

LESSON 7

DAVID GAINS VICTORIES IN GOD

OBJECTIVES

1. To understand that God gives victory to those who trust in Him.
2. To give God all the glory always for our victories.
3. To thank God for His guidance and for giving us the ability to carry out His will.

MEMORY VERSE

“You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over.”

(Psalm 23:5)

PRAYER

1. Thank You, Lord, for guiding us through the week and for bringing us here to worship You.
2. Remind us that all our successes and gifts are blessings from You, and that You lead our steps.
3. Let us remember always to give glory to You in all our successes.
4. May You bless us with a fruitful lesson and help us apply its teachings to our lives.



Overview

1. **David waits for his time to be king**
 - a. David flees from Saul
 - b. David hides among his enemies
2. **David becomes king**
 - a. The people of Judah anoint David
 - b. The people of Israel anoint David
3. **David brings the ark of the covenant to Jerusalem**
 - a. David fails on his first attempt
 - b. David successfully brings the ark to Jerusalem
4. **Linking to the Ten Basic Beliefs**—One true God
5. **Life Application**—True Victory or Empty Victory?
6. **Activity**—Write a Psalm



Background Knowledge for Teachers

The lesson will cover two significant markers of David's victories. First, his final anointing as king over the entire Israel nation, and second, his establishing of Jerusalem as the nation's capital, during which he brought the ark into the city of Jerusalem.

To be anointed signified that David had been chosen and set apart to be the king for God's own chosen people. His kingship was the one prophesied by Jacob's blessings (Gen 49:10). However, David would have to receive three anointments over a span of twenty years before he would fully realize God's will for him to be king. First would be the anointing by Samuel (1 Sam 16:1-13), then the one by the men of Judah (2 Sam 2:1-7), and finally the one by the tribes of Israel (2 Sam 5:1-5), illustrating the progressive unfolding of God's will in David's life.

The matter of David bringing the ark into Jerusalem is likely to raise questions with the students, as a direct consequence of the method chosen was the death of an Israelite, Uzzah. The lesson's focus of this event is on David's perspective and how we should always give glory to God, not relying on our own wisdom or ability, even when we seem victorious or pleasing to God. However as background information, included is a brief history of the ark of the covenant and the Uzzah incident.

The ark of the covenant was an ark (literally “coffin” or “box” in Hebrew) that was a place of dwelling for God to meet with Moses and His people (Ex 25:22). It was made of acacia wood, overlaid with gold, with rings

cast for the four corners of the ark to allow poles to carry the ark (cf. Ex 25). With the mercy seat (a solid gold cover for the ark molded with two cherubim on top), the ark was top-heavy and was likely to weigh anywhere between 180-300 pounds, making the ark an object requiring a great deal of care to carry (Ex 25:14; Num 7:9; Josh 3:17). The ark of the covenant also held the two tablets of stone containing the Ten Commandments, which the Lord had given to the Israelites at Horeb (1 Kgs 8:9), the jar of manna, and Aaron's rod that budded (cf. Num 17:10; Heb 9:4-5).

After the Philistines took possession of the ark, they returned it on a new cart to Beth Shemesh, a Levite town (1 Sam 6). The people of Beth Shemesh, despite being servants of God, disregarded God's commands and looked inside the ark. As a result, the Lord struck them. Thereafter, the ark resided with Abinadab, father of Uzzah

Note

- Uzzah and Ahio transported the cart in similar fashion to the Philistines
- When navigating the card, they had to descend the hill of Kirjath Jearim and ascend the hill of Jerusalem. However, it was at a threshing floor—an even plain—that the oxen stumbled, implying that it was not the terrain that caused the stumble (2 Sam 6:6)



Reaching Out to Your Students

Students may experience a wealth of achievements in school or in extracurricular activities as they begin to realize what their talents and strengths are. Current societal standards dictate that if people don't promote their own advantageous qualities, then others will overtake and better them. With these paradigms threatening to mold our students, it is paramount that students understand the true essence of victory in a Christian's life. Especially in service at church, the quantity of work is secondary to their attitude and obedience to God. God seeks those who will do the will of our heavenly Father; it is these that please Him (Mt 7:21).

