

2 Timothy 2.¹⁻⁷

life with Jesus!

Following Jesus

Timothy was a shy man.

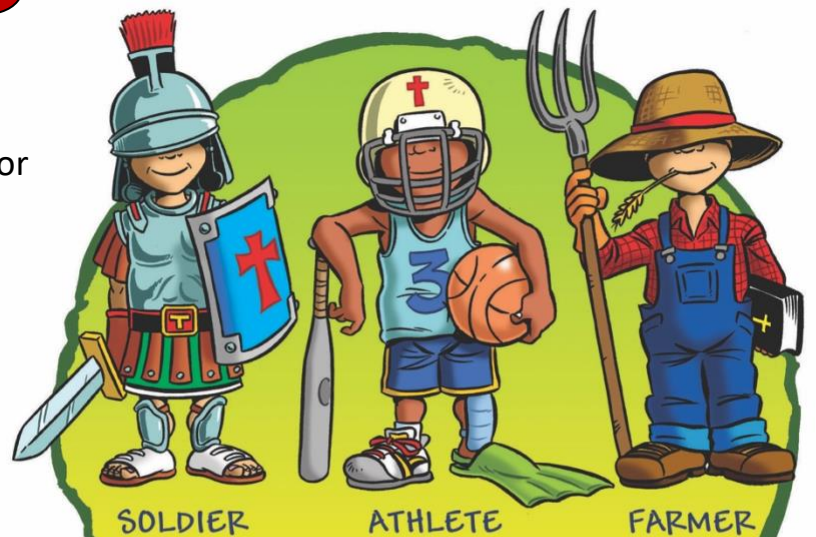
But he had an important job. He was pastor of a church in a place called Ephesus.

And that meant he needed to be strong.

Whether we get to be a pastor or not, when we start to follow Jesus we all need to be strong.

(Remember that from last week?)

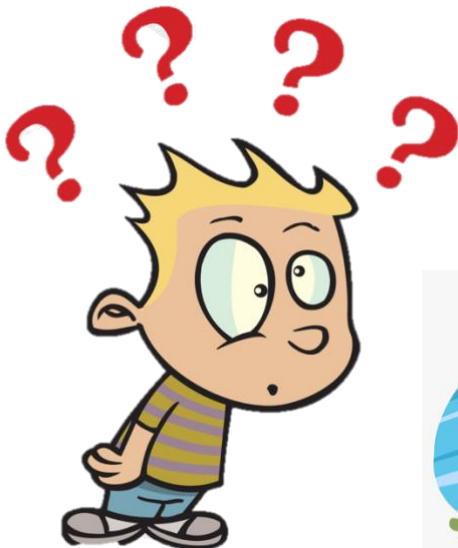
Paul used three pictures to help Timothy understand what it's like being a follower of Jesus – a soldier, an athlete, and a farmer.



Three pictures to help you understand what it's like to be a follower of Jesus

2 Timothy 2:1-7

That's what we're going to think about in today's worksheet.



A 'teaser' for you ..

Take the first letter of each picture (**s**oldier, **a**thlete, **f**armer), put them in reverse order in the spaces below – and you'll have a word which describes someone who's a good athlete



Here's today's Bible passage

Last week we looked mainly at verses 1 and 2 of the passage.

This week we're going to be thinking about verses 3-6, where Paul uses these three pictures (soldier, athlete, farmer) to tell Timothy what being a follower of Jesus and serving Him is like.

