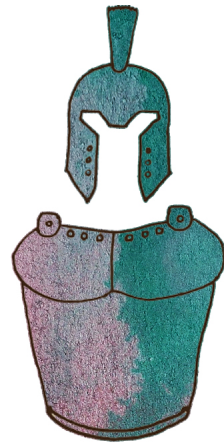
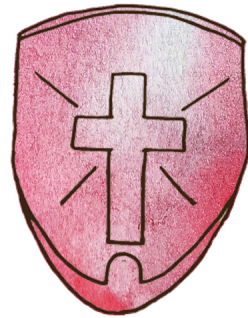


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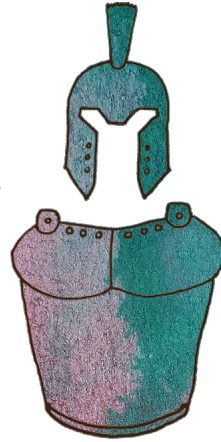
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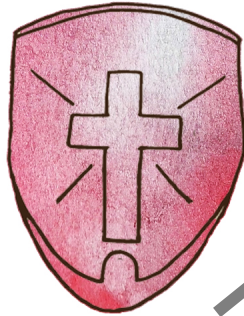
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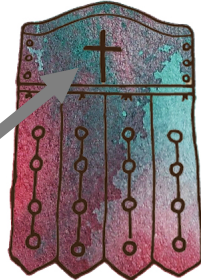
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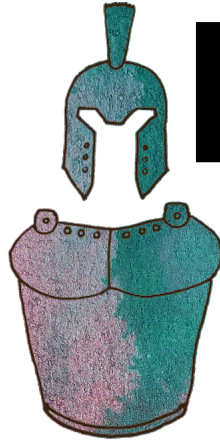
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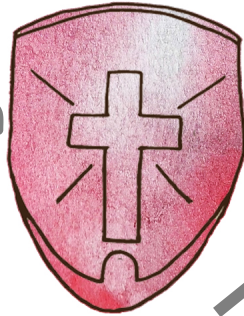
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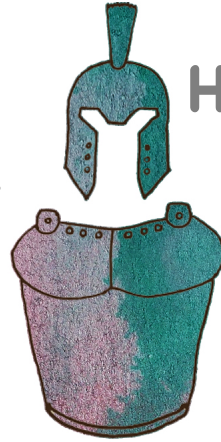
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Mark 16:15

And Jesus said to them,
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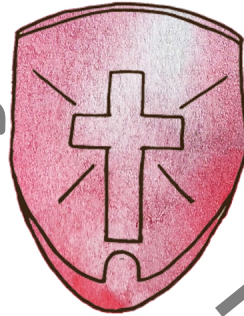
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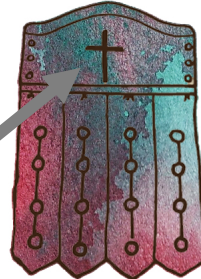


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If you worship me all the kingdoms of the world will be yours...

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