

BIG TRUTH: JESUS IS OUR VICTOR

Isaiah 25:8; John 16:33; Romans 5:18-21; Colossians 2:13-15; Hebrews 2:14-15; Revelation 1:18

BIBLE VERSE: 1 CORINTHIANS 15:56-57

"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

- We are defeated by our sin.
- Jesus fights and wins the battle against sin and death.
- Sin and death have no power over those who are in Jesus.
- Jesus is our victor forever.
- Every day Jesus followers fight from victory to victory.

BIBLE STORY: 2 CHRONICLES 20

When the Moabites, Ammonites, and some of the Meunites rose up against Judah, their king, Jehoshaphat went in prayer to the Lord. Jehoshaphat confessed that he and the nation of Judah were nothing without God. God fought the battle against the Moabites, Ammonites, and Meunites for Judah. God fights our battle against sin and we have victory through Jesus.

STORY: REDEMPTION

Thankfully, God does not just leave us in the broken world, but is repairing the brokenness through His Son. From the very beginning of time, God promised He would fix creation, and He kept His promise by sending Jesus to rescue us from our sin. Jesus came to live on the earth and willingly died on the cross so that sin's power over creation would be broken forever.

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

- God sent Jesus to die in our place as our substitute
- We need a substitute because we cannot pay our sin debt on our own

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

- Talk about why we need a substitute and how Jesus is our substitute

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

- Awe at Jesus's willingness to sacrifice Himself as our substitute

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

- To believe in Jesus's work on their behalf to pay their sin debt

GOD'S VICTORY

Create a Victory Scavenger Hunt for your child that includes different obstacles to overcome, such as balancing a book on his head, climbing over a small fence, collecting a bucket of rocks, etc. Talk with your child about how we can have victory every day through the power of Jesus.

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

2 Chronicles 20.

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

Jehoshaphat was the king of the tribe of Judah. Jehoshaphat followed God and obeyed Him. One day, Jehoshaphat learned that the Moabites, Ammonites, and some of the Meunites were rising up to fight the tribe of Judah. Jehoshaphat knew immediately that Judah could not defeat the Moabites, Ammonites, and Meunites. He went immediately to pray to God, asking for God's help in defeating their enemies. As Jehoshaphat prayed, he confessed their own weakness and inability to defeat their enemies. God heard his prayer and promised to fight for the tribe of Judah the next day. Jehoshaphat gathered musicians from the tribe of Judah and had the people sing songs of praise to God because he knew that God would fulfill His promise to them. The next day the Moabites, Ammonites, and Meunites rose up against the tribe of Judah, but God caused an ambush to happen and the people fought against each other instead of fighting the people of Judah. The Moabites, Ammonites, and Meunites were defeated and the tribe of Judah didn't have to lift a finger. The tribe of Judah had victory through God just as Jesus followers have victory through Him. Jesus defeated sin and death and now those who follow Him have victory over sin and death. Jesus is our Victor.

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

- Who were rising up against Judah? (The Moabites, Ammonites, and Meunites.)
- How did Jehoshaphat respond to the threat from their enemies? (He immediately prayed and asked God to fight for them.)
- How did God answer Jehoshaphat's prayer? (He defeated their enemies without the people of Judah having to do anything.)

**KNOW**

As a family, memorize 1 Corinthians 15:56-57 by creating a word collage from the verses. Print the verses on paper and then help your child cut them up into sections and place them on white paper. Say the verses together several times.

**DO**

Play a board game or card game as a family. Talk with your child about winners and losers and remind your child that those who follow Jesus can be winners everyday in their battle against sin because Jesus has defeated sin.

**FEEL**

Gather together a backpack and many books. Help your child to think of different sinful attitudes and behaviors that he struggles with. Place a book in the backpack for every sinful behavior and attitude. Ask your child to wear the backpack to feel how heavy it is. Remove the books and ask your child to wear the empty backpack to feel the difference. Remind your child that we can have victory over our sin through Jesus when we have saving faith.

**WANT**

Share with your child what it means to you to have victory over your sin through Jesus. Talk with your child about certain sins that you may struggle with and how you use the power of Jesus and God's Word to help you live victoriously.

Spend some time this week praying and thanking God for giving us victory over sin through Jesus.