

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

- God has given us a holy mission to make Him known to others

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

- Burdened for those in their lives who do not know Jesus

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

- Share the gospel with someone who does not know Jesus

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

- To live faithfully on mission for God and be aligned with His purposes instead of our own

GOD'S BATTLE, GOD'S VICTORY

Help your child create a comic strip retelling the story of David and Goliath. Remind your child that David had victory through God's victory. We can have victory through God's victory because God has victory over 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 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 dividing the verses into sections and writing them on strips of paper. Place the strips of paper in a bowl or basket. Set a timer and take turns putting the strips in order the fastest. Say the verses out loud several times.



Take a walk as a family. As you walk, pick up different stones or rocks that you find. Talk with your child about how David defeated Goliath using stones because God was fighting for David. We can have victory too through God's victory.

Lead your child in a discussion about what it means to have victory over sin and death. Share with your child that only when we repent and believe in Jesus do we truly have victory over our sin and death. Jesus' death sets us free from our sin.

As a family, spend some time praying and thanking God for the victory we have in Him.