



Lesson 12

Victory!

Intermediate Small Group Lesson

Bible Story

David and Goliath

1 Samuel 17

Bible Verse

“But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

1 Corinthians 15:57, New Living Translation

Key Teaching Point

Receive God’s victory.

Materials

- Name tags
- Snacks
- How Are You Feeling? emoji chart
- Five dice
- A pen and paper to keep score
- Mustard seeds, one per student

Small Group Session 1

(15 Minutes)

Distribute name tags and snacks. Choose one of the following icebreaker activities to do together while students eat their snack:

Icebreaker Options (Choose one.):

- Ask students to share their highs and lows (the best and worst things that happened to them either today or from the past week).
- Let students take turns sharing how they're feeling today using the "How Are You Feeling?" emoji chart (from the CKC Games Bag).
- As the students are eating their snacks, open a discussion: **"Talk about a time when you couldn't do something on your own and you needed someone else's help."**

Pray Together

Collect prayer requests from the students. The leader or a student can pray for the entire group or a leader can pair up students and invite them to pray for one another.

Small Group Game: Dice Dash

Materials: Five dice and a pencil and paper to keep score.

A student picks a number to be rolled, e.g., 6. Rolling all five dice, if they roll a 6 as one of the dice, they can continue to roll or stop and record the sum of all their dice. If they do not roll a 6, their turn is over, and they lose all the points from that turn. They must decide whether to keep their points or roll again before each roll. The student with the most points wins.

Small Group Session 2

(35 Minutes)

Life Application Activity

God is looking for people who have faith in Him. He can use anyone, no matter how small, young, or inexperienced. Jesus said that if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you can move mountains (Matt. 17:20) Do you know how big a mustard seed is?

(Show students a mustard seed).

Look how small that is! What is Jesus asking of us? What is different between the kind of hero that people want and the kind of hero God wants?

Take student responses.



Notice that God didn't say "if you are really strong you can move mountains" or "if you are really smart you can do great things" or "if you are really talented you can be used by God." No, he says if you have even just a little bit of faith in Him, he can use that.

David defeated Goliath with just a tiny stone and a slingshot. What do you think gave David courage to do that? (He remembered how powerful his God is). Ultimately, David is not the real hero of the story, the real hero is God. God defeated Goliath and he used David's faith to show his power and share his victory with David and the Israelite people.

Give each of the students a mustard seed, a small piece of tape, and an index card. Have them tape the mustard seed to the card and write their memory verse on it.

What kinds of situations or challenges in your life do you need faith in God's power and victory?

Take student responses.

Receive the Gift!

Prayer: A two-way conversation with God.

When you struggle or are in a difficult situation, how do you typically respond? Do you run away? Do you put on armor to try to be big and strong? Do you pray?

Take student responses.

Both David and Jesus faced struggles and difficult situations, but they fully relied on God in the battle against Goliath and the battle against sin and death. They turned to God. We can turn to God when we struggle!

We're going to take a moment to think about a current struggle or a difficult situation that we are facing. Then, we're going to pray for one another and ask God to help us fully rely on him.

Pair up the students. Ask them to begin by sharing a struggle or a difficult situation. Then, encourage students to pray for one another. They can pray this simple prayer, "Father God, help {insert name} fully rely on you. Amen." or pray their own prayer.



Bible Verse Game

Review the Bible verse with a [Bible verse game](#).

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Reflection

Give each child their reflection journal. Invite them to reflect on the following questions and to record their answers in their journal. They may also draw their responses if they wish:

1. What gift can I receive from God?
2. How can this gift impact my life?

