



CORRESPONDING LEVEL WEB #s

Defenders: 040808



Detectives: 030808



Developers: 020808



JESUS CHRIST



MATERIALS NEEDED

Bible; Teacher Preparation Guide (optional supplements: K4T songbook and PowerPoint files of lyrics)



SUGGESTED ORIGINAL KIDS 4 TRUTH SONG

“All I Find in You”

SUGGESTED HYMNS

“All Hail the Pow’r of Jesus’ Name,” “Fairest Lord Jesus!”

OTHER SONG SUGGESTIONS

Older kids: “He Is Lord,” “Let’s Talk About Jesus,” “Isn’t He Wonderful?”

Younger kids: “He Is Lord,” “He Is King”

THE BASICS

PRIMARY TRUTH

Jesus Christ’s victorious Resurrection has won victory for His followers.



PRIMARY SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

1 Corinthians 15:17

WHAT THIS DOCTRINE REVEALS ABOUT GOD *

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* Teacher, please note that this lesson, 0808, is a *companion lesson* to 0806. 0806 focuses on the prophesied reality of the Resurrection and how it proves Jesus Christ’s identity. 0808 focuses more intently on *why* it is so significant for us to believe in the Resurrection (implications about victory over sin and death). You may want to review 0806’s content or refer back to it when you teach 0808.

KNOWLEDGE OBJECTIVES – By God’s grace...

- The child will understand the concept that Jesus Christ is the ultimate Victor.
- The child will understand that, being God Himself, Jesus Christ had to beat sin and death only one time, once and for all – sin and death have no more power over Him, and never will.
- The child will learn that the only way we can be victors over sin and, eventually, death, is by having a relationship, *through faith*, with the ultimate Victor, Jesus Christ.
- The child will see the stark contrast between Christ, the ultimate Victor, and Satan, the ultimate *loser* (Isaiah 14).



ATTITUDE OBJECTIVES – By God’s grace...

- The child will be grateful for Christ’s character and achievements.
- The child will increase in his faith in Christ’s character and achievements.
- The child will revere Jesus Christ and consider Him superior over sin and death.
- The child will view Jesus Christ as the risen Champion He is – not as the effeminate weakling that so many portrait attempts depict Him to be. [Help children see Jesus as the sovereign, omnipotent LORD over all things.]



PRAYER



TEACHING PHASE – INTRO

(about 10-20 minutes)

OPENER*

When you think of the word “victory,” what comes to your mind?



TEACHER ILLUSTRATION (optional)

[This would be an excellent place to tell a story about a time in elementary school where you won a victory (sports, spelling bee, etc.).]



DISCUSSION

Have any of you ever won a victory? *Why* did you win? Because in the moment of competition, you played or tested better than your opponent(s) did. You were superior to your opponent. The word “victory” means:

1. the overcoming of an enemy or an opponent.
2. achievement of mastery or success in a struggle or endeavor against odds or difficulties.



DISCUSSION / WHITEBOARD ACTIVITY

What enemies did Jesus Christ overcome? [Possible answers might include “sin,” “death,” “the devil,” etc..]

Set up the two opposing sides by making two columns. Help children to understand the very important warfare that was going on during the life, the death, and the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Christ’s Enemies	Jesus Christ
SIN	
SATAN	
DEATH	
THE WORLD	

How did Christ overcome them?

He conquered them by living a sinless life in the world, by dying as an offering for sin, and then by rising from the grave – proving to the world that He was better and more powerful than sin and death.



ILLUSTRATION

Let’s think about two armies in war-time. In a battle, how do we determine which army is winning the victory?



Each side will use their greatest weapons to try to take down the other side. Each side wants to win over the other side, bringing their opponents into submission, or a state of surrender. In a war situation, the goal is often to destroy the enemy. A lot depends on the weapons. If one army can overcome the other's greatest weapon, then it can overcome all the other weapons. The overcoming army is an unstoppable army.

For example, let's say one army's greatest weapon is bullets, but the other army has secretly figured out a scientific way to turn enemy bullets into *water* – which army do you think will win the battle? The army who can change bullets into water would win! Why? Because they can make it so their enemy's weapons were **powerless** against them.

