

# Victory Timeline Unit



## Outline of Lessons

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# "Victory" Essential Knowledge and Skills



## Essential Knowledge

Lesson 1a	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. God provided water and food for His people even though they murmured and complained.</li> <li>2. God expects His people to be set apart and holy---different from the world.</li> </ol>
Lesson 1b	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. God expects His people to be set apart and holy---different from the world.</li> <li>4. God gave special laws to His people so that they could become holy.</li> </ol>
Lesson 2a	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. God had specific plans and laws regarding the building of the Tabernacle and how the people would worship.</li> <li>6. The Tabernacle, the Ark, and the High Priest were shadows of Christ and of things to come in the Church.</li> </ol>
Lesson 2b	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. God expects faith and obedience from His people.</li> <li>8. Faithlessness and disobedience have consequences.</li> </ol>
Lesson 3a	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9. God expects obedience even of His leaders.</li> <li>10. God's people are not to complain or murmur.</li> </ol>
Lesson 3b	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11. God fulfilled His promise to bring the Israelites to the "Promised Land."</li> <li>12. Joshua's leading of the Israelites to victory in Canaan is a parallel to Christ leading His people to victory over sin and into a spiritual "Promised Land."</li> </ol>

## SKILL OBJECTIVES IN "VICTORY" Students Can...

1. Name the Twelve Tribes	<i>Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Dan, Asher, Naphtali, Issachar, Zebulon, Joseph (Ephraim and Manasseh) and Benjamin</i>
2. Identify the furnishings and sections of the Tabernacle	<i>Fence, gate, the bronze altar, the laver, the Holy Place, The Most Holy Place, the table of Showbread, the golden candlesticks, the altar of incense, the veil, the ark of the covenant</i>
3. Identify the pictures of Jesus Christ found in this Timeline section	<i>Manna, water, the rock, the bronze serpent, the High Priest, the sacrifices, the scapegoat, the colors of the gate curtains, placement of furnishings in the tabernacle; Moses--the Deliverer; Joshua--the Conqueror and one who leads his people to the "Promised Land."</i>
4. Define these words from "Victory"	<i>Covenant, Holy, Priest, Law, Tabernacle, Sabbath</i>



# VICTORY Lesson 1A—God Provides for the People during the Wilderness Wanderings

## Objectives-Essential Knowledge:

1. God provided water and food for His people even though they murmured and complained.
2. God expected His people to be set apart and holy---different from the world.

## Objectives-Skills:

Define “Covenant,” “Holy” and “Sabbath”

## Stories That Will Be Highlighted:

God Provides Water, Manna, and Quail

The People Travel to Mount Sinai

God’s Covenant with the People (Exodus 19)

Moses Receives the Ten Commandments

## Introduction:

1. SW turn to the “VICTORY” unit pages in their binders. TW have students look at the story titles. Read the “Key Words” and “Key Verses.” Tell students to clap when they hear this verse in the lesson today.
2. Introduce the basic ideas from this unit:
  - God saved (delivered) His people out of Egypt. Now He will establish them as a “**holy nation**” with special laws and special worship.
  - God will take care of His people in every way---food, protection, clothing, guidance through the wilderness
  - There are many “**shadows and patterns**” between this physical kind of holy nation and the spiritual nation of Christianity! Be thinking about this and watching for those connections.

## Lesson: Part 1—God Preserves the People from Thirst. Exodus 15:22 - 27

1. Read Ex. 15:22 - 27. The people whined and complained. They were like children. They forgot God’s mighty works in Egypt!
2. 15:26—God’s first Covenant with His people—“none of these diseases.”

### *What were the people to do?*

*Diligently heed the voice of the LORD, do what is right, listen to His commandments, keep all His statutes*

### *What would God do?*

*God would put none of the diseases he put on the Egyptians upon His own people. “I am the LORD who heals you.”*

## Lesson: Part 2—God Preserves the People from Hunger. Exodus 16.

1. **Exodus 16:1 - 3**—the people whine and complain---*they look back on their former lives as slaves, just like Lot's wife!*
2. **Ex. 16:6 - 8**—Moses tells the people what God will do---bread in the morning and meat in the evening.
3. **16:13 - 15**—the quail comes up at twilight and the manna appears on the ground at morning with the dew.
4. **16:16 - 29**—various rules God gave concerning the gathering of the bread. Talk about what these rules were. **Read vs. 4.** The rules regarding manna were a test from God to see if the people would obey. Talk about how the rule was different on the Sabbath day.

#### VOCABULARY

➡ **SABBATH:** *The Sabbath was the seventh day of the week. God's people were to rest on that day like He did after creating the world. The people were not to gather any manna on the Sabbath day. They were to trust God enough to gather enough food on the 6<sup>th</sup> day to last through the Sabbath.*

🌀 *How did the people disobey? Some gathered too much, some had leftovers and it stank on the next day!*

#### Lesson: Part 3—God Provides Water Again. Exodus 17.

1. **Read Exodus 17:1 - 4.** The people camp at Rephidim and no water is found. The people contend with Moses. Moses goes to God for help because he fears the people.
2. **Ex. 17:5 - 7**—God tells Moses to strike the rock in Horeb.

