



LESSON SNAPSHOT

BOTTOM LINE:

God will give us victory when we trust Him.

OBJECTIVE:

Kids will learn that we don't need to fear because God fights for us.

KEY PASSAGE:

1 Samuel 17:25-49, David and Goliath

MEMORY VERSE:

"There is no fear in love. Instead, perfect love drives away fear." 1 John 4:18a (NIRV)

Without putting the verse on display or looking it up, see how many kids can recite the memory verse.

SUMMARY:

While the soldiers were afraid, only David had the courage to stand up to the giant Goliath. When we keep our eyes on God, there is no need to fear. The victory is God's.

SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Give us victory over our fears.

*In Jesus' name,
Amen*



EASY AT HOME OBJECCY LESSON

ITEMS NEEDED:

An iPad with a game like Super Farm Heroes of Candy Crush

Have you ever become so stuck on a level in a game that you wanted to give up? There are a few options for a kid when this happens. You can give up. You can do a Google search and try to find the answers. Or... you can hand the device to an older sibling or a parent and say, "Help me!" Kids have leaned on Mom and Dad and big brother and big sister ever since the days of Atari and Nintendo to help them through a tricky level, and often times, those older family members have given us a much desired victory.

God wants us to know we do not have to fear defeat. When we keep our eyes on God and hand Him the controls, He will give us victory. There is no battle too difficult, no challenge to big, no challenger too strong for God. God defeated a giant with a small shepherd boy who had great faith. God can use us to win great victories too.

Our challenges may be great, and our challengers may be scary, but we do not need to fear. Our God is mighty and great. He can defeat the giants!



FAMILY GAME TIME

CANDY SPOTTER

ITEMS NEEDED:

A small candy bar or piece of candy

INSTRUCTIONS:

Have everyone stand in a circle. Have all the kids put their hands behind their backs. Choose one kid to be It, and have them stand in the middle. Have them close their eyes, and place the candy into the hands of one of the kids. The person who is It must try and guess where the candy is and who has it, while the kids in the circle pass the candy around to keep It from guessing correctly. If It guesses correctly, they win the candy, and a new round begins.

VARIATION:

A variation would be to have the kids in the circle racing to pass the candy all the way around the circle before It can guess where the candy is.

WHAT'S THE POINT?

It takes a sharp eye to find the candy. We only need to keep our eyes on Jesus to crush our fears and win victory.



FAMILY BIBLE LESSON

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INTRO:

One of the big differences between a game like Candy Crush and a game that tells a story like the Legend of Zelda series is that Zelda has a beginning, a middle, and an end. Games like that tell a story, and like all stories, there's a final battle, a chance to win it all. It may take a few tries. Or dozens of tries. Or even hundreds of tries. But there's a way to defeat the big bad enemy and end the game with a victory.

Candy Crush doesn't end that way. As a matter of fact, puzzle games like Candy Crush never end. They present you with one puzzle after another, puzzles that get more and more challenging as they go. Every player starts off eager and excited as they blaze through the first few levels, but when the puzzles get harder, people drop out. Candy Crush doesn't end with a final puzzle. It ends when a player gets bored, or frustrated, or stuck. They stop playing, they forget about that last, frustrating level, and they eventually delete the game.

Candy Crush is a lot more like life than Zelda. There are no happy endings. There are victories, but each victory becomes a new beginning. Like Candy Crush, the challenges of life get harder and harder. At age 3, your biggest challenge was sorting shapes and learning to use the potty. In elementary school it's math and spelling and making good friends. Middle school will get harder. So will high school and college. And then there's adulthood where life really gets challenging.

There will be easy victories for sure, but there will be hard ones as well. Some challenges will test our faith, our resolve, and our courage. There will be closed doors and other obstacles meant to guide us on the right path, but there are other challenges God wants us to face so we can grow as people of faith. When those challenges arise, we need to give our fears to God and trust Him to give us victory.