Read

2 Tim.2.¹⁻⁷

You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

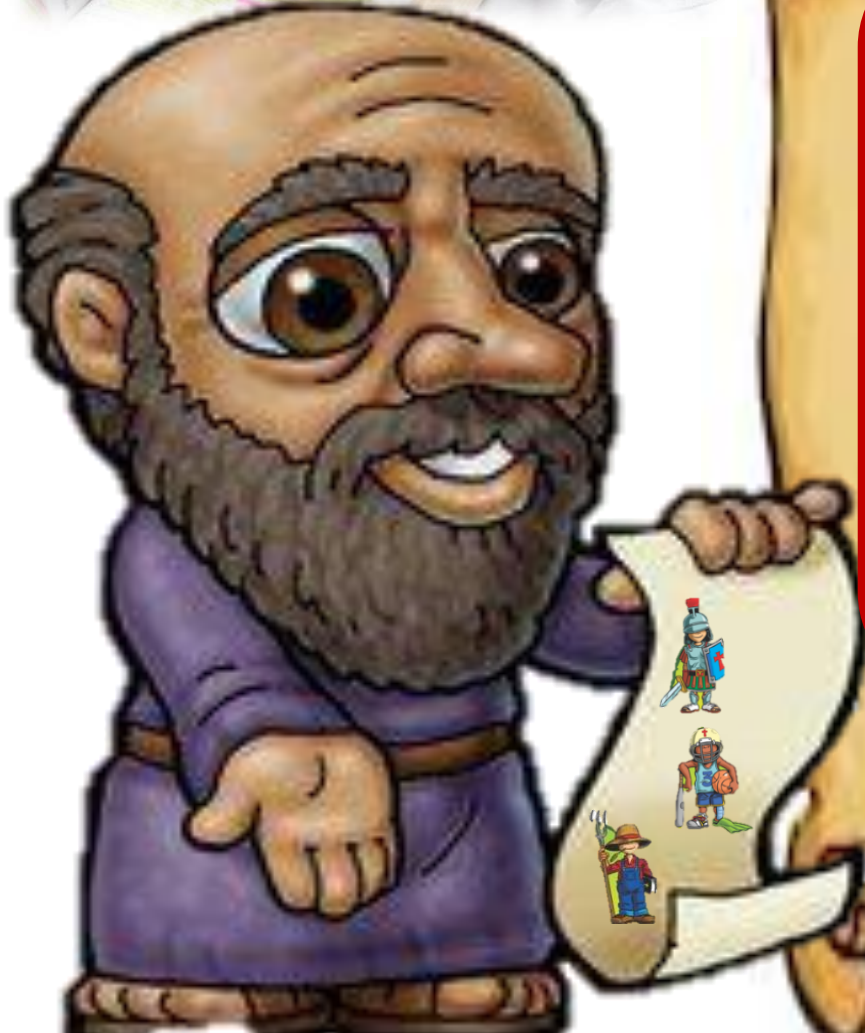
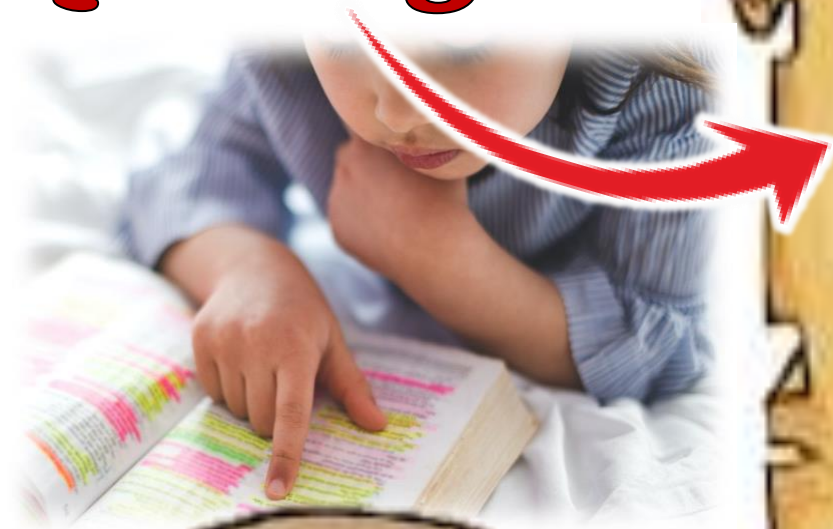
²And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.

³Join with me in suffering, like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in civilian affairs, but rather tries to please his commanding officer.

⁵Similarly, anyone who competes as an athlete does not receive the victor's crown except by competing according to the rules.

⁶The hardworking farmer should be the first to receive a share of the crops.

