

Q7 – GOD IS GOOD AT VICTORY!

PARENT TEACHING GUIDE

God wins the victory! We are studying Old Testament battle stories. These stories 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 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.

Date: Nov 22-28, 2020

LESSON 8 JONATHAN & HIS ARMOR BEARER

Memory Verse: Psalm 44:5-7 With your help we pushed back our enemies. In your name we walked on those who came against us. I don't trust my bow to help me. My sword can't save me. You saved us from Egypt. You made our enemies ashamed.

Text: 1 Samuel 14:1-15

God works wonders! When He was with king Saul's son, Jonathan, and his armor bearer, Jonathan was able to defeat 20 Philistines. Without God's help, Jonathan would not have been able to defeat so many. Isn't God powerful?

A Powerful Victor is our God! Talk to your child about trusting in God's power. We must rely on God to make it to heaven. We should make it our goal to be a Christian and go to heaven. We will be victorious over sin and death!

PRAISE & PRAYER Show pictures of people accomplishing goals (winning battles). God's creation plan, kindness, and care make success possible. Only through Him do we live, move, or succeed. God planned for us to succeed spiritually.

FACTS TO KNOW

WHERE: I SAMUEL; Gibeah, Benjamin, Michmash and Ephraim

WHO: Samuel, Saul and Jonathan

WHEN (Purple Card): Kings

Praise Passage: **Psalm 60:12** Have your child write the verse down into a small notebook of their own ("Praise Journal"). Praise God & 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). "Jonathan & his armor bearer..." go under the "Kings" purple card. Tell carefully or read dramatically today's lesson using the Bible, your child's lesson folder, or the preschool family story within this guide. Here are the [lesson 8 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 8 provided in your child's student folder. Students in the 2nd -5th 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....God and me, a majority.

Additional Activities:

- Make a sword from cardboard or posterboards. Have your child write "God Gives Us Victory" on the sword and decorate it. Or make a [sword bookmark](#).

SING Books of the Old Testament; My God is so Big; [The Lord's Army](#), You are my Strength; I Know the Lord will Make a Way



FAMILY/PRE-K STORY:

Jonathan 1 Sam 13:5-7, 15-23; 14:1-23

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....

"Oh give thanks unto Jehovah for He is good; for His loving kindness endures forever. Oh give thanks unto the Lord of lords; For His loving kindness endures forever: To Him who alone does great wonders; for His loving kindness endures forever." Psalm 136:1-4

The period of Judges was a dark time in the history of God's people. The people did what *was right in their own eyes*. Samuel was the fifteenth judge of Israel. He was a good man who served God all his life. Samuel told the people that if they would return to the Lord with all their hearts and put away foreign gods and prepare their hearts for the Lord, and serve Him only, God would deliver them from the hands of the Philistines. The Philistines were a troublesome nation of people that made life miserable for God's people. The people listened to Samuel and the hand of the Lord was against the Philistines all the days of Samuel.

But when Samuel was old, he appointed his sons as judges. They were not honest and did not walk in the ways of God. The elders of Israel came to Samuel and demanded a king like the other nations around them. Samuel was upset about their request and prayed to God about it. God told Samuel that the people had not rejected Samuel, but Him. They did not want God to be their king!

God told Samuel to anoint a king, even though this was not the best thing for the people. A king would demand much of the people and their life would be difficult. Saul, the son of Kish, of the tribe of Benjamin, was Israel's first king. Saul was tall and good looking and he looked good to the people. At first he obeyed God. But then he let his own thinking get in the way. He did not go to God for guidance and he did only part of what God said, not everything. Doing only part is not obeying. To obey you must do everything. God rejected him as king. The Philistines were allowed to make war again. Saul was told to go to Gilgal and wait seven days for Samuel to come and offer a sacrifice asking for God's favor. When Samuel didn't come, Saul became impatient and offered the burnt offering himself. This was something that only the priests were allowed to do. Samuel told Saul that His family would not be allowed to continue as kings.

King Saul had a son named Jonathan who was a good man. Jonathan served God. Jonathan trusted God and God gave him victories. He and his armor bearer defeated 20 Philistines once with one sword because God was with them. God was with Jonathan because he trusted God. God will be with us if we trust him. Jonathan's courage inspired the people to fight bigger battles. Jonathan was good at believing in God's Victory.

Family - Teen & Adult Questions:

Read 1 Samuel 14 & 15

1. Was King Saul ready to fight the Philistines?
What did he do when it was time to fight?

2. How big was the Philistine army?

3. Who among the Israelites had a weapon?
Why weren't there any more weapons?

4. Who was brave among the Israelites on this day?

Where was everyone else?

5. What did Jonathan believe that gave him the courage to fight the Philistines with just his armor bearer at this side? (1 Sam. 14:6)

6. What was Jonathan's battle plan? (1 Sam. 14:8)

Who was He trusting to deliver them?

7. Were Jonathan and his armor bearer successful?
How many Philistines did they kill in an area of what size?

8. What did God do to further the slaughter?

9. Copy 1 Samuel 15:23 here to show who saved Israel.

10. Read this week's Praise Verse is Psalm 60:12. How did Jonathan and his armor bearer act valiantly?

Who had the victory?