🌀 *Connection to Christ—Read 1 Corinthians 10:1 - 4. The Rock is a picture for us of Christ. Jesus tells us in John 4:10 - 14 that He is the "living water," and that whoever drinks of the water that He gives us will never thirst again. Jesus can meet our spiritual needs once and for all. When we are part of the body of Christ (the church), our spiritual needs are filled completely.*

#### Lesson: Part 4—God Makes a Covenant with the Israelites at Mount Sinai. Ex. 19

🌀 *What other event that we have previously studied happened at Mount Sinai? --Moses and the burning bush.*

1. **Read 19:1 - 4**—God talks with Moses--- *"I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to Myself."*
2. **Read 19:5 - 6**—the provisions of the **covenant**. (The kids should clap here!)

🌀 *What were the people supposed to do? Obey the voice of God, keep His covenant.*

🌀 *What would they be to God if these things were done? A special treasure, a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.*

**VOCABULARY:**

➡ **HOLY:** Means “pure”, belonging to God. Holy also means good, doing what is right. God is holy, for He does only what is right. God’s people are called holy because they belong to him. Holy also means “set apart” or different. God’s people are to be different from the people of the world.

🌀 **Connection to the Church—Read 1 Peter 2:9.** Peter is talking to Christian people. We (the church) also are a “royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people.” We now exist in His “marvelous light”! The church should look different from the world because we are God’s own special people.

3. **Read 19:7 - 8—**The Israelites agreed with the terms of the **covenant**.

**Lesson: Part 5—Moses Receives the Ten Commandments. Exodus 19 - 20.**

1. **Exodus 19:9 - 14.** The LORD tells Moses how the people are to *prepare* themselves to view His glory on the mountain. They were to “**sanctify**” (purify) themselves by washing their clothes. They were not to touch the mountain at all, and if they did they were to be put to death!

2. **19:16-25.** On the third day after these instructions the people met with God!

🌀 **What mighty things happened when the people met God at the mountain? ---** Thundering, lightening, thick cloud, the sound of the trumpet, Mount Sinai was completely in smoke, the blast of the trumpet became louder and louder, the LORD descended in fire, the smoke ascended like the smoke of a furnace, the whole mountain quaked greatly.

🌀 **God is extremely powerful!! Surely by now the people have faith in God’s power to take care of them and bless them!**

3. **Exodus 20.** Moses ascends the mountain and God gives Moses the Ten Commandments. Touch on these just briefly.

4. **Read 20:18 - 21—**the people ask Moses to speak to God himself because they are afraid they will die. Moses goes up on the mountain to receive the rest of the laws.

**Review:**

1. **What are some of the signs that the people have seen from God so far?**

🌀 *Plagues, Red Sea, water in the wilderness twice, quail and manna, His glory on the mountain.*

2. **Do you think the people will have any trouble believing God from this point on?**

3. **Do you think the people will obey God from this point on?**



# VICTORY Lesson 1B—God Gives Moses the Laws; the People Disobey

## **Objectives—Essential Knowledge:**

1. God expects His people to be set apart and holy---different from the world.
2. God gave special laws to His people so they could become holy.

## **Objectives—Skills:**

Name the **Twelve Tribes**

## **Stories That Will Be Highlighted:**

*The People See the Glory of God from the Mountain*

*Moses Receives the Laws from God on the Mountain*

*The People Build the Golden Calf*

*Moses Sees the Glory of God*

## **Pre-Session:**

*Have students fill out the worksheet provided so that they can find out what the names of the tribes were. If there is time before or after the lesson, reward those who can say all the tribes.*

- Remember, that Joseph is split into two tribes—**Ephraim** and **Manasseh**. This is because Joseph was given the birthright double portion of land as the firstborn (of Rachel). The tribe of **Levi** did not receive its own section of land in Canaan, so technically, it is not numbered with the “twelve” tribes, although it certainly was a tribe of great importance (because of the priesthood) and was given cities in each of the tribal settlements of land.

## **Introduction:**

1. God is building a “**holy**” nation. He will accomplish this by giving laws for the people to follow that guide them into holy living.
2. “**Holy**” means set apart and different. Christians are also to live a “**holy** life.”

## **Lesson: Part 1—God Gives Moses Many Laws. Exodus 20-32.**

1. From the end of **Exodus 20** to **Exodus 32** are hundreds of laws that God gave to Moses. Have your students thumb through and give you their chapter headings so that they will know what kinds of laws God gave.
  2. God gave Moses laws concerning the rights of people and property, proper conduct and justice, national feast days; He gave instructions to Moses about how the tabernacle was to be constructed and its furnishings. He gave laws about the high priest and his clothing, and about the work of the priests.
- What do these laws tell you about God? *God is specific and particular about what He wants. He revealed to Moses everything he wanted His people to know about holy living, government, ways to treat other people and worship.*
  - What else have we studied that God gave specific instructions for? *God gave specific and detailed instructions for how to build the Ark, how to observe the Passover.*