⁷Reflect on what I am saying, for the Lord will give you insight into all this.



following Jesus
is like being ..

1. a soldier

Here's what Paul wrote

vv.3-4

³Join with me in suffering, like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in civilian affairs, but rather tries to please his commanding officer.



Jesus came to tackle our big enemies ..

And it was a **big** battle!

Use the letters below to work out
what the 2 **big** enemies were

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The victory
has already been won by Jesus.

But the **battle** still has to be fought!

And that's what He calls His followers to get involved in!



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Here are three main 'fronts' on which we have to battle

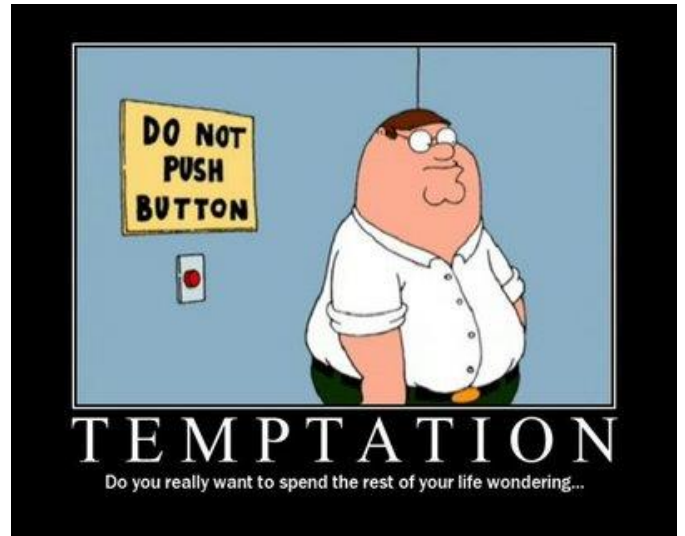
the first is

temptation



We may be glad to trust and follow Jesus, but there's a part of us which still wants to go our own way and be our own boss.

So it can be hard to resist the temptation to do and say and think things which we know are wrong!



