

GOD IS VICTOR

STORY: NEW CREATION

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.

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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 new life (new desires, purpose) through Jesus



Every child should feel:

- The need to live differently because of Jesus



Every child should:

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



Every child should want:

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

FAMILY DEVOTION: GOD HAS VICTORY

God has victory over our sin and death. We do not have to fear our sin and death when we have saving faith in Jesus. We can fight our sin battle through God's victory because He has overcome sin and death.

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Death holds no power over God because He is victorious.

- God is more powerful than death.
- He proved His power when He raised Jesus from the grave.
- God proved His victory over death through the death of His Son and then His resurrection.
- God has triumphed over our sin and the death that our sin causes.

We join in God's victory over death.

- Jesus conquered death and hell when He died on the cross.
- He overcame our sin on the cross.
- He defeated death when He was buried and then came to life again on the third day.
- He is victorious and we share in that victory when we have saving faith in Him.
- When we turn from our sins and believe in Jesus, we, too, become victorious.
- Our physical bodies may die in this life, but we are raised to new life in eternity.

We experience victory over our sin through Jesus.

- Because of Jesus' death and resurrection, we can have victory over our sin.
- We no longer have to be enslaved by our sin.
- We can experience freedom and choose to not sin because of the work that Jesus did on the cross.
- Our victory comes from Jesus and we can experience the freedom His victory brings when we place saving faith in Him.

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Opening Illustration:

Prior to class, cut out medium sized shields from cardstock or heavy paper. Give each child a blank shield and ask the children to create a shield that reminds them of God's power. An example can be drawing a picture of a cross and writing the name "Jesus" on the shield. Another example can be drawing pictures of creation showing how powerful God is since He created the world from nothing. Talk with the children about how God is powerful and He is making a New Creation.

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BIG IDEA: GOD IS VICTORIOUS OVER SIN AND DEATH.

God fights the battle against sin and death.

- God's perfect world was broken by man's sin.
- Man's rejection of God caused the perfect world to break and sin to enter the heart of man.
- God fights the sin battle and is victorious.
- God fought sin and won the battle when He sacrificed His only Son.
- Goliath and the Philistines waged a battle against the Israelites.
- David called on God to defeat Goliath and was victorious.

God has overcome death and sin.¹

- David overcame Goliath and defeated him.
- When God sent Jesus to the earth, He overcame sin and death.
- God has all the victory over sin and death.
- David had victory over the Philistines because he defeated Goliath.
- God has victory over both sin and its consequence, death.

God has defeated all sin and death.

- There is no sin that is too great for God to defeat.
- There is no sin that overcomes God because God is mightier and greater than everything.
- Not only is God greater and mightier, He has defeated sin by sending His Son to pay our sin debt.
- God has also defeated death and removed all its power by raising Jesus from the dead.
- Death is defeated and we'll experience that victory when we are in Heaven with Jesus.

What has God defeated? (He has defeated sin and death.)

How does God's defeat of sin and death help us? (It means that we no longer have to be enslaved to sin and we do not have to fear death.)



Divide the children into small groups and have them draw pictures of different sins that we all struggle with daily, such as bad attitudes, disobedience, etc. Talk with them about how God has victory over sin and death. Divide the children into small groups and have them draw pictures of different sins that we all struggle with daily, such as bad attitudes, disobedience, etc. Talk with them about how God has victory over sin and death.

1. 2 Timothy 1:10: God is the victor over sin and death and that means we can have victory through Him.

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BIG IDEA: GOD IS VICTORIOUS OVER OUR SIN AND DEATH.²

Our sin holds us captive, but God rules over it.

- Goliath held the Israelites captive by frightening them and keeping them from fighting him.
- Our sin keeps us blinded and enslaved.
- Through God's power, David set the Israelites free by defeating Goliath.
- God sets us free by defeating our sin and the death we deserve.



Set a timer for 1 minute. Next, pass a piece of paper around to each child asking them to write down one sin that God has victory over. Once the timer expires, read the list of sins and remind the children that God has victory over our sin and death.

Sin rules over us, but God reigns over sin.

- Sin is our captor. We are enslaved to it until we have saving faith in Jesus.
- Just like the Israelites could not defeat Goliath, we cannot defeat our sin.
- Death rules over us as long as we are enslaved to our sin.
- God defeated our sin and death through Jesus.
- With God, David defeated Goliath and the Philistines.
- We have victory because God has victory.

We are set free from our sin because of God's victory over our sin.

- We are no longer held captive by our sin when we place our faith in Jesus because God has defeated our sin.
- When Jesus took on our sin debt on the cross, He paid the price that we owed.
- Now, we have freedom from our sin when we place our faith in Him as our Savior.
- We can walk in God's victory over our sin.

How do we have freedom from our sin? (God defeated our sin when Jesus died on the cross in our place.)

2. 1 Peter 3:18: Jesus conquered death and hell. He defeated our sin and now we can live in His victory.

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BIG IDEA: WE FIGHT FOR VICTORY FROM GOD'S VICTORY.

We can overcome sin only through Jesus.

- Our sin holds us captive.
- Our sin blinds us and keeps us from seeing the truth.
- We have no power over our sin except through Jesus.
- Jesus has victory over all sin and death.
- We can have victory through Him.
- David believed in God's victory.
- David fought Goliath trusting in God's victory.



Help the children create a shield from cardstock or poster board. Ask them to decorate their shields and then list the things that they fear and verses to remind them that God has victory over their fears.

We claim Jesus' victory as ours when we have saving faith in Him.

- The Israelites had victory through David's victory.
- They had freedom through David's victory and David had victory through God's victory.
- We have victory through Jesus.
- He fought our battle against sin and defeated sin.
- When we place our faith in Him, we live in His victory.
- We fight our battle through His victory.
- We are no longer overcome by sin and death because of His victory.
- We can walk in freedom and live in Jesus' freedom.

We do not have to fear fighting the battle because of God's victory.³

- Jesus fought our sin battle for us.
- He took on the sin of every person. He had the full cup of God's anger and wrath poured out on Him and He died in our place.
- He was buried and on the third day, He rose to life again.
- His victory over our sin and death means we don't have to fear fighting battles in this life.
- When we trust God's victory and believe in Him, we can have faith in the battle.
- We can fight like David fought, knowing that God always wins His battles.

Why do we not have to fear fighting battles? (When we trust in God's victory, we know that there is nothing to fear because He always wins His battles.)

3. Matthew 10:28: We do not have to fear because God always wins His battles.

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HOOKS



How Big Was Goliath?

Divide the children into groups and do an investigation into the size of Goliath. Provide the children with background information on Goliath found in commentary on 1 Samuel 17. Ask the groups to make a guess on how big they think Goliath was and how strong he was. Talk with the children about how Goliath was big and strong, but David had bigger faith in God's victory over Goliath. We can have faith in God's victory over our own sin and death, too.



- Goliath was a giant and he was something to be feared.
- David didn't fear defeating Goliath because he trusted in God's victory over Goliath.
- We can trust in God's victory over our sin and death.
- God is the victor.



Pin The Stone On The Giant

Cut out several small "stones" using construction paper. Next, place the outline of a really tall person on the wall and call it "Goliath". You can trace the outline of someone you know before class. Use a bandana as a blindfold and then have the children take turns trying to place the stones on Goliath. Once finished, talk with them about how David fought the battle against Goliath in God's victory and we can fight the battle against our sin in God's victory.

- David knew Goliath was too big and strong for him, but he wasn't for God.
- David fought Goliath in God's victory because he knew God always wins His battles.
- We can fight our battle against our sin in God's victory, too.