

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.

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LESSON 11 ELIJAH DEFEATS 450 PROPHETS OF BAAL WITH 1 PRAYER

Memory Verse: Psalm 54:1-2 God, save me because of who You are. By Your strength show that I am innocent. Hear my prayer, God. Listen to what I say.

Text: 1 Kings 18



King Ahab and Queen Jezebel were very wicked. They did not worship God, they worshiped Baal. When the prophet Elijah went to them and told them of their sin, they thought the prophets of Baal could defeat God's prophet. God was able to light the alter even after it had been soaked with water. Baal could not. Isn't God powerful! Talk to your child about God's power. He can defeat any false god if we only let him. If we pray and let Him have control, He will defeat our enemies and keep us safe.

FACTS TO KNOW

WHERE: 1 KINGS; Sidon, Israel, Samaria, Mt. Carmel, Kishon River

WHO: King Ahab, Jezebel, Elijah

WHEN (Purple Card): Kings

PRAISE & PRAYER Show pictures of people praying. Talk about this as the best way to fight & win battles.

Praise Passage: **Psalm 57:2** 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). Put the United Kingdom white card under the "Kings" purple card. Put the white cards with Israel's kings and prophets on the left under the United Kingdom. Put Judah's kings and prophets on the right. Notice that Jeroboam reigns in Israel while Rehoboam reigns in Judah. Say: "Don't let the J's get together! Don't put Jeroboam in Judah!"

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). "Elijah Defeats 450..." goes 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 11 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 11 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 is the hero of history!

Additional Activities:

- [Victory Jeopardy](#)
- Bible Fun for Kids: [God vs Baal](#)

**All underlined items are links to teaching resources*

FAMILY/PRE-K STORY:

Elijah 1 Kings 18

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

God keeps his promises. If we obey His words he is our defender. There is nothing too hard for God to do. The Bible tells us of a prophet of God who prayed to God for His help in a time of need. Elijah was a prophet of the northern kingdom. His job was to speak to the people for God during the time of the wicked King Ahab and Queen Jezebel. Jezebel brought idol worship from her home in Sidon of Phoenicia. She wanted her Baal idol to be equal with Jehovah God. She taught the people to worship Baal and forget about God. God hates idol worship because He alone created man. Idols are made out of the wood and stone that God created. God wants our hearts to belong only to Him and not make believe gods. The people thought Baal could bring rain and make their crops grow.

Because the people believed the lies of Jezebel and Ahab, God told Elijah that it would not rain on the earth for a very long time. When there is no rain and the sun dries up the crops this is called a famine. It did not rain in Israel for 3 ½ years. Ahab blamed Elijah for the famine. He called him a "Troubler of Israel". When people cause bad things to happen they often blame others. But God took care of Elijah and in God's time he sent Elijah to the people and asked them, "How long will you believe the lies? If the Lord is God follow Him."

To prove that God alone is all powerful and ruler of all creation, Elijah had the prophets of Baal meet him at Mt. Carmel. There he had them build altars to Baal and sacrifice a bull. They were to call on Baal to bring fire upon the altar. But of course Baal is a pretend god. He really does not exist. Elijah laughed at them, "Where is your god? Perhaps he is away on a journey or maybe he is asleep" Then Elijah sacrificed a bull to Jehovah. He poured water on the altar three times to prove that God alone was strong. Then Elijah prayed to God. ***"Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that You are God in Israel and I am your servant, and that I have done all these things at Your word. Hear me, O Lord, hear me, that this people may know that You are the Lord God and that You have turned their hearts back to You again."*** This was an important prayer because Elijah did what God told him to do. Then the fire from God came down and burnt up the bull, the wood, the stones, and licked up all the water. The people fell on their faces and said, ***"The Lord, He is God! The LORD, He is God!"***

After God and Elijah defeated the evil prophets and the people turned their hearts back to God, He sent rain upon the earth. The crops grew and there is food. God is good at water, bread, and life. God is in charge. Elijah prayed to God. God gave Elijah victory. GOD IS GOOD AT VICTORY!

Family - Teen & Adult Questions:

1. List the kings of Israel from Jeroboam to Ahab. Identify them as good, bad, or THE WORST!
2. God had been hiding Elijah from Ahab and Jezebel for 3.5 years during the famine. Then, God told Elijah to present himself to Ahab. What does 1 Kings 18:18 say that Ahab had done to bring trouble on Israel?

Could you do the same thing to bring trouble on yourself and your family?

3. How many prophets of Baal came to Carmel?
How many prophetesses of the Asherah came?
4. What did these false prophets think their God controlled that would help them in this contest?
5. What did Elijah challenge the people of Israel to do when they came to Mt. Carmel? (1 Kings 18:20)
6. Describe the terms of this battle and what victory would look like?
7. Did Baal show up for the battle?
Elijah mocked them. What did he say Baal might be doing instead of fighting in this battle?
8. Did Baal have a voice? Did he answer or pay attention?
9. What two things did Elijah ask God to do in this battle?
10. What had God done to the hearts of Israel?
11. What did God do to the sacrifice?
12. What was the response of the people to this great victory?
13. What happened to the prophets of Baal?
14. Elijah defeated the prophets of Baal with only one weapon. What was it?
15. What must you do for God to fight for you like he did Elijah at Mt. Carmel? Do you have access to the same weapon he did?
16. In Psalm 57 the Psalmist cries out to God like Elijah did and asked God to save him. Look at the other verses in this Psalm. How should we respond when God saves us?
17. Psalm 54 reveals how God saves and vindicates His people. What are His weapons? (Psalm 54:1,2,5).
What does His soldier do? (Psalm 54:2)