3. Read Exodus 31:18. God gave the tablets of stone to Moses written with his own finger!

### **Lesson: Part 2--The Golden Calf--Exodus 32.**

1. Read 32:1--"We don't know what's become of him!"
2. 32:2 - 4. Aaron fashions a calf out of their golden earrings. *"This is your god that brought you out of the land of Egypt!"*
3. 32:5 - 6. Aaron proclaims a feast to the new god!
4. 32:7 - 10. God becomes angry with the people and wants to destroy them.
5. 32:11 - 14. Moses pleads for the people and asks God to remember His promise to Abraham.
6. 32:15 - 19. Moses and Joshua come down from the mountain. Moses is angry and breaks the stone tablets!
7. 32:20. The people are made to drink the ground up gold from the calf! Yuck!
8. 32:21 - 24. Aaron blames the people (!) and lies about his part in it.
9. 32:26 - 29. The tribe of **Levi** steps forward to follow the LORD and rid the people of the sinners in the camp.
10. 32:34. God's Angel will go before them to lead them. See also 33:2-3. God would not go with them for they were stiff-necked (stubborn, sinful)

☛ *We get a real glimpse into the character of both Moses and Aaron in this story! First of all, why did Aaron let the people get out of control? Where was his faith in all of this? Secondly, he blamed the Israelites for the whole calf incident. Remember, calf worship was gotten from the Egyptians! The people had forgotten God's great power and works.*

☛ *But let's look at Moses for a moment. When God threatened to destroy the people, Moses interceded for them and pled their case before God. Isn't this like what Jesus does for us today? Also, Moses knew that there must be punishment for this great sin. He was both merciful (asked God to forgive) and just (fair-they were punished for their deed). How many leaders in the church are strong enough to be both merciful and just?*

### **Lesson: Part 4--Moses Talks to God and Sees His Glory.**

1. Exodus 33:8 - 11. The LORD spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend.
2. 33:18 - 23. Moses asks to see God's glory.
3. Exodus 34:1 - 4. Moses prepares new tablets and gets ready to see the LORD'S glory.
4. Exodus 34:5 - 7. The LORD passes before Moses and His nature is revealed.
5. 34:8 - 9. Moses worships.

☿ *At this point God reveals that His **covenant** with the people will be renewed and how His presence can be with the people. He reassures them that he will drive out all of the nations that are now living in the land of Canaan, and that He will do great marvels that the people will see. But He warns them that they must not make any **covenants** with the peoples of that land, and that they must destroy their altars and pillars and sacred objects. God tells the people an interesting thing in this passage. In verse 14, he tells the people that His name is "Jealous." He desires His people to worship only Him! He also repeats several laws that he insists that they obey, such as the keeping of the Sabbath and the Passover Feast.*

6. **Moses Returns from God. Exodus 34:29ff.** Moses' face shone whenever he talked with God. He would put a veil on his face so the people would not be afraid.

### *Things we've learned from this story:*

☿ ***God expects His people to behave differently from the world.** God gave Moses hundreds of laws so that the people would know how to worship and how to treat other people. He wanted His people to be **holy**. However, the Israelites sinned by going back to idol worship right there in the wilderness!*

☿ ***Sin and disobedience cause consequences.** What were some of the consequences the people had to suffer? They had to drink gold in their water, they suffered a plague, many were killed by the sword, and God took His presence away from them.*

☿ ***Sin separates us from God!** How were the people separated from God? He, Himself, would no longer guide them. He sent His angel instead.*

☿ ***Strong, faithful leaders can influence God's people to act righteously.** In this story, we see how Aaron's weak faith led God's people into a great sin. Leaders today in the church must be strong, faithful, merciful and just!*



# VICTORY Lesson 2A—God Teaches his People to Worship

## **Objectives-Essential Knowledge:**

1. God had specific plans and laws regarding the building of the Tabernacle and how the people would worship
2. The Tabernacle, the Ark, and the High Priest were shadows of things to come in the Church.

## **Objectives-Skills:**

1. Identify the furnishing and sections of the Tabernacle.
  - **OUTSIDE:** Fence, gate
  - **COURTYARD:** bronze altar, laver,
  - **THE HOLY PLACE:** the golden candlestick, the table of showbread, the altar of incense, the veil
  - **THE MOST HOLY PLACE:** the Ark of the Covenant.

## **Stories to be highlighted:**

God gives instructions for the Tabernacle.

The Function of the Various Parts of the Tabernacle and the High Priest

The People Are Restrained from Their Giving

## **Introduction:**

1. When Moses went up on Mt. Sinai, God not only gave him the Ten Commandments, but He also gave Moses a pattern for the Tabernacle. **Read Exodus 25:8 - 9.**

- *Why was God so particular---spending chapter after chapter in the Bible to give minute details of how to construct the Tabernacle?*
- *God was so particular because the Tabernacle was to be where He dwelt in their midst.*
- *The Tabernacle was to be a shadow (a "glimpse of") and a "pattern" of the church for which God was preparing for man in His good time.*

## **Activity:**

1. The students will be given their "Shadows and Patterns" booklet during this lesson. Show them briefly what is inside and also the reference materials they are to search through for the answers. Let them know that we will work on this today and Wednesday night. This lesson follows some of the pages in the packet. The students should fill these pages out as we are studying.

