

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 12 GOD GIVES AHAB THE VICTORY OVER SYRIA; GOD WINS EVERYWHERE!

Memory Verse: **Prov. 20:7** Some trust in chariots, others in horses. But we trust the Lord our God.

Text: **1 Kings 20:1-30**



King Ben-Hadad of Syria started a war with King Ahab of Israel. They thought that they could have anything in Israel because they did not know God was there. They fought Israel in the mountains and lost. They thought they could defeat God in the valley. God helped Israel defeat them there as well. God wins everywhere! This week talk to your child about God's power to be everywhere. He has power everywhere and can do all things. We can rely on God to know what we need and to help us. God is so good!

FACTS TO KNOW

WHERE: 1 KINGS; Aram (Syria), Damascus, Israel, Samaria

WHO: Ben-hadad

WHEN (Purple Card): Kings

PRAISE & PRAYER Show pictures of mountains and valleys. Praise God who is powerful everywhere!

Praise Passage: **Psalm 95:3** 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). "God gives Ahab the Victory..." 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 12 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 12 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 wher'er I may be!

Additional Activities:

- [Victory Jeopardy](#) Bible Fun for Kids: [King Ahab's Life](#)

SING [We Trust in the Name of our Lord](#); [How Can Be It Be](#); [Only a Holy God](#); [Books of the Old Testament](#); [The Lord's Army](#); [Awesome God](#)

**All underlined items are links to teaching resources*

FAMILY/PRE-K STORY:

Ahab 1 Kings 20:1-30

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....

"Give thanks to the Lord because he is good.

His love continues forever.

² Give thanks to the God over all gods.

His love continues forever.

³ Give thanks to the Lord of all lords.

His love continues forever.

⁴ Only he can do great miracles.

His love continues forever.

⁵ With his wisdom he made the skies.

His love continues forever.

⁶ He spread out the earth on the seas.

His love continues forever.

⁷ He made the sun and the moon.

His love continues forever.

⁸ He made the sun to rule the day.

His love continues forever.

⁹ He made the moon and stars to rule the night.

His love continues forever." Psalm 136:1-9

God is the one true God. He is everywhere and He wants all people to worship Him. But some people don't understand. They think that God is only at the church building or at a special mountain. Ben-hadad, king of Syria made a plan to destroy Israel. But God had plans for the children of Abraham. God told King Ahab that he would win the battle even though he was a wicked king. God would show Ahab and the neighbors in Syria that He alone was God. But the Syrian army was foolish. Their army was big and strong so they celebrated before the battle. The soldiers drank wine and became very drunk. God told Ahab to strike them at noon and they won the battle. The King of Syria had an excuse for loosing. He said the Israel's God was only a God of the mountains. He could win the battle on the flat ground.

The Syrians were about to find out how powerful the only true and living God is! In the Spring the Syrians returned just a God's prophet said they would. The prophet told Israel that because the king of Syria does not believe in the power and strength of God that Israel would win the battle. God gave Israel victory. The king of Syria learned that Jehovah is the God of the Universe. He is able to give victory. He gave victory to Ahab and showed everyone that He is God everywhere!

God will give us victory too. He can help us overcome every sin and every evil that tempts us. God is with us in our homes, in our cars, when we go for a walk, when we are at school or at grandma and grandpa's house. God is everywhere. God hears our prayers and our songs. He is pleased when we worship Him and believe that Jesus is His Son and that He lived, died, and returned to heaven to save us from our sins. Jesus teaches us how to be strong brave soldiers for God. We must be brave to fight against sin tell our friends that God is everywhere and that He loves us.

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Family - Teen & Adult Questions:

1. Read Psalm 20. What must we do for the LORD to answer us when we call? (vs. 7)
2. Read Psalm 95:1-5. God demonstrated the truth of vs. 3 in last week's lesson. He will do so again this week. How do verses 4 and 5 relate to this week's lesson?
3. Who is the king of Syria in this week's lesson?
He was threatening Israel. Was Ahab standing up to him?
4. Ben-Hadad finally asked for too much, and Ahab refused. What was Ahab's response to Ben-Hadad's arrogant boast?
5. Ahab prepared for battle, but had a surprise visitor. What message did the prophet bring in 1 Kings 20:13?
6. God then gave Ahab a battle plan. Did Ahab follow the plan?
Did he win the victory?
7. Did Syria give God any credit for the victory?
Ahab was getting good advice from a prophet of God. What did the prophet tell Ahab to do in 1 Kings 20:22?
8. Ben-Hadad was getting _____ advice. What did his prophets tell him in 1 Kings 20:23?
9. But the prophet of God came back to Ahab and gave him another battle plan. Why did God say He would give Ahab the victory?
10. How big did the Israelite army appear to be? (1 Kings 20:27)
11. Did Ahab follow the plan? Did Ahab win the victory?
12. The Syrians thought God was limited in His power. The Israelites thought God was limited when they were in the wilderness in Numbers 11:23. Read Isaiah 59:1; 65:24; and Jer. 32:27. What can God reach, hear, or do?
13. Define omnipotent.
14. Read 1 Peter 5:5-6. Was Ben-Hadad humble or proud?
What will God do for us if we humble ourselves to His hand?