

Armor for Today's Battle

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It's not always what we think

To be used with the song, Reach You, from Worship Today. Words and Music by Jimmy Fedorkkevich, arranged by Lura Foster.

This may be the time to start your own wardrobe by having someone creative make the different pieces of armor. Otherwise, another church may have a suit of armor.

(Christian # 1 is arrogant and quite sure of himself)

CHRISTIAN #1: *(surveying all his equipment)*

CHRISTIAN #2: "What's all that!"

CHRISTIAN #1: "I'm collecting everything I need to live the Christian life."

CHRISTIAN #2: "It all looks like a bit much for me!"

CHRISTIAN #1: "Oh, that's where you're wrong. Christians, today, have a larger battle to fight in this world than ever before. Here, let's try it on you."

CHRISTIAN #2: "Hey, man!"

CHRISTIAN #1: "Come on, let's show these people how a "real" Christian gets prepared. First, we have the girdle of truth that will keep everything in place. Next, we have the breastplate of righteousness. *(Pleased with himself, he puts on breastplate on Christian # 2 and stands back to admire.)* And, of course, we need some shin guards *(to audience)* to keep from

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getting “cut down along the way. (*Christian # 1 shows satisfaction with every piece of equipment added.*) Now, the helmet of salvation (*places it on the head*); the shield of faith to protect us (*holds it out in front of him before handing it over*); and for those attacks from behind, the sword of the spirit, (*Christian # 1 lunges around for example, then, looking at the people*) Isn't that splendid? (*Back to Christian # 2*) Oh, by the way, how do you like your uniform? (*handing him the sword*) Well, that's it! What do you think?

CHRISTIAN #2: If you really want to know, I think it's very awkward. I've been learning lately that I can't do anything myself; but I CAN stand on the Word of God, and I CAN believe HE can do all things through me—AND I can pray with a heart that knows God hears.

(Christian #1 ponders a second before walking off, still thinking about what Christian #2 has said. Christian #2 begins to take off all the “equipment” and kneels with head bowed until song is ended.)

Choir begins singing Reach You. Christian #2 takes his time taking off the pieces of armor so he would be kneeling at the chorus line, Reach you As the song ends, he goes back to his seat. You may want to do a shortened version of the song to make the timing right.

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