A victorious life also requires patience and the faith that apparent failures and ruts do not equal defeat. On the contrary, God grants victory to those who hold fast to His promises. Today, these promises are found in the Bible. Students may face dilemmas where making a "God-pleasing" decision may cause them to feel disadvantaged at school or with their friends, but they should learn to understand that God's victory for us is having a closer and deeper relationship with Him.



Opener

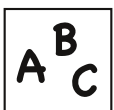
5 Minutes

Does anyone know what a president is? That's right, a president is a person who has the highest position in a group, organization, or government! Who is our president now? Do you know how the president came to be the president? [Allow students to answer.] Did the president become such an important person on their own? [Allow students to answer.] Yes, the president needs to go through the voting process to be elected as president.

Being the most important person in a country is a big deal, isn't it! Who here wouldn't want to rule the country?

However, can we just become king or president because we want to? No, we cannot. Rather, we need to wait for people to elect us.

In the same way, did David become king on his own because he wanted to become king? [Allow students to answer.] That's right! David did not simply become king because he wanted to become king. Rather, God had to choose him first before he could even think about becoming king. In today's lesson, we will learn about David's journey to become king, and one important thing he did after he became king.



Vocabulary

anoint: to consecrate by pouring oil on one's head



Bible Discovery & Spiritual Teaching

30-35 Minutes

Last week, we learned that even though David and his men became discouraged after losing everything, David was able to seek God and draw close to Him. As a result, David and his men were able to rescue their families and recover everything.

This week, we will be learning how David was able to gain victory in God by doing two simple actions. First, he trusted that God would keep His promises, and second, he strived to do what was pleasing to God, even if he made mistakes now and then.

FOR TEACHERS

Hand out Bible Discovery Worksheet #1 and two different colored pencils to each student. Guide the students to fill in the timeline and color the map as instructed. The timeline information precedes each relevant section. Ask students to fill in the timeline as you proceed through the lesson. The captions should be written in the rectangles, and the ages in the circles.

Timeline

(A)

Age: 10-15 years old

Caption: David is anointed the first time by the prophet Samuel.

Let us all turn to 1 Samuel 16:11-13. As we've studied previously, this is the first time David was anointed. This meant that God had chosen him to be the king of Israel. But there was already a king of Israel, King Saul. So, David had to wait, and during this time, he would grow and learn how to draw closer to God and trust that God would keep His promise. If David had tried to take the throne at such a young age, do you think he would have succeeded?

FOR TEACHERS

Timeline

(B) Caption: David and his men flee from Saul and hunger.

(C) Caption: David hides among his enemies.

Split students up to read 1 Samuel 21:1-9, 10-15 and report on whether this was a high point or low point in David's life, when he was struggling and weak, not necessarily low in faith.

Even though David had obeyed and trusted in God, he still met with many trials and difficulties. He had to flee from Saul and seek help anywhere that he could. He and his men were hungry; they even had to hide among their enemies, the very people that they had previously attacked. Would you have been afraid? Why? (Achish might attack him, or even worse, force him to fight with his own people.)

FOR TEACHERS

Timeline

(D)

Age: 22 years and 6 months old

Caption: David is anointed king by his own people of Judah.

(E)

Age: 30 years old

Caption: David is anointed king by the people of Israel.

After Saul's death, David was anointed again, this time by his own people, but as we can see in chapter 2, how long was David king over Judah? Seven years and six months! For as long as some of you have been alive, David received what felt like only half of a victory. He wasn't yet king over all of Israel, and there was still much fighting going on. [Ask the students to color in the map of Judah only.]

Finally, at the age of thirty, David and his men gained military victory, and he was anointed king of Israel. [Ask the students to color in the rest of Israel in a different color.] Finally, after twenty years of waiting, God had fulfilled the words He spoke when He first told prophet Samuel to anoint David to be king. What did David want to do now? He wanted to celebrate with His God. His mind had always been with God, and David always sought to do what was pleasing to God.

FOR TEACHERS

Timeline

(F) Caption: David's fails during his first attempt to bring the ark to Jerusalem.