LARGE GROUP LESSON

Today's Bible passage is about a young man who had a rather unusual challenge. While today's teenagers face tough teachers, tougher coaches, and the occasional difficult classmate, young David was face to face with a giant soldier who wanted to kill him. The giant had sent the entire army of Israel into hiding, but David found the courage to face him, and God gave this brave young man a remarkable victory.

READ 1 SAMUEL 17:25-49

MAIN POINT:

King Saul and the men of Israel were terrified of Goliath. No doubt they had seen him in battle, taking down one man after another with his giant sword and shield. No man dared to face him one on one, fearing they would simply get crushed.

I'm sure David was nervous when he saw the giant, but when he heard Goliath mock the Lord, he had to step up. David knew God would not stand for this giant mocking Him. God gave David the courage to face Goliath, and He gave David an incredible victory. David shows us we can claim victory when we trust in the Lord.

DRIVE IT HOME:

David's victory over Goliath feels like a Legend of Zelda moment. He defeated the big bad enemy, and the battle was over! But David was not a video game character. He was a real young man who went back to his job as a shepherd for a while before becoming a soldier of King Saul himself. David would face many battles in his life. He faces real battles as a commander in Saul's army. He faced even greater danger when Saul became his enemy and tried to kill him. David would spend years running from Saul, living in caves and hiding out. There were probably days when he longed for the simpler battles to fight – like that time he defeated an unstoppable giant.

David won many battles. He lost a few, too. God was the difference between those wins and losses. When David kept his eyes on God, he was unbeatable. It was only when he turned his eyes away that he made mistakes that cost him dearly.

Despite his ups and downs, David is remembered as a man after God's own heart. He wrote countless songs of praise to God, many of them written down in the book of Psalms. He loved God dearly, and he was never ashamed to express his great love for the Lord. David knew that God had given him every victory, and David knew he had to keep his eyes on God.

It's not easy to keep our eyes on God, especially living in a time when so many people have chosen not to believe. David shows us that God is always faithful to those who do remember Him. God knows we will have many great challenges in our lives. We'll face giants. We'll face things bigger than giants. If we give our fears to God and ask for His help, God will give us the victory we seek.

FEAR CRUSH: SWEET VICTORY!

FAMILY BIBLE LESSON

God can give us the wisdom to make wise choices. He can give us the courage to make those wise choices and stand up for what's right. He can crush out fears. When we keep our eyes on God and rely on Him for our strength, we can stand firm, knowing God will give us the victory.

CLOSE WITH A SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Give us victory over our fears.

In Jesus' name,

Amen



FAMILY DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

ICEBREAKER:

Which do you prefer: sour candies or hot and spicy candies?

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY:

1 John 4:18a

Put each word of the memory verse on a card. Have the kids rearrange the cards and put the words in order.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Read 1 Samuel 17:25-49

Why were the Israelite soldiers afraid of Goliath?

Do you think David was afraid of Goliath?

Why was David the only person brave enough to face Goliath?

How did David get the courage to face Goliath?

Is God stronger than any challenge we might face?

How can we get courage like David's to claim a victory?

Is there anyone ready to give their heart to Jesus today, and begin a relationship with the one who can crush all our fears?

SIMPLE PRAYER:

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FAMILY REVIEW GAME

REVIEW

_____ defeated his enemy because he kept his eyes on God.

DAVID

David shows us that we have no need to _____ when we keep our eyes on God.

FEAR

_____ learned he needed to rely on God to crush his fears after he lied to Abimelek about his wife.

ISAAC

The story of the _____ spies shows us that fear can hold us back and keep us from getting in the game.

TWELVE

The flowers and birds teach us not to _____ but to rely on God.

WORRY



CRAFT ACTIVITY

Have the kids draw a picture of David throwing a stone at Goliath with his sling. This week, glue a hard candy onto the paper to be the stone in mid air hurtling toward Goliath's head.