## **LESSON PART 1: THE PREPARATION FOR THE TABERNACLE.**

### ***1. The People Show Great Generosity. Exodus 35.***

+**Show MC 1-1.** (Note to non-Katy users of this material: We have a resource that is just wonderful for this lesson. It has some beautiful pictures of the tabernacle and its furnishings, and also some pictures of the generosity of the people in giving to this work. We also found some really good overheads that we also use. There are lots of such resources out there that are easily obtained.)

- **35:5 - 9.** God asked the people to give an offering and donate the materials that were needed for the construction of the Tabernacle.

☛ 36:2 - 7. The people were very generous and gave too much. Moses restrained them from giving anymore!

☛ *Can you imagine what would happen today if the elders said to the congregation that we did not need to give anymore?! Imagine such a generous spirit!*

☛ *Students: be listening and watching for things about the Tabernacle that remind us of the church today or even of Christ Himself! We will talk about these things as we go along:*

2. **The Fence.** +Show MC 1-2. The fence around the Tabernacle was about 7 feet tall--just above eye-level. People had to go inside the gate to see what the Tabernacle looked like. From outside the fence the Tabernacle did not look very appealing.

☛ *In the same way, many people today who are not in God's family might think that Christianity is not very attractive. Not until they go in do they realize how very wonderful and beautiful the Christian life can be.*

3. **The Gate of the Court.** +Show MC 1-3. The colors of the curtain that hung at the gateway were blue, white, red, and purple.

☛ *These colors represent Christ in the following ways:*

*Blue---reminds us that Jesus came from heaven.*

*White---reminds us that Jesus is pure and perfect.*

*Red---reminds us that He shed His blood for us at Calvary.*

*Purple---the color of royalty; He is King of Kings and Lord of lords.*

4. **The Brazen Altar and the Laver.** +Show MC 1-4. The Brazen Altar was the place where animals were sacrificed. The fire on this altar continually burned and never went out. The priest oversaw the sacrifices. The animals were sacrificed as substitutes for the people and suffered in their place for the sins of the people.

☛ *The sacrificed animal pictures Jesus Christ, the perfect Lamb of God offered on Calvary.*

The Laver was a large basin of water in which the priest washed his hands and a large lower basin at the base in which he washed his feet. The priests were required to wash themselves at the Laver before they could enter the Holy place.

☛ *The Laver used by the priests is a foreshadowing of baptism. Before we can enter the "holy place" (the church) we must be baptized.*

5. **The Holy Place.** After the priests were washed they could enter the outer (larger) room of the Tabernacle named the "Holy Place." Inside the "Holy Place" were these items:

6. **The Table of Showbread.** +Show MC 2-2. There were 12 cakes of showbread on the table and they were to be arranged in 2 rows of 6. They were to be arranged in this way every Sabbath and eaten by the priests in the holy place.

● *The table of showbread reminds of that Jesus said, "I am the Bread of Life." He also said "Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God." The bread is like the word of God. The showbread also points to the bread of the Lord's Supper, which is observed by Christians on the first day of the week.*

7. **The Altar of Incense.** +Show MC 2-2. This altar was to be placed directly in front of the veil that separated the Holy Place from the Most Holy Place. The High Priest was to burn fragrant incense, or spices on it every morning, every evening at twilight, and also when he was tending the lamps of the candlesticks every day. God instructed Moses to only use certain spices (See Exodus 30:34ff) for the incense, and also that the people were not to use this exact mixture of spices for themselves in their own homes because it was holy to the LORD.

● *The altar of incense reminds us of the "sweet aroma" of good works of Christians that goes up to the LORD in the church, and also of the prayers of the saints that go up to the LORD (Rev. 8:3).*

8. **The Golden Candlesticks.** +Show MC 2-2. The lamps of the candlesticks were to burn continually with pure oil made of pressed olives. The priests were to see to it that the lamps did not go out--they were tend it continually from evening until morning. There were 6 branches--3 branches coming out from each side.

● *The lamp stand continually burning is a picture of the Holy Spirit (Zechariah 4:1-6 "Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit" says the LORD of Hosts."). The oil is what caused the lamps to burn, and represents the Holy Spirit working continually in the church today. The lamp stand is also figurative of the church (Rev. 1:12, 13 and 20).*

9. **The Most Holy Place.** +Show MC 3-1. Inside the Most Holy Place was the Ark of the Covenant. Only the High Priest could enter here. God's presence was between the cherubim that were on each side of the ark. The Israelites had access to God indirectly (through the High Priest). The High Priest could only enter the Most Holy place with blood, and only on one day a year--The Day of Atonement. One day a year, the High Priest offered a special blood sacrifice on the Day of Atonement for the sins of all the people and the priests and sprinkled the blood on the mercy seat of the ark. The priest was to wear a special linen outfit and turban when he went into the Most Holy Place. The mercy seat was where a question could be directed to God, and it represented His presence.

