

Jesus Wins!

Theme: Victory in Jesus —Winning over sin and death

Sunday Morning Lesson

Pre-Class Activity: Have a letter for each student in the classroom mailbox. Review some of the important lessons studied during the quarter. Thank them for the opportunity to teach and for their being a part of the class.

Bible Facts: Special Delivery: Bible Facts

Memory Verse: Have the entire class stand and say all three Memory Verses for this quarter together. Take a moment to talk about the meaning of each verse and especially what they tell us about Jesus. Romans 1:16 — Jesus wants everyone to be saved; 2 Timothy 3:16 — the Bible is from God and teaches and trains people to serve God; Hebrews 12:1-2 — we must run the race looking to Jesus all the way to the end.

Prayer

Lesson of the Day

Ideas for Teaching the Lesson

1. In the classroom Bibles, have the students find and mark Revelation 19:11-16.
2. Explain that the day's lesson is about battles that Christians fight against evil. Have different colored construction paper and markers available for students. Ask them to identify some of the enemies we face – temptation, discouragement, sin, and people who don't follow God. Have the students use the construction paper to quickly create something that represents each enemy. These may be a wadded piece of black paper for sin or a colored sheet with a term, such as "temptation" written on it.
3. Create a battlefield scene for teaching the lesson. Wrap several large boxes in gray or tan bulletin board paper. A box that a case of paper comes in is a good size. Use a black marker to make the boxes look like stones. Stack the wrapped boxes to form barricades. Have swords, helmets, and other military equipment. Place the "enemies" the students created at different locations on the battlefield.
4. Tell the story of John's writing Revelation. He is imprisoned on the island of Patmos because he had been preaching about Jesus. Other Christians were also being hurt because they followed



Jesus. God had a special message to give hurting Christians to help them be strong. God opened the heavens so John could see inside. From what John saw and heard, he wrote the last book of the Bible that we know as Revelation.

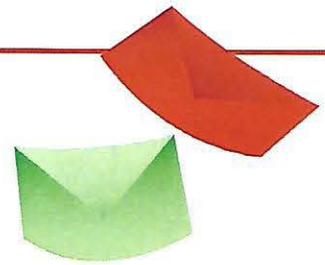
5. When you read Revelation, you see that it's not like other books in the New Testament. John describes strange pictures of what he saw such as men riding different colored horses and beasts coming up out of the sea. You know from reading books that all stories are not the same. In the same way, all books of the Bible are not the same. Revelation is a special kind of writing in which pictures are described in words. It isn't always easy to understand the meaning of every picture, but the more we study the more we'll understand this fascinating book. We can understand the big idea of Revelation. We can know its main message.
6. Here it is. Evil is strong in the world. It may look as if the devil is stronger than the Lord. It may be hard for Christians to follow Jesus. Others may hurt them for doing so. Following Jesus is sometimes like a battle. Christians are fighting against the devil. He is a strong enemy and the battle is hard. But the book of Revelation tells us how the story ends. In the end, Jesus wins! It may be hard to follow Jesus and it may hurt at times, but remember that Jesus wins, and those who follow Him will also win!
7. Through John in the book of Revelation, Jesus sent a letter to seven churches in Asia. Locate them on a map. Help the students see that the cities are roughly in a circle beginning with Ephesus. This is because Revelation was probably delivered by a messenger from John, who was on Patmos, and taken to each church in order around the circle.
8.  Jesus' letters to the churches show that Jesus knows and cares about every Christian and every church. We can't keep up with so many people, but God can and Jesus can. He knows the good and the bad about every church. He loves and cares for every Christian. Pick out some of the key verses from the letters to the churches to read to the students. Choose verses that teach what Jesus wants His people to do.
9. Move the students around the battlefield to confront the enemies of God's people. Talk with them and let them tell what we can do to fight against each enemy. When you complete the discussion at each enemy location, have all students put one hand together with yours in a circle, as a sports team might do. The teacher says, "How does this battle end?" The students respond, "Jesus wins!"

Suggested Song(s) for this Lesson

- We Will Glorify
- You Are My All in All
- Rider on a White Horse
- Victory in Jesus

Things to Get or Do for Sunday Morning

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Wednesday Night Lesson

Pre-Class Activity: Prepare a worksheet featuring all Memory Verses learning during the quarter. For younger children, have them draw a picture of each Memory Verse. For older children, have them fill in the blanks of key words from each Memory Verse.

Bible Facts: Special Delivery: Bible Facts

Memory Verse: Provide an opportunity for students who have not yet recited the Memory Verse for the class. Move to the Memory Verse wall display. Talk with the students about the key verses they have learned from the New Testament letters and how these words can help them their whole lives. Tell the students they may take home the “reward” cards with their names and the verses they memorized. Give these to the students as they leave class.

Prayer

Starter

Read the word-picture of Jesus in Revelation 1:12-16. Talk about how word-pictures work. Ask the students what this word-picture tells about Jesus. Lead them to “see” Jesus in the middle of His churches knowing and caring about each one. He is awesome and powerful. He is speaking with great authority, and the churches should listen carefully to what He says.

Briefly Review the Lesson from Sunday Morning

Ideas for Illustrating and Reinforcing the Lesson

1. *Objective: Demonstrate how word-pictures work*

- ☀ Hand out paper and pencils to each student. Have them write a brief word-picture of one of the following scenes:
 - A bicycle crash
 - A hail storm
 - Spilling a soda at a nice restaurant
 - A car wreck

Each student reads his or her word-picture to the class. Talk about how word-pictures work.

2. *Objective: Demonstrate that Jesus knows and cares about each church*

- ☀ Unknown to the students, collect information about each one from their parents. Find out their birthdays, favorite food and color, and something they like to do. Also, find out some things that you normally would not know, such as the last time they did something especially good. Begin by saying you know something about each student in the class. Tell each one’s information that you

have collected. The students should be surprised that you know some things about them. Make the application that Jesus knows about every Christian and every local church. He knows the good and the bad. He loves and cares for each one. He wants everyone to do their best and make corrections when needed. Read some of the key verses from Jesus' letters to the churches of Asia in Revelation 2-3.

3. *Objective: Review and reinforce the names of the New Testament books and the kind of books they are*

 From the Letters From Heaven Package, take large colored craft sticks, each labeled with a book of the New Testament. Hand them out to the students, and have them work together to put them in order on the table or floor. From the Package, take four cups labeled Gospels, History, Letters, Prophecy, respectively. Have the students sort the craft sticks into their proper cups. Talk about how wonderful it is that we have letters "from heaven," as well as the other books of the New Testament.

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