

BIG TRUTH: GOD IS VICTOR

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 for 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 strength, but in the strength of God and he defeated Goliath in God’s power. David knew that God always wins His battles.

STORY: NEW CREATION

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:**

- The church is God’s family
- The Christian life cannot be faithfully lived apart from the local church

**Every child should feel:**

- Loved by the church family that God has placed them into
- Love for their church family

**Every child should:**

- Participate in their local church
- Serve someone within their local church

**Every child should want:**

- To grow together in Christ with other members of God’s family

VICTORIOUS ALWAYS

Use black and white construction paper to create a checkered flag. Cut long strips from the construction paper and weave them together to create a checkered flag from the paper. Talk with your child about how we can have victory through God when we repent and believe in Jesus.

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 made up gods instead. Saul, the Israelites' king had tried to defeat the Philistines, but had failed. The Philistines had a secret weapon named Goliath. He was a giant, very large and very strong. The Israelites had not been able to defeat Goliath. They were afraid of him and no one thought they could fight him and win. David was a shepherd boy whose brothers were fighting with the Israelites. David's father sent him to the Israelites' camp one day to take lunch to his brothers. David heard the Israelites talking about Goliath. He heard them talking about how no one could defeat him. He began asking questions about Goliath. His brothers heard him and became angry with him. He was their little brother and here he was among the soldiers talking about defeating the giant. David was different than his brothers and the other soldiers. He knew that God could defeat Goliath. He saw Goliath and heard Goliath calling to their camp, taunting them, but he trusted in God's victory. He put on armor that was too big and armed only with his slingshot, 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 creating a puzzle from the verses. Use poster board or cardstock to write the verses down and then cut them out to create a jigsaw puzzle. Work as a family to put the puzzle together and say the verses together.



As family, create a list of challenges for each family member for the week. Create a chart to keep track of the challenges. An example challenge could be make your bed every day before school or work. Throughout the week, do things that make your child's challenges easier. At the end of the week, talk with your child about how the challenges were doable because there was help. We can fight our sin battle because we are fighting in God's victory, not our own.

As a family, create "bravery bags". Use brown lunch sacks as the bag and then place different textured objects in the bags. Have your child reach inside the bag without looking and feel the item. Ask him to guess what the item is. Talk with him about how even when we can't always see how something is going to work out, we can have faith in God's victory.

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