At that time, there was a very important item called the ark of the covenant. Has anyone heard of the ark of the covenant before? The ark of the covenant was very important because it was a place where God spoke with Moses and showed the people that His presence was with them. This meant that the ark was holy, so only the priests could carry it, and the Israelites were not supposed to touch it or look inside it. However, the people of God began to place more importance on the ark itself than on seeking God's help, and they lost it in a battle with the Philistines. But after awhile, the ark was sent back to the Israelites, but not to where it belonged. David knew that the ark was important and wanted God's abidance with him, so he wished to bring the ark to his new capital in Jerusalem [pinpoint Jerusalem on the map].

So, David and the men who were looking after the ark at the time brought the ark back to Jerusalem, but they didn't have priests carry it like God had commanded. Instead, they had a cart pulled by oxen carry the ark with two of the men next to it. As it was moving along, the oxen stumbled, and Uzzah, one of the men walking next to it, stuck out his hand to steady the ark. God was angry with Uzzah, and he died there beside the ark.

FOR TEACHERS**Timeline**

(G) Caption: David's succeeds in bringing the ark to Jerusalem.

If you were David, how would you feel? David felt angry, then afraid (2 Sam 6:8-9). He had thought that he was doing the right thing for God, and that God had given him victory! But now this very fearsome thing happened! It caused him to feel afraid and unworthy of bringing the ark to Jerusalem. So, he waited until he heard that God had blessed the place where the ark was. David looked to bring the ark, and this time he did it the right way. What did he do? [He offered sacrifices and had people bear the ark.]

Now the ark of the LORD had come to David in Jerusalem, and this was a truly beautiful event! David even wrote a psalm about this.

FOR TEACHERS

Hand out Bible Discovery Worksheet #2, and guide students to complete the following.

Let's read it all together.

1. *Circle all the times that David mention's God's dwelling place (hill of the Lord, His holy place, O you gates, everlasting doors)*

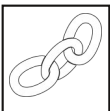
Teaching: David knew how important it was to ensure that God was always by His side, and that he knew that this wasn't his kingdom or his victory. Jerusalem was God's holy place, the hill of the Lord. All of the earth is the Lord's (v. 1).

2. *Underline all the times David says "LORD" or "King". Underline all the times David says "glory".*

Teaching: David had waited twenty years before he finally became king, but when he did become king, he was humble because he knew that he was not the true king. That honor and power belonged to the Lord Almighty. Any battle that David had won belonged to the true King. He always gave the glory to God and had learned the lesson from the incident with the ark of the covenant. He learned that he should seek God in all situations and never think that he knew what to do.

3. *Underline all the times David says "me" or "I".*

Teaching: Above all, David was humble. God had given him victory, but he gave the glory of the victory to God. God let him bring the ark of the covenant into Jerusalem, but David was just happy that the King of glory had come into his presence.



Linking to the Ten Basic Beliefs

2-5 Minutes

One true God

The God whom we worship is the Creator of the heavens and the earth, the only true God. Our God came into the world as a Man and suffered on the cross. Because of this, He can fully understand the trials and problems that we face. He also knows what is best for us and will always do what is best for us in His time. Therefore, we must wait patiently, as David did, for God to do His work in our lives.

HOMEWORK ANSWER KEY

1. Victory 1: David was made king of Israel. He gave glory to God by seeking to bring the ark of the covenant to Jerusalem to have God's presence.
Victory 2: He successfully brought the ark to Jerusalem. He gave glory to God by: obeying His commands, writing Psalm 24, offering sacrifices, and dancing for God.
2. Personal testimony



Check for Understanding

5 Minutes

1. **How many times was David anointed?** Three.
2. **Who anointed David each time?** (1) Samuel; (2) the men of Judah; (3) the men of Israel.
3. **What was wrong with how David and the men transported the ark of the covenant the first time?** They brought it on a cart pulled by oxen instead of having priests carry it using two poles like God had commanded.
4. **Why do you think David didn't seek God's advice as to how to bring the ark of the covenant to Jerusalem?** Answers may vary. Possible answer: He already thought that he was doing the right thing.
5. **What did it mean for David to have the ark of the covenant with him?** It meant that God's presence was with him.
6. **How many years passed from the first time David was anointed to the time when David was finally king of Israel?** 20 years.