● *Hebrews 9:24 says that Christ entered heaven itself to appear before God for us. He is our perfect High Priest as well as our sacrifice!*

● *When Christ was crucified, the veil separating the two places was actually torn in two! This was to show that because of His perfect sacrifice once for all time, the veil separating us from the presence of God has been torn asunder. God created a way through that barrier between Himself and mankind. Christians (believers in Christ; those who are obedient to the gospel) now have full fellowship with God through the blood of Christ. See Hebrews 9:26 and 28.*

## LESSON PART 2: THE TABERNACLE IS COMPLETED AND ERECTED. Exodus 39-40.

1. **Chapter 39** tells us that the last things to be completed were the garments the priests were to wear. Then Moses inspected all the furnishings and curtains (39:32 - 43) and everything was done just as the LORD had commanded!
  2. The phrase *"As the LORD commanded Moses"* is repeated 10 times in chapter 39. Why do you think it was important for Moses to obey God in everything?
  3. In **chapter 40**, the Tabernacle is erected. Everything was set up and put together. The furnishings were put just where God had instructed, the clothing was put on the priests as God had intended. The same phrase "As the LORD commanded Moses" is repeated in this chapter 8 times!
- ❖ *The Tabernacle was a product of God's revelation; it was not man's idea! Moses followed God in all these things.*
  - ❖ *Is it important for us to follow God's instructions regarding worship today?*
  - ❖ *What about man's ideas in worship today?*
  - ❖ *Is God a different kind of God today than He was in Moses' time?*
  - ❖ *We must be very careful in the church today to follow God's instructions completely not only when it comes to our worship of Him, but also in how we live our lives!*



# VICTORY Lesson 2B—The Twelve Spies; The Israelites will Wander

## **Objectives—Essential Knowledge:**

1. *God expects faith and obedience from His people.*
2. *Faithlessness and disobedience have consequences.*

## **Objectives—Skills:**

1. Identify the **furnishing** and **sections** of the Tabernacle.
  - *Fence, gate, bronze altar, laver, the Holy Place, the Most Holy Place, the golden candlesticks, the table of showbread, the altar of incense, the veil, the ark of the covenant.*

## **Stories to Be Highlighted:**

*Review of Tabernacle-furnishings and sections*

*The Twelve Spies*

*The Israelites Will Wander*

## **Pre-Session:**

1. Play a quick “20 Questions” game to review the furnishings and sections of the Tabernacle (included on this CD—“Victory 2b-20 Questions”).

## **Lesson: Part 1—The Twelve Spies. Numbers 13 - 14.**

1. **Read Numbers 13:1-2**—The people are very near the “Promised Land!” God instructs Moses to send out a man from each of the tribes (how many will that be?—12!) to spy out the land.
2. **13:1 - 4** tells us the names of each of these men. Look through the list and see if any of them are familiar to you. Do you recognize the names of **Joshua** and **Caleb**? Good! Their names will be very important to this story.
3. **Read 13:17 - 20.** Moses instructed the 12 men to find out these things:
  - *what the land was like; rich or poor*
  - *whether the people were strong or weak; few or many*
  - *whether the land was good or bad; what the cities were like*
  - *bring back some of the fruit of the land*
4. **Read 13:21 - 25.** The spies went throughout the whole land, checking things out for Moses and the people. After 40 days of spying they returned to Moses and the people, bringing on a pole, a large cluster of ripe grapes!
5. **Read 13:26 - 29.** The spies report on everything they’ve seen. However, they sound a little worried—*“the people who dwell in the land are strong; the cities are fortified and very large.”*

🌀 *Remember that God has promised on many occasions to the people that He will be the one to drive out the people of the land of Canaan when the Israelites get there. Remember how God has already dealt with the Egyptians? Do the Israelites have anything to fear? NO!!*

6. **Read 13:30.** Caleb speaks up. He encourages the people to go up at once and take possession of the land. After all, God is with them!
7. **A Bad Report–13:31 - 33.** The ten other spies (besides Joshua and Caleb) give a ridiculous report to the people—*“the land devours its inhabitants, and all the people we saw in it are men of great stature. There we saw the giants; and we were like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight.”*

🌀 *The Israelites let their fear get the best of them. They felt small and helpless in this “terrible” situation. They didn’t realize that God would make up for all their weaknesses! They lost all their trust in God.*

#### Lesson: Part 2–Israel Rebels Against God. Numbers 14.

1. **Read Numbers 14:1 - 4.** The whole congregation cried and wept all night. They began wishing they could go back to Egypt, or that they were already dead! They even thought about selecting a new leader!
2. **Verse 4** tells us that Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before the whole assembly! This was definitely a crisis!
3. **Read 14:6 - 9.** Joshua and Caleb get up and tell the people not to be afraid. They said to trust God—that God was with them. They also said what a good land it was and not to rebel against God in this way.
4. **Read 14:10.** The people wanted to stone Joshua and Caleb. But just then the glory of the LORD appeared in the Tabernacle before all the Israelites.
5. **Read 14:11-12.** God is angry with the people and threatens to strike them with pestilence and to disinherit them and make a nation out of Moses.
6. **Numbers 14:13 - 19** tells us that Moses again *intercedes* (or intervenes) for the people. He reminded God of all the promises He made to His people, and that He is a merciful God.

#### Lesson: Part 3–Israel to Wander and Die.

1. **Read Numbers 14:20-23.** God says that He will forgive, but the people must suffer consequences. What are those consequences? *Those that rejected God will never see that land that God promised!*
2. **Read 14:23-25.** Caleb and Joshua will be spared this punishment. They alone will get to see the Promised Land, along with the children after they have grown up.
3. **Read 14:29-35** to yourselves. After you have read it, tell me how many years the people will have to wander in the wilderness before God will let them go into the Promised Land. (**40 years**—one year for each of the **40 days** the spies looked at the land)
4. **Spies Die. Read 14:36-38.** The Ten spies died by a plague, but Joshua and Caleb remained alive.

