

## Q7 – GOD IS GOOD AT VICTORY!

## PARENT TEACHING GUIDE

For the next two quarters we will learn about the victories God won for His people when they had faith in Him and followed His plans. In John 16:33 Jesus said, “These things I have spoken to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.” How can we believe this? At times it is extremely difficult to feel peaceful, cheerful, or victorious. It is difficult to believe that we can win the battle over Satan, the world, and our temptations. Often it feels as if we are fighting a losing battle. The Old Testament gives us hope and comfort. The Old Testament contains a collection of battle stories. In each of these stories, God wins the victory! We will be studying these Old Testament battle stories. These stories will show us over and over again that God has the power and God wins the victory for His people when they follow His commandments (have faith in Him). We will then study Jesus’ triumph over death, which brings us the victory of salvation. We can be victorious if we remain faithful to God and to the sacrifice of His son. God never promises that our lives will be easy. He does promise us victory through Christ if we trust Him.

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### LESSON 1. SATAN WINS A BATTLE TO BRING SIN AND DEATH INTO THE WORLD; BUT GOD WILL WIN THE WAR OVER SIN AND DEATH.

Memory Verse: 1 Cor. 15:57 “...but thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Text: Genesis 3



Adam & Eve lose the battle over sin by giving into the desire for something they could not have. The fruit of the tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil was good to look at and would give wisdom. God warned them that they would die. They believed a lie from Satan, that they would become like God and not die. They took what they desired. God keeps his promises. They separated from God. But God told of His Great Plan. Through the seed of Eve would come one that was stronger than Satan and stronger than death.

#### FACTS TO KNOW

**WHERE:** GENESIS; The Garden of Eden

**WHO:** Adam, Eve and Satan (Serpent)

**WHEN** (Purple Card): First Fathers

**PRAISE** Show your child pictures of victory (people succeeding, overcoming obstacles, winning contests). Praise God who makes the minds, legs, muscles, eyes, etc. that make earthly victories possible. Then remind your child that there is a more important battle – a spiritual battle – to fight. There is a much greater spiritual victory to win. Praise God for helping us win the battle against Satan through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Praise Passage: **Psalm 147:5** Have your child write the verse down into a small notebook of their own (“Praise Journal”). Discuss the meaning as they write it down. The point of the praise passage is

for your child to learn how to praise God – learn how to say nice things about God and to God in prayer.

Victory Psalm: [Psalm 136\\*](#)

Victory Songs: [The Battle Belongs to the Lord\\*](#) & [Faith is the Victory\\*](#)

**WHEN WALL/ TIMELINE** Use the “[When Wall – Purple Cards Key](#)”\* to do the When Wall cards at home. Review the Historical Heading cards (“purple cards”) that tell the story of the Bible. For Kindergarten and up add in the Famous People cards (white cards) and for 2nd grade and up add in the Books of the Bible cards (yellow cards).

**LESSON** As you introduce the lesson, talk about where in the Bible timeline this lesson occurs (which purple card this lesson falls under). See the [Victory-When Wall\\*](#) answer key for guidance (a copy is also provided in the student folder). “Satan Wins a Battle” goes under the “First Fathers” purple card. Tell carefully or read dramatically today’s lesson using the Bible, your child’s lesson folder, or the family story within this guide. Here are some [lesson 1 visuals\\*](#) created by Renee to help you teach this lesson. *Remember to emphasize how God is the hero of the story!*

**ACTIVITIES** Use the activity packet for lesson 1 provided in your child’s student folder. Students in the 2<sup>nd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> grades have a cover page for the packet where they can begin learning their memory verse by writing it down and writing what they are thankful for and what they will pray for this week.

*Open my eyes that I may see....Satan, not God, is my enemy.*

**CRAFT** Make a “Heaven Banner” - have your child(ren) draw or write what they think heaven will be like or look like. Hang it up on the wall.

