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Do you see the knight in this picture? What will protect him from the arrows and swords of the enemy? His shield! See how big it is. If I were in a battle I'd want the biggest shield I could carry to help keep me safe.

This verse reminds us that God is a shield. Just like a knight's shield protects him from an enemy's arrows, God protects us from things that would harm us. How does God do this? By telling us what is true. God speaks to us in his Word, the Bible. He warns us about sin and the consequences of sin. He shows us the best way to live. How do we take refuge in God? By listening to and obeying the truth of his Word. Here are some examples:

- ***The world says***, "Come on, everybody's doing it!" ***But God says***, "If sinners entice you, do not consent." (Proverbs 1:10)
- ***The world says***, "Always take the best for yourself." ***But God says***, "Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves." (Philippians 2:3)
- ***The world says***, "If someone hurts you, you should get even with them." ***But God says***, "Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all." Romans 12:17
- ***The world says***, "You don't have to listen to your parents. What do they know?" ***But God says***, "Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but he who hates reproof is stupid." (Proverbs 12:1)

How can knowing God's truth in these verses shield you from harm?