Sin's greatest weapon is death. But Jesus went up against sin and death, and He conquered them single-handedly. Not only that, but He conquered them for ever. He proved He was eternally victorious by rising from the dead. He is *immortal* (undying, unable to be put to death).

Have you ever heard the song that goes “O, death, where is thy sting? O, grave, where is thy victory?” That song is about Jesus' taking away death's power to hurt us. The “weapon” of death has been rendered powerless against Christ and against His followers. Through faith in Christ, we can share in His victory and look forward to eternal life with Him someday.



BIBLE DRILL (#1)

• Hebrews 2:14-15

*NOTE: In the intro, we want to recap the primary truth and set the stage to use the primary truth to point the learners back to God.



INSTRUCTION & REINFORCEMENT

(about 10-20 minutes)

COMMENTARY

Many boys (and even some girls) look up to great athletes as heroes. Sometimes they even *worship* them. Why are they tempted to do that? People admire athletes because of their awesome abilities to overcome great odds. We often view great athletes as superior to other people, and even superior to other good athletes. Some athletes simply stand above the rest because of their abilities.

Who overcame the harshest opponents in all of history? Jesus Christ! Since He conquered all His wicked enemies (even though they tried to keep Him from winning!), He has shown Himself to be greater and better than any of them. He is the Champion of champions! Jesus Christ has the ability to win over any opposition, and He has already proven that His strongest enemies are no match for His awesome skill and power.



DISCUSSION

What are some ways that Jesus' enemies tried to keep Him from winning over them?



ILLUSTRATION

Once upon a time, Janie was riding in the car with her daddy. Since it was a beautiful summer day, the windows were partially down. All of a sudden a big, scary bee flew in through an open window. Janie began to panic, because she was very allergic to bee stings – she could die if the bee stung her! But Janie's daddy knew what to do. He watched the bee carefully. As the bee flew up around the steering wheel, it landed on the dashboard for a



brief second. With reflexes like lightning, Janie's daddy cupped his hand right on top of that bee! He left his hand there. Waiting. Waiting. Waiting. Until...ZING! "Ouch!" he shouted, and he finally lifted up his hand to let the bee go.

"Daddy, no! Don't let him go!" screamed Janie. "He'll sting me! Help!"

"It's all right, honey," replied Daddy. "That bee had only one stinger. Guess where it is."

"Where?" asked Janie.

With that, her daddy reached out his hand. Stuck in the palm of it was a small stinger. Although the bee was still buzzing around the inside of the car, Janie did not have to be afraid of it.

A bee has only one sting to give. That bee will never get to sting Janie now, because her daddy has already taken the bee's sting into himself. By letting himself get stung, Janie's daddy took away any threat of a bee sting, or its penalty (which, for Janie, could have been a very serious allergic reaction).



COMMENTARY / DISCUSSION

Jesus has taken the "sting" of death away by taking it upon Himself. He tasted death (Hebrews 2:9). How is what Janie's daddy did a little bit like what Christ did for us? Why shouldn't a Christian ever have to fear the "sting" of death?



BIBLE DRILL (#2)

- 1 Corinthians 15:54-55

COMMENTARY

Sin and death can never be stronger than they were when Jesus lived and died and rose again. By overcoming sin and sin's penalty, Jesus Christ demonstrated (showed, proved) to all the world that death and sin had no power or authority over Him. How many times must Christ prove this? Only once! If you can beat death once, you don't have to beat it again.



BIBLE DRILL (#3)

- Hebrews 1:3
- Romans 6:9-10



BIBLE DRILL (#4) – What does this verse say will happen to all of Jesus' enemies?

- Hebrews 1:13



WORD STUDY

Footstool: A footstool is just that – a low stool where you place your feet! When the Bible talks about Jesus' enemies becoming His footstool, it is a vivid picture of Christ's superiority over them.



BIBLE DRILL (#5) – What has Christ triumphed over? How did He triumph over them?

- Colossians 2:14-15

**COMMENTARY**

Christ has already won the victory over sin and death, but He has not totally demonstrated His victory yet to the whole world. He will someday! That's for sure. Now that Jesus has taken away the "sting" of death, now that He has rendered sin's greatest weapon powerless, there are no more weapons for Satan and sin to use against Jesus Christ, nor against His followers.