the second is

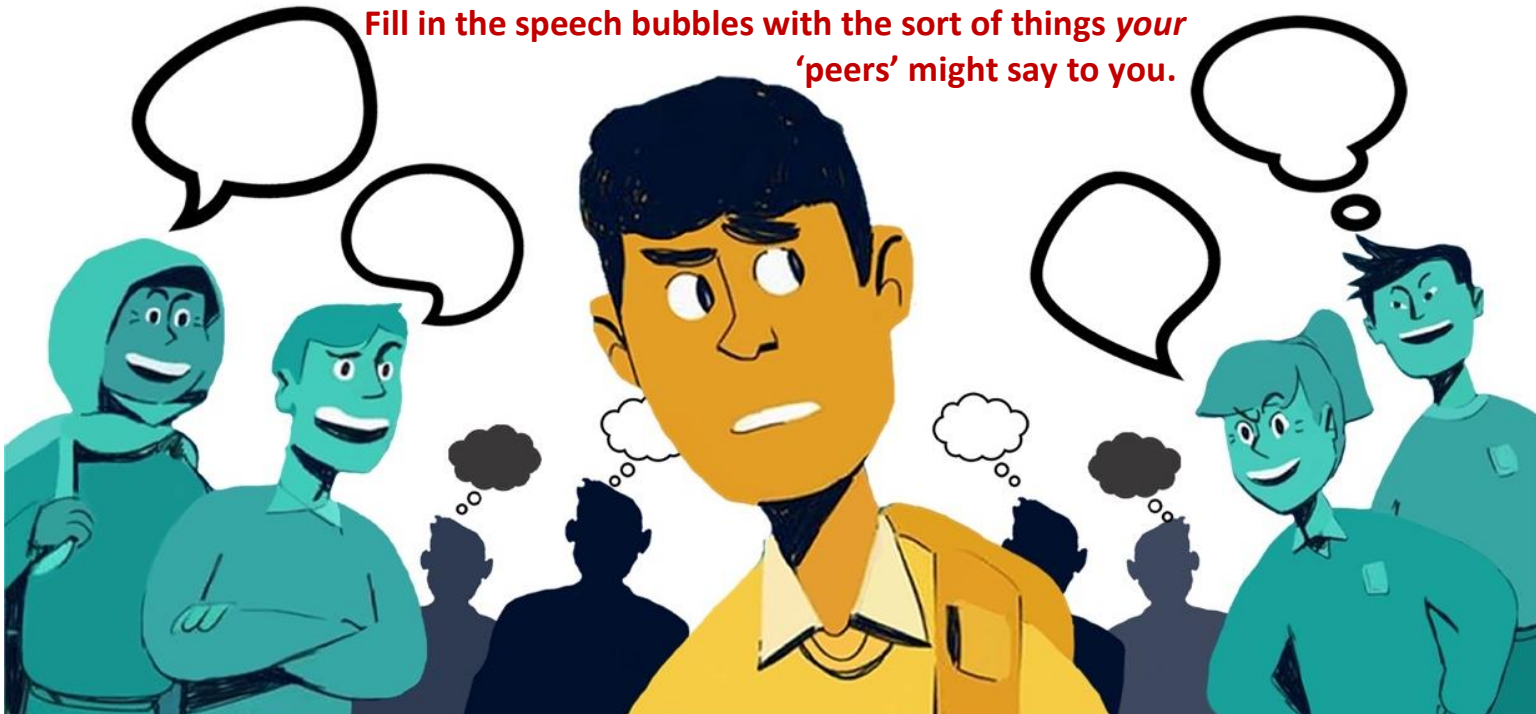
peer pressure

That's when people around you who don't know and love Jesus try and make you do things *their* way rather than *His* way



When everyone else is going a different way it can be hard going God's way!

Fill in the speech bubbles with the sort of things your 'peers' might say to you.



the third is

the devil

The devil hates God and God's Son, Jesus!

And he hates everyone who follows Jesus too!

"Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour"