*\*All underlined items are links to teaching resources*

## **Family Story:** Adam and Eve Lose the Battle to Satan    Genesis 2-3

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*This is the Bible, God's written word. It tells how God made us and it tells how God loves us. Listen carefully and keep God's words in your heart so that you will never forget how good and wonderful our God is. God loves us and takes care of us....*

*Jehovah is my shepherd; and I shall not want, He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul: He guides me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Psalms 23:1-3 Oh give thanks unto Jehovah for He is good: for His lovingkindness endureth for ever. Oh give thanks unto the God of gods; For His lovingkindness endures forever. Oh give thanks unto the Lord of lords; For His lovingkindness endures forever: To Him who alone does great wonders; for His lovingkindness endures forever. Psalms 136:1-4*

In past lessons we have read from the Bible of the great wonders of our God. How He created the world and how He takes care of us and how He blesses those who believe and obey His words. He has a great plan for our eternal salvation. Through God's beloved Son, Jesus, we can know God and His Love. Jesus died and was raised up to overcome death and reign as our King in Heaven. God's plan for families is that they tell their children about God's mighty power and great love. If we believe that Jesus is the Son of God and that He won the victory over the battle with Satan and sin and if we obey His words, we too will have victory over sin.

In the lessons that follow we will read about people who did not follow God's words and lost the battle with sin. We will also read about people who listened to God and believed His mighty promises and won the victory over sin.

In the beginning God made man in His image. He made for him a wife to be his helper and companion and God gave them a beautiful home in the garden with everything they needed. But God said, do not eat of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. If they did they would die. But Satan came to the woman and asked why she did not eat of the tree. She would not die but become wise like God. The woman saw that the tree was good for food and it was good to look at and be desired to make one wise. She took the fruit and shared it with her husband. She wanted the fruit and took it, even though God had said no. She disobeyed God. God said she would die. To die means to be separated from. God punished Adam and Eve and sent them from the Garden. Their sin separated them from God.

But God made a promise to them. He told them that someday that their seed would bruise the head of Satan. This was a promise that some day one would come who would be stronger than Satan. God sent His Son to earth to win the victory over sin that all who believe on Him would live for ever. Jesus won the battle for us. He is our king, reigning in Heaven, preparing a home for us. We must determine in our hearts to believe and be strong to do all that our great God asks of us. He loves us and desires that we should be saved. Through Jesus we too can win the victory over sin. Thank you Heavenly Fathers for fathers and mothers who teach us how to be victorious over sin and believe in Jesus' power to save us.

### **Family Discussion Questions:**

- a. This semester's theme is God is Good at Victory. Read 1 Corinthians 15:53-58. Through whom does God give us the victory?
- b. Since God wants to give us the victory, what should we do (1 Corinthians 15:58)?
- c. Romans 15:4 teaches that the Old Testament was written for our \_\_\_\_\_ that we might have \_\_\_\_\_. What can we learn and how can we have hope by studying about God being good at Victory?
- d. Your first memory verse is Psalm 136. A refrain is a repeated line or number of lines in a poem or song, typically at the end of each verse. What is the refrain in this Psalm?
- e. Why should we give thanks to God (Psalm 136)?
- f. List some ways we have studied that illustrate how "God is good."

- g. Is there anything or anyone greater than God?
- h. What in the first three verses of Psalm 136 expresses that?
- i. Who is in a battle for your soul?
- j. Who was involved in the first battle for man's souls?
- k. What is one weapon Satan used in this first battle (Genesis 3:1,4,13)?
- l. We can summarize Satan's lies to Eve as:
- m. If God says "no" to you, He is being mean.
- n. You won't really get in trouble if you ignore God's warnings and break God's rules.
- o. You'll miss out on all the fun of life if you obey God.
- p. Have you ever been in a situation where you have thought one of these things or someone has told you this to get you to do something you shouldn't?            Did you recognize that as a lie?
- q. Who won this first battle?
- r. Who lost in this battle?
- s. What was their punishment?
- t. Had God warned Adam and Eve of danger and death?
- u. List the verse did He do this in Genesis 2.
- v. Does God give us wonderful words today to help us avoid sin and death?            Where do we find these wonderful words?
- w. What did Eve and Adam do that allowed Satan to win the first battle for man's souls?
- x. What was the result of their sin (Romans 5:12)?
- y. But as you read in 1 Corinthians 15:56, God had a plan to win the war and give us the victory. Who is that plan?