Life Application

10 Minutes

What is a victory from God?

We know that God has the power to give us victory. But sometimes, people can have success by doing evil (Ps 73:3). A "Godless" victory isn't only accomplished by the wicked however; even Christians can take part in "success" that is not according to God's will. So, how do we know when our victory has been given by God?

1. A "good" fight, a "good soldier" (2 Tim 2:3-4; 4:7)
If we aim to please God, our captain, then the victory we fight for is a victory given by God. How do we aim to please God? By obeying our RE teachers, our parents, and the church leaders. We should think about what would make God happy. This means that we should have a daily habit of prayer and come to church every week.
2. Joined with the brotherhood (2 Tim 2:22; 1 Pet 5:9)
The victory is from God when we share in this victory with our brothers and sisters. If our victory comes at the expense of another brother and sister, then it is likely that our success is driven by selfish ambition more than given by God.
3. Prayerful knees
Just as Aaron and Hur held up Moses' hands to ensure that Joshua gained victory, we need to spend time in prayer to ask God for success in what we do. This time spent in prayer will also help us entrust to God "battles" that may take a long time, such as David's twenty year wait to become king.

How do I always give glory to God?

By this age, students should be well established in their schools and have built strong relationships with their peers. The next step for students is to exhibit Christian values and show true humility.

"Thank God"

This should become a common phrase for students to use now. Practice by going around the classroom, asking students to say, "I thank God for..." Go around the classroom at least twice. Remind students that it is important to say this from their hearts.

"Fake Humility"

The easiest way to show humility to someone and give the impression of being meek is by saying, "Oh, I'm not good at this," or a variation of the phrase. However, in doing so, we rob an opportunity of truly giving glory to God. To help students practice giving glory to God, compliment them on their nice handwriting, drawing skills, reading, etc. This will give them a chance to give the glory to God when they are complimented. The students should also catch on that they can thank God at the same time.

[Hand out the Life Application worksheet, and ask students to complete it. Then, discuss the answers as a class. The answers are provided below.]

1. **Empty victory** - Derek received praise from others, but his success was gained by breaking the eighth and ninth commandments (he cheated by stealing the answers and lying that they were his answers). This success is not pleasing to God.
2. **True victory** - Anna was able to achieve her goal of preaching to her friend by relying on God through prayer. This victory comes from her reliance on God.
3. **True victory** – James' service is pleasing to God because he does this work out of his desire to help out around church and serve God. It is natural to feel happy when others recognize or notice when you do a good thing. However, we must be careful not to do church work just so we can receive praise from others, because that can lead to pride in our hearts.
4. **Empty victory** - Tina has the right motive in mind, as she knows that her siblings' behavior is not good, and she wants them to improve. However, the manner in which Tina speaks is fueled by her own frustration. If her siblings change because of this outburst, is it because they heard the word of God or because they are scared of their sister? Tina must find better ways to be stern with her siblings, such as setting rules at home that they all have to keep, telling her parents, or providing the same verse in a calmer manner.
5. **True victory** - Fred doesn't know if his grades will be good enough to get into this school, but he has placed God above this junior high school. He relies on God to guide him on the right path and to do His will. The Bible teaches us that if we seek first God's kingdom and His righteousness, everything else will be added to us (Mt 6:33).



