

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 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.

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**KNOW****Every child should know that:**

- God offers us new life (new desires, purpose) through Jesus

**FEEL****Every child should feel:**

- The need to live differently because of Jesus

**DO****Every child should:**

- See life in light of God's promises to those who are in Jesus

**WANT****Every child should want:**

- To be freed and rescued from their sin and given new life in Jesus

GOD HAS VICTORY

Create an obstacle course in your house or backyard for your child. Make sure that it is somewhat difficult. Next, as your child is going through the obstacle course, remove some of the obstacles that are ahead of him. When he finishes, remind him that we can fight in God's victory. We can win the battle through God and not ourselves.

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 Philistines did not serve God; they served false gods instead. 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. 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 began asking questions about Goliath. 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 but it 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. We have victory because God has victory.

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 helping your child to write the verses out on paper. Give them markers and colored pencils to decorate their verses. Each day read the verses together and try to say them out loud from memory.



As a 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 sharing with your child your own faith and trust in God to have victory over your sin. Share examples of times when you have overcome sin because you fought against it in God's victory, not your own.

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