

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

- God is making all things new

**Every child should feel:**

- Wonder at how God takes the brokenness of creation and makes it new

**Every child should:**

- Thank God for fixing what sin has broken and making a new creation

**Every child should want:**

- To see creation be made new by God

**SIN NO MORE**

As a family, make a slingshot using felt, twine and/or string. Cut the felt to create a circle with two ends. Punch holes in either ends of the circle and then run the twine or string through the holes. Tie the string together. To make stones, use pom-poms or balled up pieces of paper. David believed that God would win the battle against Goliath and we can believe that God is victorious over our sin, too.

**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 false 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. 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 how no one could defeat Goliath. He began asking questions about Goliath. His brothers heard him and became angry with him. David 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 sling shot, he made his way over to Goliath. David slung one stone at Goliath and hit him 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.)

**KNOW**

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.

**DO**

As a family, create a list of sins that each family member struggles with daily, such as impatience, selfishness, worry, discontentment, etc. Together find verses in the Bible that speak to those sins and fears. Write the verses next to the sin and talk about how we can fight our sin battle in God's victory.

**FEEL**

Spend some time sharing 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.

**WANT**

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.