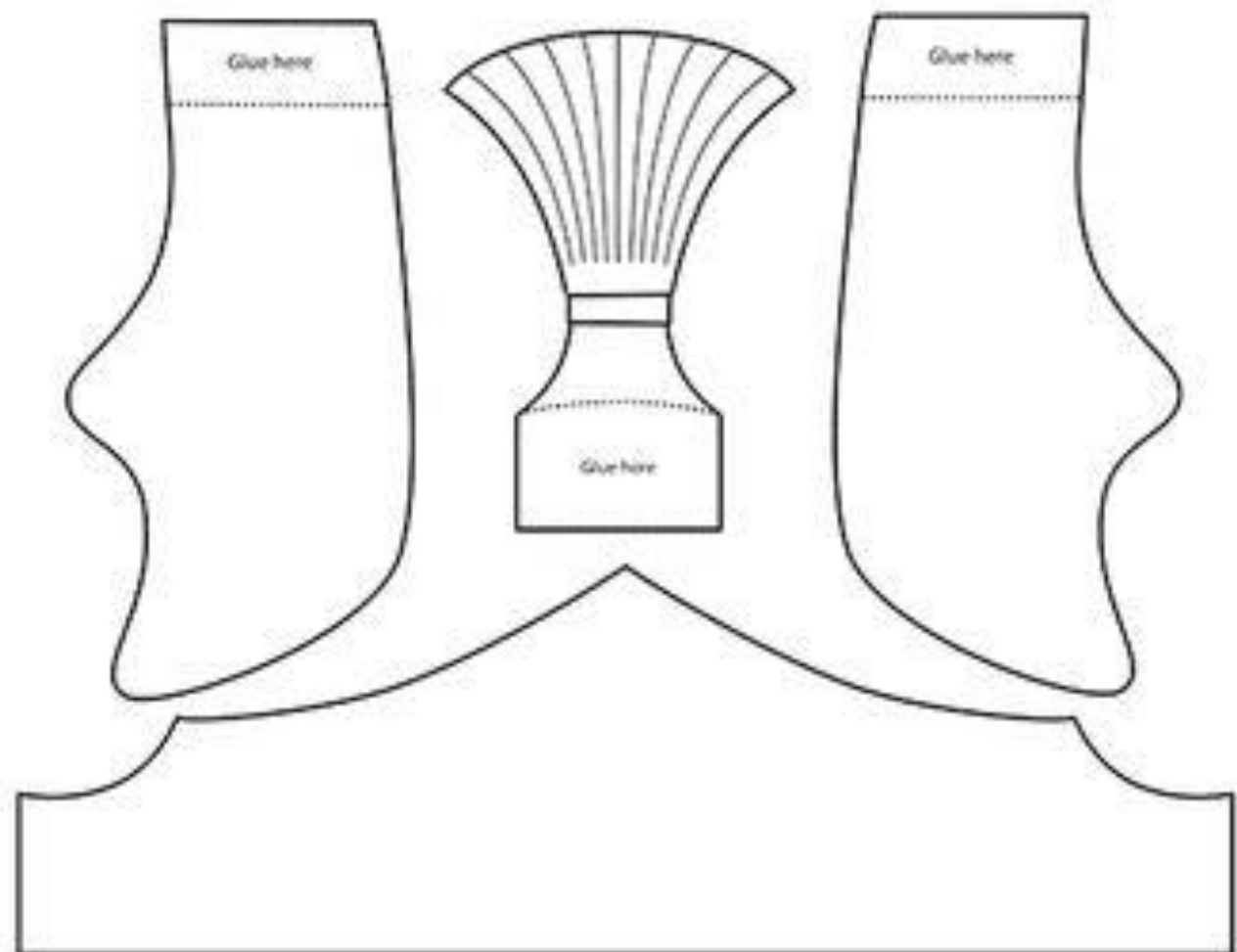


Roman Helmet



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The Faith of the Centurion

When Jesus heard this, he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd following him, he said, "I tell you, I have not found such great faith even in Israel." Then the men who had been sent returned to the house and found the servant well. Luke 7:9-10 (NIV)



The puzzle is based on Luke 7:1-10

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C R X E E W E W O U D K B T J
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AMAZED

CENTURION

SOLDIER

CROWD

WORTHY

DESERVE

HEALED

SERVANT

SICK

FAITH

AUTHORITY

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GREAT

FRIENDS

HOUSE



When Jesus heard the man, he was astonished and said to his followers, 'I tell you the truth, I have not found anyone with such faith!' (Matthew 8:10)

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