5. **Israel Defeated.** 14:39 - 45 tells us of a silly thing the Israelites then did. They realized after the spies had been put to death that they had sinned. So they decided amongst themselves that they would go ahead and go to battle against the Amalekites and the Canaanites right away. Moses warned them that the LORD was not among them and that they would be defeated, but they went to battle anyway. Moses and the Ark of the Covenant did not go into the battle with the people. Can you guess what happened? They were defeated, of course!

**LESSONS WE CAN LEARN:**

- *Sometimes, too late, we realize the wrong thing we have done. Sometimes, when we face our consequences, then we can see how wrong we have been.*
- *God wants us to trust Him from the start—to put our lives in His hands right from the beginning. He wants us to know, without even thinking, that he will be there for us.*
- *When we face temptations or hardships, He wants us to obey Him, to trust Him to work things out. We should not rebel against God when hard times come, like the children of Israel did. Rebellion against God always has consequences.*

# 20 QUESTIONS



## Victory Lesson 2b

1. How tall was the fence around the Tabernacle? (About 7 feet tall—too high to see over)
2. Describe the fence. (Curtains hung on poles)
3. What direction did the Tabernacle face? (East—toward the rising of the sun)
4. How many gates were there to get inside the fence? (One)
5. What colors were embroidered on the curtain of the gate? (Blue, red, purple and white)
6. What did the color blue of the curtain represent? (Jesus came from heaven)
7. What did the color white of the curtain represent? (Jesus was pure and perfect)
8. What did the color red of the curtain represent? (Jesus' shed blood)
9. What did the color purple of the curtain represent? (Jesus' royalty)
10. What was the brazen altar used for? (Animal sacrifices)
11. What was the laver used for? (Priests were to wash in it before they entered the Tabernacle)
12. What were the two sections of the Tabernacle? (The Holy Place and the Most Holy Place)
13. What 3 furnishings were located in the Holy Place? (Golden candlestick, Table of showbread, altar of Incense)
14. How many loaves of bread were on the Table of Showbread? (Twelve)
15. What was burned on the altar of Incense? (A special blend of spices that the LORD had chosen)
16. What separated the Holy Place from the Most Holy Place? (A veil)
17. What object was inside the Most Holy Place? (The Ark of the Covenant)
18. Describe the Ark of the Covenant. (A golden box with cherubim on top whose wings touched. It had rings on its corners by which it was to be carried)
19. What was inside the Ark of the Covenant? (Manna, Aaron's rod and the stone tablets)
20. Describe the Golden Candlestick. (Used pure olive oil, was never allowed to go out, seven branches of the candlestick that were shaped like almond blossoms)



## VICTORY Lesson 3A—God’s People Reach Canaan

### **Objectives—Essential Knowledge:**

1. God expects obedience even of His leaders.
2. God fulfills all promises.

### **Objectives—Essential Skills:**

1. Identify the pictures of Jesus Christ found in our lessons in Victory

### **Stories to be highlighted:**

Moses Sins

Moses Dies

### **LESSON: PART 1—MOSES SINS. Numbers 20:2 - 13.**

1. **Read 20:2 - 6.** The people start whining for water. Moses and Aaron fall on their faces to God at the door of the tabernacle.
2. **Read 20:7 - 8.** God commands Moses to take the rod and speak to the rock before the eyes of the people to bring forth water.
3. **Read 20:9 - 11.** Moses *strikes* the rock twice and he is **angry** toward the people.
4. **Read 20:12 - 13.** God tells Moses because of his unbelief and disobedience, and because he did not “*hallow*” God before the people, Moses (and also Aaron) will not be allowed to bring the people into the land of promise!

🌀 *Moses let his anger and frustration cause him to sin. Just listen to him: “Must we bring water for you out of this rock?” This shows that he also had pride—he didn’t remind the people that it was God who was bringing them water!*

🌀 *Poor Moses! Because of sin, even he was not allowed to enter the Promised Land. Even after everything he had done for God’s people! We must never be comfortable with how good we think we are before God. We must always try to obey Him in everything! We shouldn’t let our anger and aggravations cause us to disobey. God will hold us accountable for all of our sins, no matter how well we have obeyed before.*

### **LESSON: PART 2—THE DEATH OF AARON. Numbers 20:22-29.**

1. **Read 20:23 - 24.** God determined that this was the time for Aaron to die. Moses was instructed to remove his priestly garments and put them on his son, Eleazar.
2. **Read 20:25 - 29.** Aaron was then to be taken up to **Mount Hor** in the sight of the people. Aaron died there on top of the mountain. The people mourned for Aaron 30 days.

🌀 *Remember, Aaron was being punished just like Moses. He also would not be allowed to enter the land of Canaan because of sin.*

### **LESSON: PART 3—THE BRONZE SERPENT. Numbers 21:4 - 9.**

1. **Read 21:4 - 5.** The people are discouraged and begin complaining about the food and water situation calling manna "worthless bread."
  - ☘ *Would you have had the nerve to call manna that was sent by God every morning, "worthless bread"??*
  - ☘ *Does this remind you of how ungrateful we can sometimes be of God's blessings that He gives us everyday?*
2. **Read 21:6.** God send fiery serpents among the people and many people are bitten and die.
3. **Read 7 - 9.** The people repent and God instructs Moses to make a **serpent** out of bronze on a pole. If the people look at it after they are bitten, they can live.



