

LEADER'S GUIDE

YOUNGER CHILDREN

BIG PICTURE:

PSALMS

BIG IDEA:

PRAISE PARTY

BIG POINT:

WE HAVE VICTORY IN JESUS NAME

BIG WORD:

"FEAR OF THE LORD IS THE FOUNDATION OF TRUE WISDOM. ALL WHO OBEY HIS COMMANDMENTS WILL GROW IN WISDOM. PRAISE HIM FOREVER!" PSALM 111:10 (NLT)

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DOCUMENT PURPOSE

This document is the Leader's Guide for BIG Picture PSALMS. It contains an outline to prepare an impacting small group time for you and your children.

The BIG 'Psalms, Proverbs, Parables - Wisdom for Life' User Guide document contains all the service element information, including the large group segment of your service.

Make sure you read through and prayerfully study this material prior to your service to be fully prepared to minister to your children.



Learning Outcomes

- At the conclusion of this lesson children will:
- Learn that we have victory in all things because of Jesus.
 - Know that we give should give God the glory when great things happen.
 - Celebrate with a praise party, just like king David.

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KIDS DISCIPLESHIP GROUP (KDG)

DOCUMENT PURPOSE

Use this KDG outline to prepare an impacting small group time for you and your children.

CONNECT TIME

Which type of celebration or party do you like the best? Birthdays or Christmas? Easter or Valentines Day?

THE BIG QUESTION (TO DISCUSS IN YOUR KDG'S)

1. How do you feel when you win or something great happens?

Winning is such a great feeling. (Share a story about a time you won a competition, sporting game or a cool prize). When something great happens, we should give God the glory and praise Him for who He is and what He's done for us. When we win a soccer game, when we have a great day at the beach, when we make a new friend or find something important that we had lost, no matter how big or small, God gets the glory!

2. Why do we have victory in Jesus name?

Jesus died on the cross and rose again so we can have a relationship with God. Through Jesus we are on God's team, the winning team! We have victory in Jesus name! We can celebrate even before the battle is won because no matter what happens we're chosen and we're victorious, God is on our side. Deuteronomy 20:4 (NIV) "For the Lord your God is the one who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies to give you victory."

3. How do you like to praise God? How did David praise God?

Share how you like to praise God. Do you sing? Do you dance? Do you pray and share with others what God has done?

David wrote Psalms and songs of praise to God. When the Ark was returned to Jerusalem, David led a praise party parade. Everyone was singing at the top of their lungs and playing their instruments. David, dressed in special priest's clothing, danced before God.

ACTIVITY SHEETS

Children complete the activity sheets in this time.

THE BIG ACTIVITY

Purpose: For children to make a praise Psalm of their own, to celebrate our victory in Jesus name.

Directions: Give each child a Psalm page printed from the print material files. Help them to cut out the Psalm words (if you have much younger children or a larger group you may like to cut out the words for them before the lesson) and choose where to stick them to fill out their Psalm page.

Explanation: We have victory in Jesus name! Just like David, we can celebrate and give God the glory when great things happen. Dance! Sing! Praise God when situations turn around. God's Word, the Psalms, give us wisdom for life.

BIG WORD

"Fear of the Lord is the foundation of true wisdom. All who obey his commandments will grow in wisdom. Praise him forever!" Psalm 111:10 (NLT)

Praise Party! Dance and sing along with the Big Word song.

GAME

Islands

Select 3 areas of the room as "islands" and have everyone stand in the middle. To start the game everyone jumps around, dancing to the music. As the music stops each person chooses an island they want to stand on (*There is no limit to the number of children who can fit on one island*). Once all children are on an island the leader spins a bottle and which ever island it points to, the children on that island are out (*eaten by the sharks*). Music starts again and the process is repeated until only one child is left.

PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank You that we have victory because of Jesus. God You are victorious and we praise You for who You are in our lives.

In Jesus name, Amen

Supplies Needed:

Psalm page printed for each child from the print material files, scissors, glue.

Supplies Needed:

Big Word song supplied with curriculum media.

Supplies Needed:

Music, a bottle to spin.