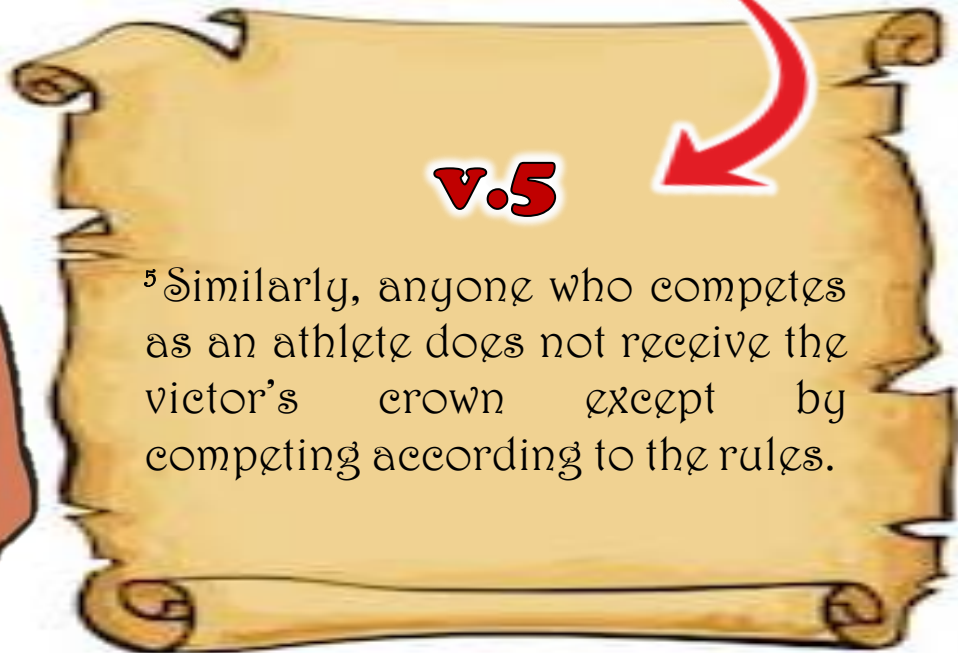
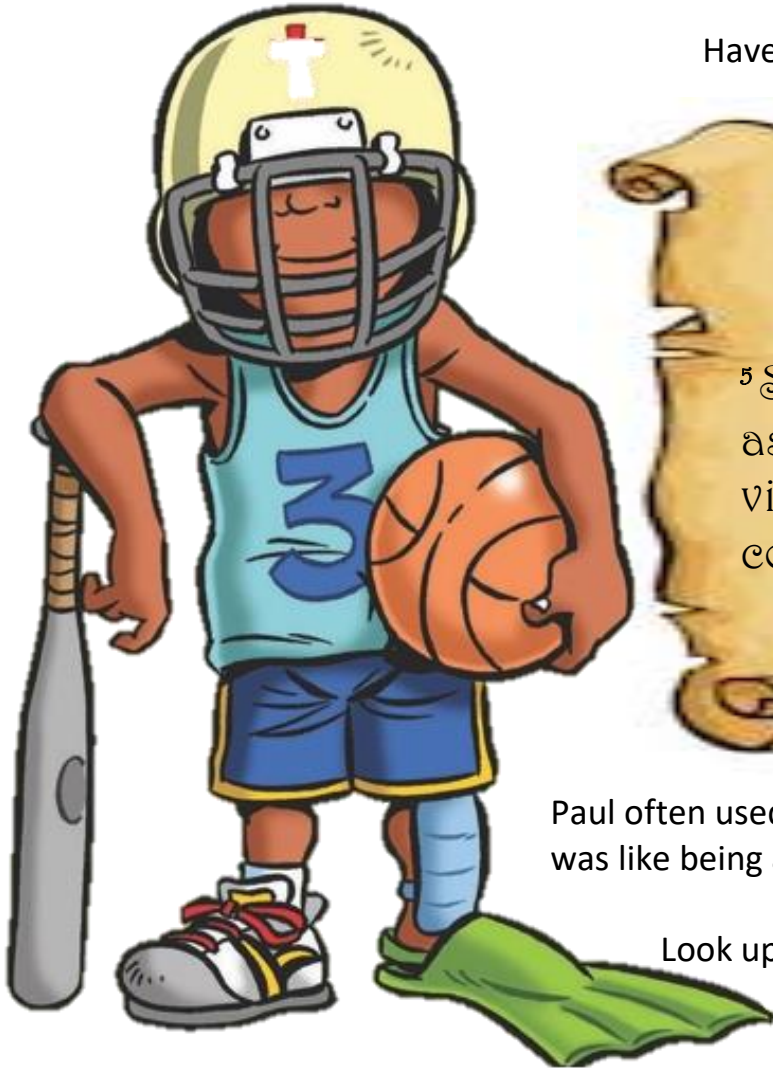
1 Peter 5.8



following Jesus is like being ..

2. an athlete

Have a look again at what Paul wrote



v.5

Similarly, anyone who competes as an athlete does not receive the victor's crown except by competing according to the rules.

Paul often used this 'picture' of an athlete to describe what it was like being a follower of Jesus.

Look up the following verses and write out in the box alongside each one what Paul wrote.

1 Timothy 4.6	
1 Timothy 4.7	
1 Corinthians 9.24	
1 Corinthians 9.26	
2 Timothy 4.7	

In today's passage (2 Timothy 2.5) what does Paul say is the most important thing for an athlete to do?



following Jesus is like being ..

3. a farmer

Have a look again at what Paul wrote

v.6

‘The hardworking farmer should be the first to receive a share of the crops.



Jesus often used this ‘picture’ of farming as well in the stories He told

Farmers are always looking forward to harvest time, when they gather in a crop to fill their barns.

In the same sort of way, Jesus is at work in the world today bringing together a people who love Him and who will one day fill heaven. A sort of ‘harvest’ of people.

And as we start to follow Him we find that we’re involved in the work of His ‘farm’ – and just as it is on any farm there’s a lot of **hard work** for all the farm workers!