**Picture of Christ.** Read **John 3:14 – 15.** Jesus likened Himself to the serpent that was lifted up---"*even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him would not perish but have eternal life.*"

1. **How was Christ "lifted up"?** *On the cross! His being lifted up on the cross and His death ensures us that we will be "healed" (saved) from our sins if we will "look" to Him in faith.*
2. *Just as the Israelites had to "look" at the bronze serpent, people today must obey by looking to Christ and obeying the Gospel message in order to be saved.*

#### **LESSON: PART 4--MOSES DIES. Deuteronomy 34.**

1. **Read 1 - 4.** Moses is taken by God to the top of Mt. Nebo to view the land. This show the mercy of God. Moses is allowed this concession--to see the beautiful land which was promised to the people.
2. **Read 5 - 8.** Moses dies and God buries him---no one knows where to this day! Why do you suppose that Moses' burial place is a secret?
3. **Read 9 - 12.** **Joshua** is Israel's next leader; Moses is honored and mourned by the people.

#### **LESSON: PART 5--PICTURES OF CHRIST IN VICTORY.**

Have the students turn to the sheet in their booklets entitled “**Pictures of Christ in Victory.**” Talk together about some objects, people or stories in **VICTORY** that remind us of Christ:



**Manna**—“I am the bread of life”—**John 6:35**

**Water**—Jesus gives us living water—**John 4:13-14**

**The Rock**—Jesus is our Spiritual rock—“that rock was Christ”—**1 Corinthians 10:4**

**High Priest**—Jesus is our perfect High Priest—**Heb. 9:24, 4:14**

**Sacrifices**—Jesus is the perfect sacrifice offered once for all—**Heb. 9:28**

**Gate**—one way into the Tabernacle grounds; Jesus is the one way into the church—the one way to be saved

**Colors of the Gate Curtain**—red, blue, purple, white—all colors that remind us of Jesus

**Bronze Serpent**—**John 3:14-15**—The Son of Man had to be lifted up. Those who look to Him will be saved.

**Joshua**—Joshua led God’s people into the Promised Land—into victory. Jesus leads us to victory over sin into our promised land—heaven!

**Moses/deliverer**---Jesus/deliverer

**The Scapegoat**—the goat released into the wilderness that “carried” the sins of the people for the past year. Jesus vicariously carried our sins to the cross “outside” the city of Jerusalem and was crucified once for all time.

**Furnishings in the Tabernacle**—are perfectly placed by God in such a way as to form a cross!



# VICTORY Lesson 3B—God’s People Enter the Promised Land

## **OBJECTIVES—ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE:**

1. SW know that God fulfilled His promise to bring the Israelites to the “Promised Land.”
2. SW know that Joshua’s leading of the Israelites to victory in Canaan is a picture of Christ leading His people to victory over sin and into a spiritual “Promised Land”—heaven.

## **STORIES TO BE HIGHLIGHTED:**

Joshua Succeeds Moses

The Faith of Rahab

Miraculous Crossing of the Jordan

Victory at Jericho

## **LESSON: PART 1—JOSHUA SUCCEEDS MOSES. Joshua 11 - 9.**

1. **Read Joshua 1:1 - 4.** Now that Moses is dead, Joshua has been selected as Israel’s leader. He will have a big job to do!
2. **Read 1:5 - 9.** God speaks directly to Joshua and gives him the reassurance that he needs. God says that He will be with him just as He had always been with Moses.
  - ☛ *Do you think Joshua may have been nervous or anxious about stepping into Moses’ shoes? God knew this about Joshua, and so He reassures him that he will have success.*
  - ☛ *What did God say would be the formula for Joshua’s success? Meditating upon the Word of God day and night (vs. 8)!*
  - ☛ *Joshua was to find guidance, not from men, but from the holy words of God.*
  - ☛ *We must remember that God is also guiding us through His word. All of our decisions need to be made with our eyes on the words of the Bible!*

## **LESSON: PART 2—THE FAITH OF RAHAB. Joshua 2.**

1. **Read Joshua 2:1.** Here is another story in the **VICTORY** timeline that has **spies!** Let’s see what these spies are directed by Joshua to do: He tells them to go and view the land, especially the city of **Jericho**. *(If you have a map available, or an overhead, show the students the city of Jericho. It was in a very strategic location. If Jericho were taken by the Israelites, then Joshua would have the best place possible from which to send out other battle campaigns against the Canaanites)* The two spies went and stayed at the house of a prostitute named “**Rahab**.”
2. **Read 2:2 - 4.** The **king of Jericho** knew of the spies’ entry into the city and sent word to Rahab to turn them in. But she hid them!
3. **Read 5 - 7.** She hid them on the **roof** under stalks of **flax**. **Flax** is the plant that linen fabric is made of.