Activity

Write a Psalm

10-15 Minutes

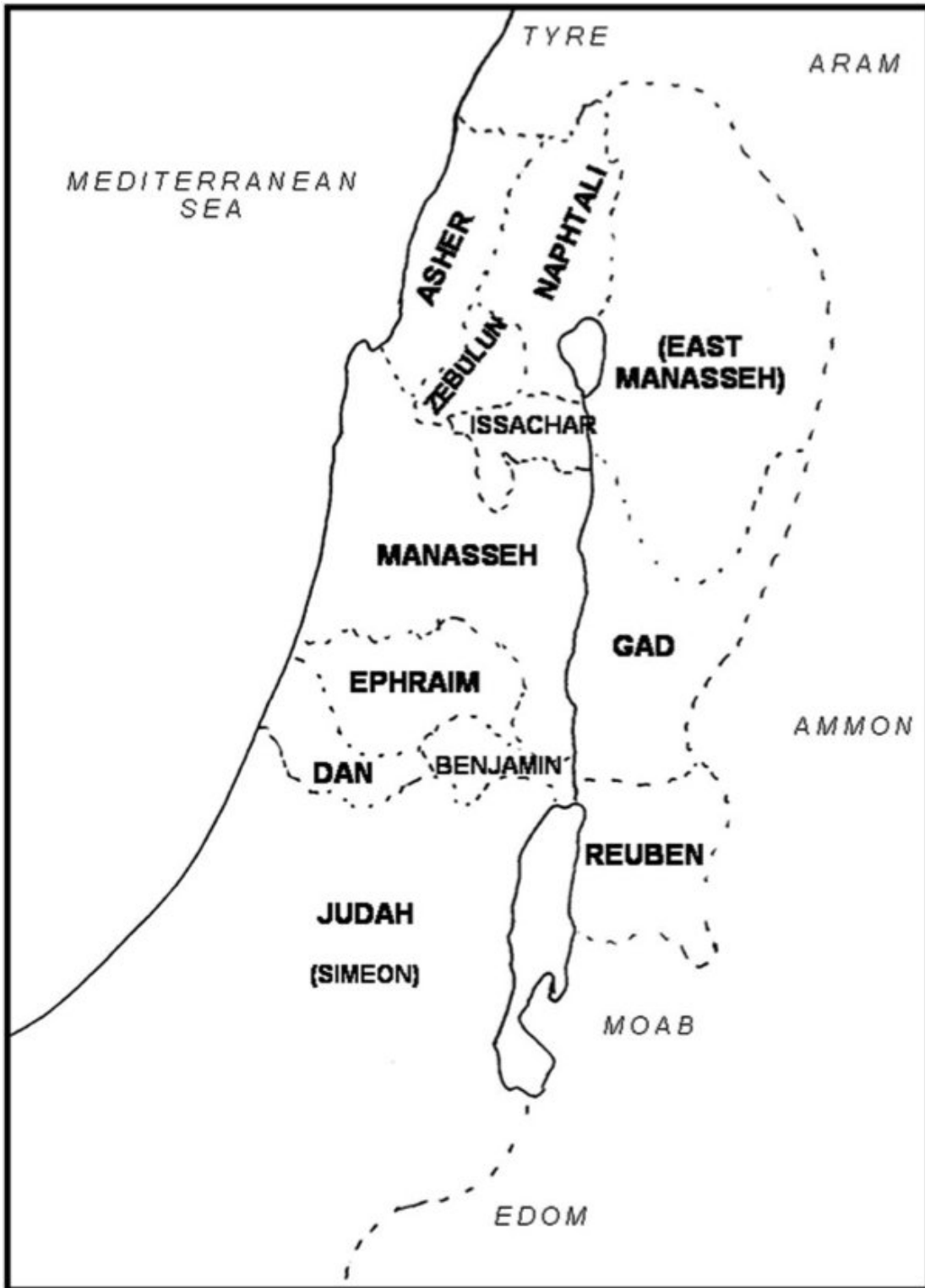
Materials

- Activity worksheet

Instructions

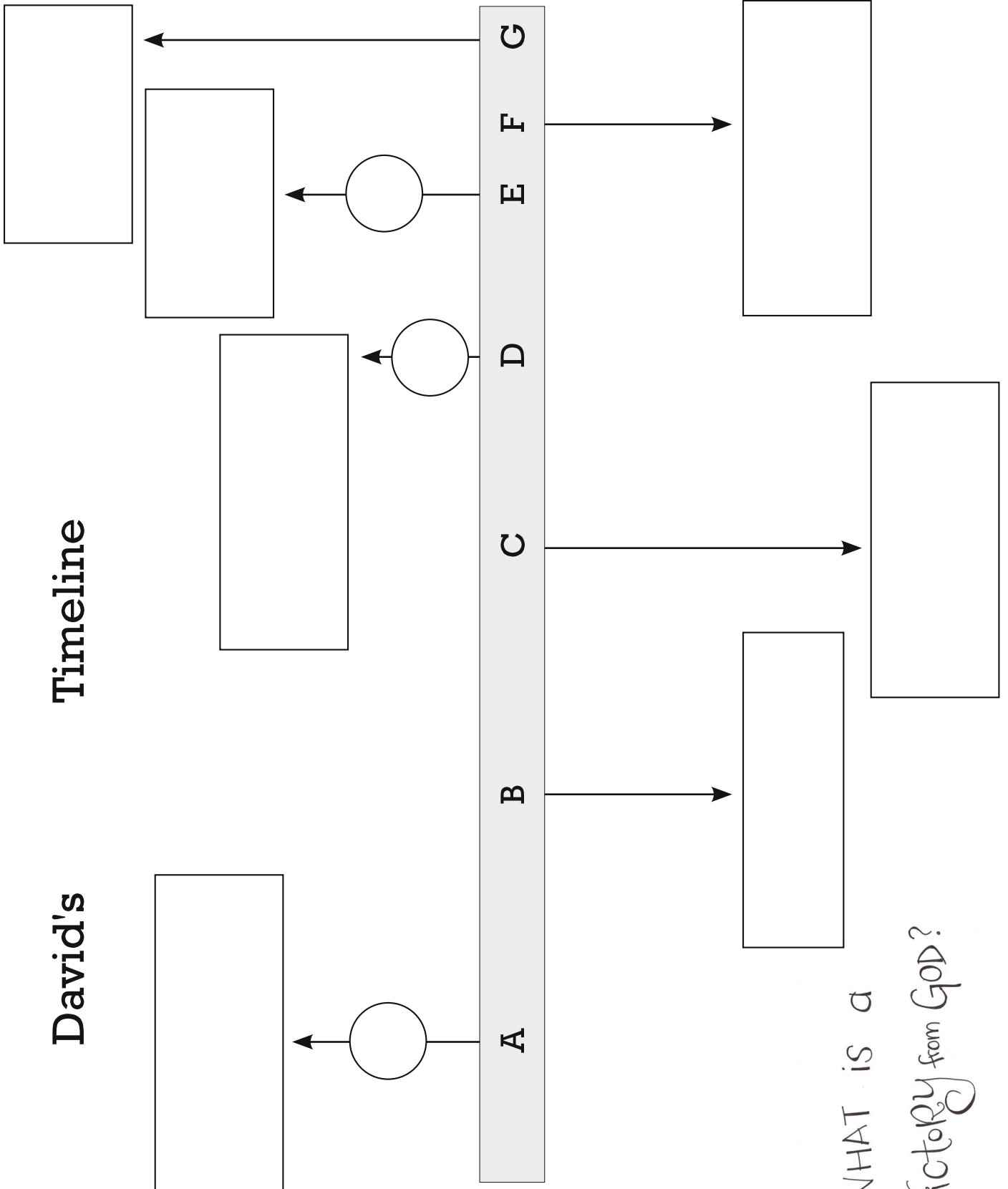
1. Ask students to reflect on a time when they felt that God gave them victory or helped them succeed in some way.
2. Write on the whiteboard, "Did I give glory to God?"
3. Explain the importance of always giving glory to God (1 Cor 1:31; 2 Cor 5:14-15; Gal 2:20).
4. To emphasize the importance of giving glory to God, ask the students to fill in the blanks of the psalm, giving glory to God for something that God has done for them.
5. The psalm can give glory to God for physical or spiritual victories (e.g., school studies, overcoming a bad habit, improved spiritual cultivation, family issues, health, etc.).
6. When they students have all finished completing their psalm, ask the students to read their psalm aloud, giving glory to God before their fellow brothers and sisters.

DAVID GAINS VICTORIES IN GOD



Timeline

David's



WHAT is a
Victory from GOD?

Psalm 24

A Psalm of David.

