

# STORY: NEW CREATION

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Deuteronomy 20:1-4; Proverbs 21:30; John 16:33; 2 Corinthians 2:14-17; Colossians 2:10-15; 2 Timothy 1:10

### BIBLE VERSE: 1 CORINTHIANS 15:55-57

*"O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."*

### BIG IDEAS

- God is victorious over sin and death.
- God is victorious over our sin and death.
- We fight for victory from God's victory.

### BIBLE STORY: 1 SAMUEL 17

David was not the most likely candidate to be a hero for Israel. He was a young shepherd boy who was sent by his father to bring lunch to his older brothers. Though David was not the most likely hero, he had a hero-sized faith in the victory of God. When he saw Goliath on the hill, he did not trust in his own strength, but in the strength of God, and he defeated Goliath by God's power. David knew that God always wins His battles.

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Part of the beauty of the gospel is that God does not just rescue us from the power of sin, but He is also making everything new. God offers new creation to those who place their faith in Jesus. This newness comes in two ways. The first is that by breaking the power of sin, Jesus is making men and women into brand new people with new identities. Second, God is not only making people new, but He is also going to make a new heaven and a new earth for us to live on and worship Him in.

### BIG AIMS



#### Every child should know that:

- God offers us a new relationship with Him through Jesus



#### Every child should feel:

- Valued by God because of the new relationship He offers



#### Every child should:

- Remember the sacrifice of Jesus that makes it possible to have a new relationship with God



#### Every child should want:

- To be a part of God's family as one of His holy, chosen people

**IN GOD'S VICTORY**

Take a walk with your child through your neighborhood, yard, or local park. Use a bandana to blindfold your child. Have your child walk blindfolded, with you holding her hand for a little while. Remind her that she doesn't have to be afraid because you are guiding her and you already know what is in the path. We don't have to be afraid of our sin battle because we fight in God's victory. He has victory over our sin and death.

**DISCOVER IT:** *(Use the passage to illustrate the Big Truth.)*

1 Samuel 17.

**THINK ABOUT IT:** *(Use the commentary to reinforce the Big Truth.)*

The Israelites were God's special people, and they had been fighting against the Philistines for some time. The Philistines did not serve God; they served false gods instead. The Philistines had a secret weapon that helped them in battle named Goliath. He was a giant, very large and very strong. The Israelites had not been able to defeat Goliath because they were afraid of him. David was an Israelite shepherd boy. One day, David heard the soldiers talking about Goliath. He heard them talking about how no one could defeat him, but he knew that God could defeat him. David saw Goliath and heard him taunting their camp, but he trusted in God's victory. His armor was too big, so armed only with his sling shot, he made his way over to Goliath. He trusted that God would defeat Goliath because he knew that God always wins His battles. David slung one stone at Goliath and it hit Goliath in the head causing him to fall down. David ran to Goliath, pulled Goliath's huge sword from its sheath and cut Goliath's head off, killing him. David fought the battle in God's victory, not his own. He was just a shepherd boy, but his faith was big. We have victory because God has victory. We can fight our battle against our sin in God's victory because God is the victor.

**TALK ABOUT IT:** *(Use the questions to discuss the Big Truth)*

- Why were the Israelites afraid of the Philistines? (The Philistines had a giant named Goliath.)
- Why did David go to the Israelite camp? (His father sent him to take lunch to his brothers.)
- Why did David think he could defeat Goliath? (He trusted in God's victory and not his own. He believed God would defeat Goliath.)



As a family, memorize 1 Corinthians 15:55-57 by writing the verses on individual sheets of paper and placing them somewhere they can be seen easily. Each day talk about the verses and then say them out loud together.



As a family, create a shield out of poster board. Decorate the shield and then write several fears that family members have and then verses that show God has victory over them. Remind your child that we can fight in God's victory.



Help your child create a sling shot using a piece of cloth and twine. Talk with your child about David's great faith in God to defeat Goliath and how we can have faith that God has victory over our sin and death. We do not have to fear because God is victor.



Spend some time as a family painting rocks. You can collect rocks from outside or buy rocks at your local craft store. As you paint, talk with your child about how God has victory over our sin and death. We can fight our sin battle in His victory.

Spend some time this week praying, thanking God for defeating our sin and death.