

Adventures with GOD!

THE GIFT OF SPIRITUAL VICTORY (C.3.WINTER.13)

Biblical Reference	Romans 8:35-37
Key Verse	Romans 8:37
Key Concept	I have victory in God
Educational Objectives	At the end of the class today, the children will be able to: 1. Understand the significance of "victory." 2. Offer up a prayer to God of thanksgiving for the victory we have 3. Creatively represent the Bible memory verse

Life Application

The Bible is the word of God, filled with God's promises to be with us no matter what the situation or circumstance. The Bible says we are more than conquerors in Jesus Christ. God has promised victory, and we can place our confidence in God's promise. In this lesson the children will learn about victory in Christ, even in the most difficult moments.

Possible Activities and Class Plan

Activity	Materials	Time
My GROW Adventure	GROW Adventure materials	5 minutes
Opening Prayer	Candle	1 minute
Bible Reading	Bible	5 minutes
Game	Paper	10 minutes
Bible exploration	Bible, illustrations	20 minutes
Craft	See instructions	10 minutes
My GROW Adventure	Review	5 minutes
Closing Prayer	Candle	1 minute

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INSTRUCTIONS

My GROW Adventure with God Weekly Review: As children enter, take time to have them reflect on their adventure with God booklets, and either discuss or use art materials to express their journey during the past week. You may wish to add any art work, written poems, prayers or songs to a GROW wall in the room. You can find my GROW Adventure with God materials at CovChurch.org/children/adventures-with-god.

Opening Prayer: Gather children around a candle. Light the candle, and explain that we are entering into a special time with God. Encourage the children to hold their hands out in front of them, palms up, as a sign they are ready to receive what God has for them today.

Prayer Example: Lord God, thank you for making us, for loving us, for forgiving us, and guiding us. We know you are here with us right now. As we enter into your word, the Bible, help us draw close to you, to understand and to listen to what you have to say to us. Amen

(For safety sake, you may wish to extinguish the candle after the prayer.)

Bible Reading: Explain that as we read the Bible we do that first to spend time with God. Children can remain with hands out stretched palms up to receive the word as it's being read. Alternatively they can be invited to draw what they hear. Read Romans 8:35-37 two times and ask children to respond.

Question Examples: What did you notice in this passage? How does it make you feel? Was there anything you would ask God about that you didn't understand or was confusing? Is God saying anything to you though the passage?

Game: This is the last session for this trimester so it would be a good time to spend some time reviewing the different gifts they've learned about this trimester. On strips of paper write out the different gifts of the Spirit (the fruit of the Spirit, the armor of God, etc.) Give each child a piece of paper. Have three (or more) signs with the words, "Gifts of the Spirit", "Fruit of the Spirit", and "Armor of God." When you give the signal, the children can look at their strips of paper and figure out which group they correspond to. They should get together with the others that have the same types of gifts next to the corresponding sign. Then the group should give a description of the gifts they have.



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Bible Exploration: Today's lesson focuses on the gift of victory in God. God gave us the Spirit to lead us in this victory. Ask children what words and images come to mind when they hear the word victory. Ask children how it makes them feel to know that God gives each of them victory. Even in those moments when we feel tempted or we feel that the enemy is working against us, we know that God is with us and working for us. How do we trust in this promise? How did Jesus trust in this promise, when Satan was testing him in the desert? (Read together Matthew 4:1-4). Can we trust in the same way?

Have children divide up into groups and come up with ways to represent the Bible verse, Romans 8:37 (drama, song, a poster, etc). Give children time to work in their groups, and then have them share their presentation with the rest of the group.

Give thanks to God for giving us victory even over Satan. Allow each child to express gratitude to God through a prayer.

Craft: On page 5, you will find instructions for the ornament/craft for this lesson.

Today's GROW Adventure with God Review:

G=God's Word: What is the story? (Give children an opportunity to express their understanding of the story).

R=Relationships: Is there anything in today's Bible story that shows us how we should or shouldn't share God's love with others? (Remind children that sometimes God uses the stories of the Bible to show us how we shouldn't act toward God or others. Give children a chance to consider how we might show God's love instead).

O=Outward Action: Is there anything in the Bible story that shows us how we should help or serve God or others? (Explore concrete ways the children could live this out in the coming week).

W=Worship: Is there anything in the Bible story that shows us how we should accept God's love for us and others? Ask: How do you feel about God? What would you like to say to God?

Closing Prayer: Gather children around the candle again. As you light the candle, explain that the flame is something that is present in the light and the darkness. The candle reminds us that

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God is always with us. Is there anything anyone wishes to say to God? After children have responded, close the prayer time.

Prayer Example: Lord God, we thank you that you are always with us, and always love us. It's good to be with you. Thank you for what we have learned today. Thank you for being with us and for teaching us through the Bible. Help us to remember what you have taught us today and to live it out when we leave. Amen

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CRAFT

Bookmarks

Cut strips of cardstock using different colors (2 inches wide and 8 inches long). At the top of the bookmark, include a big letter “V” (either using a marker, or cut it out from color paper). This is the culmination of a trimester full of learning about God’s gifts; victory is a gift God gives us when we trust and follow Jesus.

Children can write out the Bible verse (Romans 8:37) on the bookmark. Provide markers, crayons, ribbons, glitter, or stickers to decorate the bookmark.