Have you ever thought about this? If *Jesus* is the ultimate Victor, then the leader of *Jesus'* enemies must be the ultimate *loser*. In **Isaiah 14** we can read to find out what will ultimately happen to Satan.

**BIBLE DRILL (#5)**

- **Isaiah 14:12-19**

COMMENTARY

If you are a believer, you are "united" with Christ. You have put all your hope in Him, and your soul is redeemed and all wrapped up in His life, death, and Resurrection. You are united with Him in His death (Romans 6:4), and He has made it possible for you to overcome sin and death by His power, the power of the Resurrection (Romans 8:11). Do you believe this in your heart, and are you putting your trust in Jesus Christ to save you from sin and its penalty? It is through faith in the ultimate Victor that we can share ourselves in His victory over sin and death.

**BIBLE DRILL (#6)**

- **1 John 5:4-5**

COMMENTARY

1. We can be victors over sin now because of Jesus Christ.
2. We can be victors over death in the future because of Jesus Christ.



(Here would be a great place to insert what you learned from your Teacher Truth Study.)

**GETTING BACK TO GOD***

{Recap **WHAT THIS DOCTRINE REVEALS ABOUT GOD:** Jesus Christ's triumph over the grave was a very important event because it sealed His triumph over sin and sin's penalty. Nobody else has ever had perfect victory over sin. Nobody else has ever had perfect victory over death (sin's penalty). Because Jesus Christ is superior over the strongest forces of nature and temptation, those who trust in Him can be victorious through Him. We cannot rely on our own strength, but we can put all our hope for now and the future into Jesus Christ, the Champion of all champions – **He beat sin and death.** What a great God!}

By His Resurrection, Jesus Christ truly conquered our worst fears. In life, we have nothing to fear more than our own sinful nature and the consequences that our sinful choices bring upon us. Because of Jesus Christ, we can be set free from the power of sin; we do not have to go on sinning. We were born with a sinful nature and deserving sin's penalty, which is death. Because of Jesus Christ, we do not need to fear death, either. Believers can have hope that Jesus Christ took upon Himself their sins and their punishment. Believers do not go to hell after death; they go to be with God because of the victory that Jesus Christ won for them.

*NOTE: Teachers, please remember that this section should include the fruit of your Teacher Truth Study and one or two personal illustrations or anecdotes from the "Personalize It!" activity in the Teacher Preparation Phase.



APPLICATION & ASSESSMENT

“INTERNALIZE IT!” from Teacher Preparation Phase
(about 5-10 minutes)

You might begin this section with:

“Boys and girls, as I’ve been preparing for this TruthTime Lesson, here’s what God has been showing me....”

You might continue by saying:

“Because of what God is teaching me, here’s what is going to be different in my life during this next week....”

You might conclude with something like this:

“Finally, here’s what God has taught me about Himself through these truths....”



DISCUSSION TIME QUESTIONS

- Why should we think more highly of Christ’s victory than the human victories we see in sports or academic meets?
- Why is it that a person can win victory over sin and death only through Christ?
- Why does Christ’s victory over sin bring Him so much *glory* (fame, credit, praise)?
- Does knowing the ultimate Victor cause you to respond differently when you’re tempted to sin or to fear death?



APPENDICES OR “IF TIME”

(optional)



ACTIVITY

Encourage the children to write down 5 practical and personal ways Jesus Christ can help them conquer their specific sin temptations and struggles. Here’s a sample beginning phrase as a model:

Since Jesus won the victory over sin and death, He can help me to get the victory over...

Example: Since Jesus won the victory over sin and death, He can help me to get the victory over the wrong attitude I feel toward my parents when they let my brother stay up later than me.



COMMENTARY / BIBLE DRILL

More amazing testimonies to Christ’s *deity* (His God-ness, His divinity), and His ultimate superiority over all His enemies, are found in both the Old and New Testaments:

- **Psalm 110:1**
- **Matthew 22:42-26**
- **Hebrews 1:8-13**