See how carefully you can colour in this picture!



hard work

...!

There's a lot of hard work that the farm workers have to do if they're going to have a really good harvest from their different crops!

So here's a bit of 'hard work' for you!
Look at the pictures below, then try and

- write in the **correct description** of what the farmer is doing, and
- put them in the right order

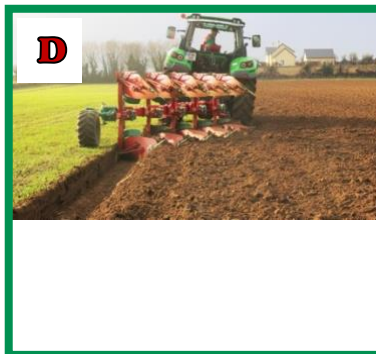


PLOUGHING



FERTILISING

HARVESTING



**Be a
hard worker
for Jesus!**

Now put them in the correct order here ...

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A Prayer

Think about what you've been learning in this worksheet.

Now try praying this prayer (or making up your own prayer!)



Thank You, Lord Jesus, that You make us truly

It's exciting following You!

And sometimes I think it's a bit scary too!

But it helps me to know that I'm sharing with You as a sort of 'soldier' in a big and important battle.

I'm glad that You've already **won the battle** – and that You help us now when we're in the middle of the battle!

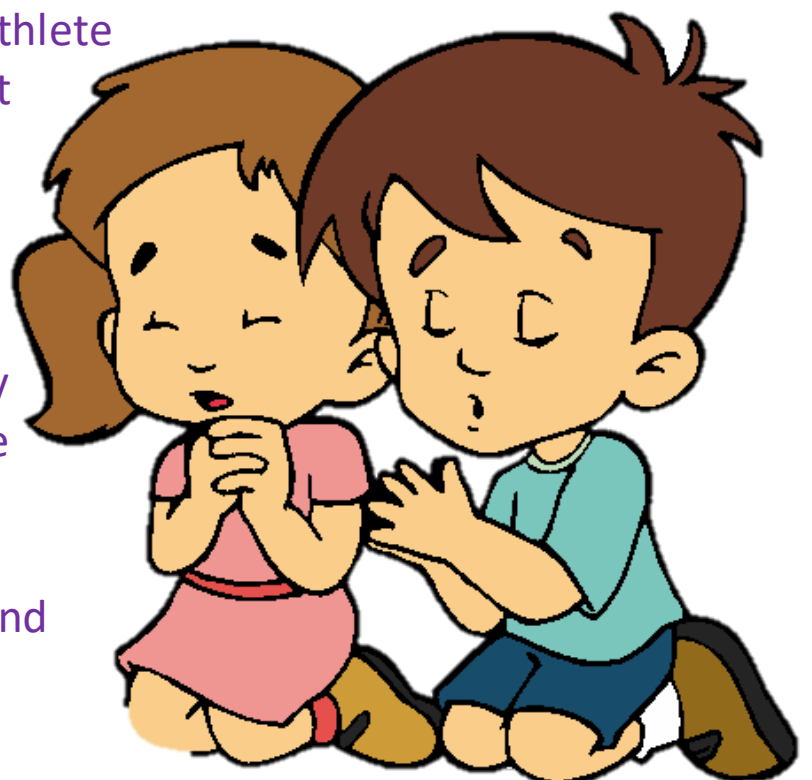
It's fun to think that I'm now an athlete too, in something more important by far than the Olympic Games!

And a sort of 'farmer' as well!

Help me every day to live in a way that pleases You – because You're my 'commanding officer'!

Help me, too, to obey the rules, and to work hard for You all the time!