24 The earth is the LORD's, and all its fullness,
The world and those who dwell therein.

2 For He has founded it upon the seas,
And established it upon the waters.

3 Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD?
Or who may stand in His holy place?

4 He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
Who has not lifted up his soul to an idol,
Nor sworn deceitfully.

5 He shall receive blessing from the LORD,
And righteousness from the God of his salvation.

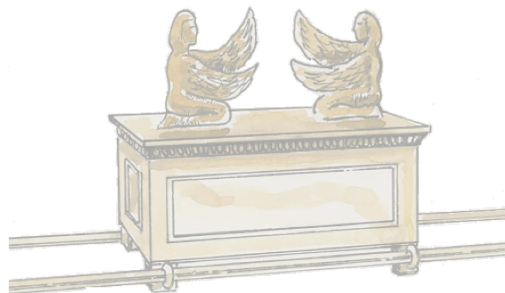
6 This is Jacob, the generation of those who seek Him,
Who seek Your face. *Selah*

7 Lift up your heads, O you gates!
And be lifted up, you everlasting doors!
And the King of glory shall come in.

8 Who is this King of glory?
The LORD strong and mighty,
The LORD mighty in battle.

9 Lift up your heads, O you gates!
Lift up, you everlasting doors!
And the King of glory shall come in.

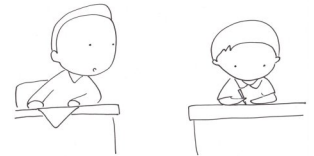
10 Who is this King of glory?
The LORD of hosts,
He is the King of glory. *Selah*



TRUE victory OR EMPTY victory?

Instructions: Read each of the following scenarios and write down if it is a "true victory" or "empty victory".

1. Derek didn't study enough for his final mathematics exam, so during his test, he copied his friend's answers. When the results come out, Derek received one of the better grades in the class, resulting in him receiving compliments from many of his classmates.



2. Anna has wanted to preach to her friend for a long time, and she has been praying for wisdom from God to know what to say. One day, out of the blue, Anna's friend asks her about church and about when the services are held. Anna praises God in her heart and tells her friend the service times.



3. James loves to help out at church. He always raises his hand when the teacher asks for a volunteer to help vacuum the classroom. One day while vacuuming, an elderly church member walked by and told James how good of a brother he was and that he was more well-behaved than the others. James beamed and was happy.



4. Tina gets frustrated at home because she feels her siblings are always misbehaving and using foul language. One day, she reads a Bible verse that says, "Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth." While her siblings are arguing and swearing, she yells, "LET NO CORRUPT WORD PROCEED OUT OF YOUR MOUTH!" They fall silent, shocked at Tina's outburst.



5. Fred is studying hard to get good grades to enter a prestigious junior high school. All of his friends are taking tutoring classes on Saturdays to help them get into this school, but Fred knows that going to church is more important than the tutoring classes or grades. He resolves to study hard when he has the time, and if he gets in or not, he knows that God has the best will for him.



Write your
own PSALM!

A Psalm of _____.

For He has founded _____,

And established _____.

Who may _____?

Or who may _____?

He who _____,

Who _____.

He shall receive _____,

And _____.

Who is this King of _____?

The LORD _____,

The LORD _____.

Lift up _____!

Lift up, _____!

Who is this King of _____?

The LORD of _____,

He is the King of _____.

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Homework Assignment

Name: _____ Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

Weekly Bible Reading: _____

Bible Reading: Check each box when you complete that day's reading.

Prayer: Check each box after you pray to God that day.

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Read							
Pray							

What I Learned from the Bible This Week

1. _____

2. _____

Memory Verse

Please write down this week's memory verse. (**Psalm 23:5**)

1. What victories did God grant David and how did David give glory to God?

Victory 1:

Gave glory to God by...

Victory 2:

Gave glory to God by...

2. One way to give glory to God is by testifying how God has worked in your life. Write a paragraph on how God has shown His power in your life before and share this with a non-family member. Ask the listener to sign and date that they have heard your testimony.

Personal Testimony

Listener's Signature: _____ Date: _____