4. **Read 2:8 - 11.** Rahab apparently has heard all about the signs and wonders that had been shown in on behalf of the Israelites by God: the drying of up of the **Red Sea**, and the killing of the **Amorite kings**. She knows that this all-powerful God has given the land of Canaan to His people, and she knows that this God is the real God! Remember, Rahab is not one of God's people, and yet she believes in Him and wants to help His people
5. **Read 2:12 - 16.** She makes a bargain with them to not tell the king of Jericho what their business had been, and they agreed to save her family when the time came for the battle of Jericho.
6. **Read 2:17 - 21.** They asked her to leave behind a sign that she was still on their side—she was to tie a **“scarlet cord”** in the window of her house. Rahab was to bring all of her family inside her house which was located on the wall of the city. If they were inside the house, they would be saved by the Israelites when they came to take over the city. If they were not inside the house, they would not be saved.
  - ☘ *Can you think of another event we have studied where the people had to be inside something in order to be saved? The Ark!*
  - ☘ *This also reminds us that salvation today is for those who are “inside” the church!*
  - ☘ *There is something very important about Rahab that we also need to know! According to Matthew 1:4, Rahab was the mother of Boaz, the husband of Ruth. They were the great grandparents of King David! The list of names in Matthew chapter 1 leads us to Jesus. Rahab was an ancestress of Jesus! God rewarded her for her faith.*

#### **LESSON: PART 3—MIRACULOUS CROSSING OF THE JORDAN. Joshua 3 and 4.**

1. **Read 3:14 - 17.** The waters of the Jordan pile up in a heap at a town called “Adam,” and the people cross over on dry land to the west side of the Jordan river.
  - ☘ *Explain how the people have now passed into a land of promise; how they crossed through water; how they have passed from slavery (Egypt) to victory (Land of Canaan).*



***Parallel: Christ leads us to victory over sin into our “Promised Land”—Heaven. We must pass through water (baptism) to be able to enter this Promised Land, just as the Israelites crossed over the Jordan River.***

- ☘ *Just as the Israelites had to conquer the Canaanites in order to possess the Promised Land, we must conquer our enemy, Satan, with God's help and the power of the Holy Spirit, to possess our Eternal promised land.*

## **LESSON: PART 4–VICTORY AT JERICHO. Joshua 6.**

1. **Read Joshua 6:1 - 5.** God had very specific (even kind of strange!) instructions about how the battle at Jericho was to be conducted.
2. **Scan the next several verses** (*the students should already be familiar with this story*). Let the students tell you what happened to the walls of Jericho. The people followed God's instructions completely, and the city was destroyed.
3. **Read 6:22 - 25.** Joshua instructs the spies to go in and spare Rahab and her family. It tells us that she lived in Israel with God's people after this battle!

### **Things we've learned from this Lesson:**

- ☼ *God is always with His people when they obey Him.*
- ☼ *Good leaders of God's people always follow God's commands and instructions.*
- ☼ *God rewards those who show that they have faith in Him.*
- ☼ *When we have God on our side, we do not need to rely on our own power or strength!*

*If there is time, finish class with the "Chalkboard Races Game" that is included on this CD.*

# Chalkboard Races

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Divide the class up into two teams. On each turn or question, each team will send a "writer" up to the board. Read aloud the question and the writers will race to write the correct answer on the board. If you wish, you can easily convert this game to a "20 QUESTIONS."



## **BEGINNINGS REVIEW:**

1. What does the word, "Genesis" mean? *Beginnings*
2. How did Adam and Even sin in the garden? *They ate fruit from the tree of knowledge of good and evil.*
3. How many people were saved on the ark? *8*
4. What was the sign of God's promise that He would never destroy the earth with a flood? *rainbow*
5. What were the people trying to build when God came down and confused their languages? *Tower of Babel*



## **FATHERS REVIEW:**

1. Name the man and his wife whom God asked to leave their home in Ur to go to the Land of Canaan. *Abram and Sarai*
2. Name one thing that God promised Abraham. *Land, son, many descendants, great name, world would be blessed*
3. Who were Isaac and Rebekah's twin sons? *Jacob and Esau*
4. How many sons did Jacob have? *twelve*
5. Name one son of Jacob's. *Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Dan, Naphtali, Gad Asher, Issachar, Zebulon, Joseph and Benjamin*



## **SLAVERY REVIEW:**

1. What Hebrew baby grew up in Pharaoh's palace? *Moses*
2. Why did Moses flee from Egypt to Midian? *He killed an Egyptian*
3. When Moses was on Mount Sinai tending the sheep, how did God appear to him? *burning bush*
4. Name two of the plagues. *water to blood, frogs, lice, flies, boils, disease of the livestock, hail, locusts, darkness, death of the firstborn*
5. What feast day did the Israelites observe to commemorate their exodus from Egypt? *Passover*



## **VICTORY REVIEW:**

1. What did God give the people in the wilderness every morning to eat? *Manna*
2. On what mountain did God give Moses the ten commands and the Law? *Mt. Sinai*
3. Who was the first High Priest? *Aaron*
4. What was the name of the portable place of worship that the Israelites built in the wilderness? *The Tabernacle*
5. Who followed Moses as the leader of God's people after Moses' death? *Joshua*
6. What was the name of the harlot from Jericho who helped the Israelite spies? *Rahab*