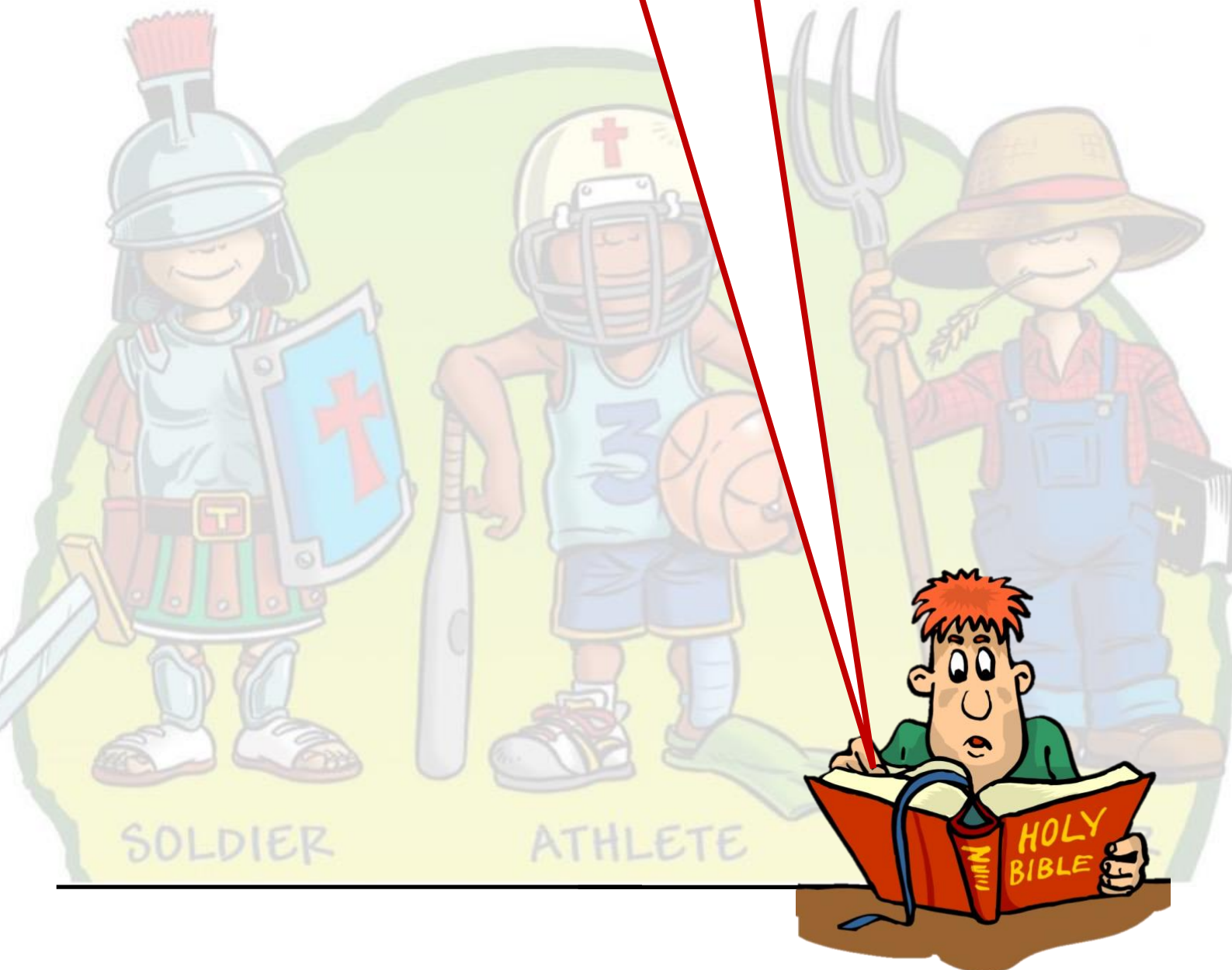
ALIVE!



Today's verse for you to try and remember!

**"You then, my son, be strong in
the grace that is in Christ Jesus"**

2 Timothy 2.1



A WORDSEARCH

about Roman soldiers

There are lots of words hidden in this word search. Draw around each word you can find.



ARCHERS

ARMY

AUXILIARIES

CAVALRY

CITIZENS

FORTS

HELMETS

JAVELIN

LEGIONARIES

METAL

SOLDIER

STATIONED

WOOD

ARMOUR

ARROWS

CONQUER

SPEAR

BOWS

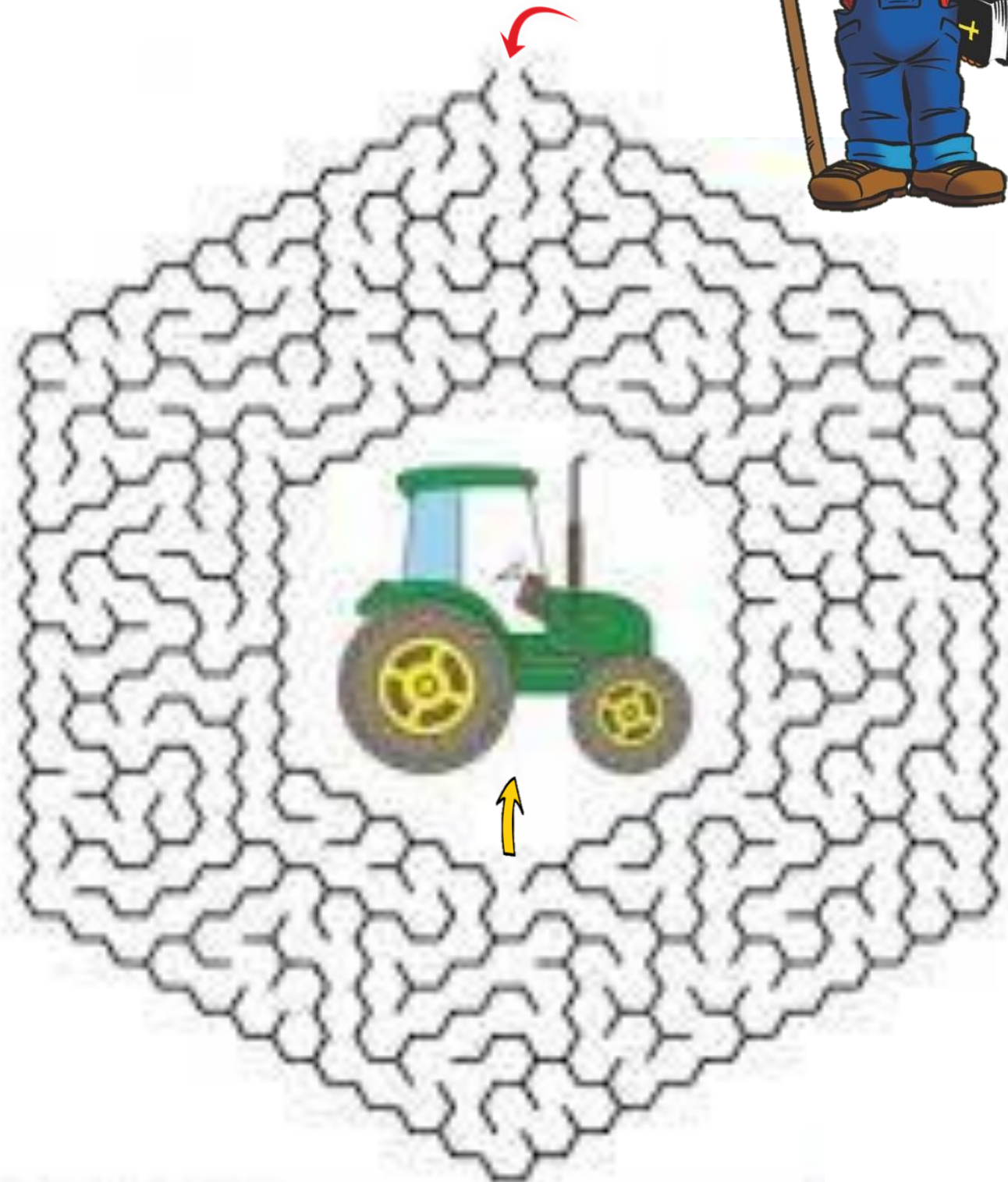
SERVICE

DAGGER



now try this puzzle ..

**Help the farmer find
the way through the
maze to the tractor!**



For you to COLOUR in

