

## GOOD NEWS CLUB AGENDA

### God's Missionary at Work #5 – "Paul Challenges Others to Be Bold and Stand Firm" 2 Corinthians 12:1-10; Ephesians 1:13-21; 3:11-21; 6:1-19

#### WEEK OF:

MAIN TRUTH: You need Jesus' help to have victory over sin.

#### TO DO AS THE CHILDREN ARRIVE:

1. Greet the children; make them feel welcome.
2. Take attendance.
3. Listen to previous week's memory verse.
4. Have children put money in missions bank.

#### PRE-SESSION ACTIVITY:

1. OLDER & YOUNGER CHILD: Memory Verse Coloring Page or your own Pre-session pages

SONG: (2 minutes)

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PRAYER: (4 minutes)

1. Prayer song: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Ask the children to share any "Thank You Prayers" or "Please Prayers" they have.
3. Lead the class in "Thank You Prayers" and "Please Prayers."

MEMORY VERSE: (6 minutes)

**1 Corinthians 15:57 – "But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."**

(The underlined portion of the verse indicates what the younger children should memorize. See "Involvement Helps for Younger Children" for helps in teaching the verse to the younger children.)

**"Guess Who?"** – After you have read this verse from the Bible, explained what it means, and repeated it at least two times, you may begin this drill. Choose one child to stand next to the teacher. Have him turn his back toward the group and cover his eyes. Teacher selects another child who will say the verse reference at the beginning and the end. He may disguise his voice. The group repeats the entire verse together with the "solo child" saying the reference by himself. The child with his back turned, then uncovers his eyes and points to one child to make a guess as to who said the reference. Switch volunteers and repeat this three or four times.

HYMN FOR GOD'S MISSIONARY AT WORK: (2 minutes)

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BIBLE LESSON: (20 minutes)

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(See "Involvement Helps for Younger Children" for ways to involve the children in the Bible lesson.)

COUNSEL TIME:

(If you have a helper, hostess, or Teacher Junior Grade, let them do the review time while you counsel those who responded to the invitation. Otherwise, at the end of club, be sure to remind the children who responded to the invitation to stay after club for a few minutes.)

QUIET TIME NOTEBOOK/TAKE TIME TO REVIEW: (2 minute)

From the returned TTtR/Q.T.N.s, mention one or two of the children's responses to the Main Truth challenge. Hand out Take Time to Review/Quiet Time Notebook, God's Missionary at Work #5. Ask the children to complete the booklet before the next club. Remind them that they need to show you their TTtR/Q.T. Notebook next week.

LEARNING ABOUT THE BIBLE & THE OLD TESTAMENT BOOKS: (5 minutes)

Teach information for Week #11.

MISSIONARY TIME: (13 minutes)

1. Sing "God's Way" while child comes to look in the "Go and Tell" Box.
6. Share information for the "Go and Tell" Box – Week #10 and pray. (See attached page.)
7. Show goal chart and mention the amount given so far.
8. Missions song: \_\_\_\_\_
9. Story: *Until the Letter Came*. Teach the part of the story for Week #2.

REVIEW ACTIVITY: (6 minutes)

Use the activity below or the Bible Learning Game from "**Involvement Helps for Younger Children.**"

**"Ways to Serve God"** – To play this review game, make two copies of the attached pattern sheet. Color the hats, back for the flannelboard, and cover with clear contact paper. You will also need 16, 5-inch squares made from posterboard. Number the squares (1-16) on the front and back for the flannelboard. Hide the hats under the numbered squares and play "Concentration." As each hat is uncovered, be sure to emphasize that this hat reminds us of one way a person can serve God. - *Give and Take*, October 1991.

Review questions for GOD'S MISSIONARY AT WORK #5:

1. **What did Paul ask God to take away from him three times?** ("his thorn in the flesh," which was some kind of physical problem Paul had)
2. **What was God's answer to Paul?** (God said "No, My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." In other words, Paul could count on God for help.)
3. **What did Paul do while he was in prison?** (Wrote letters to the churches he had started in different cities)
4. **In which book of the Bible do we find the letter Paul wrote about having victory over sin and putting on the armor of God?** (Ephesians)
5. **What is sin?** (Anything we think, or say, or do that is against what God says is right)
6. **Who is always trying to trick you so that you don't have victory over sin?** (The Devil)
7. **Name the piece of armor that reminds us that God's Word is all true.** (The Belt of Truth)
8. **Which two pieces of armor protect your heart from the arrows of the enemy?** (The Breastplate of Righteousness and the Shield of Faith)
9. **Which piece of the armor is for your feet to go and tell others the Good News about Jesus so they can have peace?** (The Shoes of the Gospel of Peace)
10. **Which piece of armor protects your head from the lies of the enemy to make you think wrong things about Jesus?** (The Helmet of Salvation)
11. **What is another name for the Sword of the Spirit?** (The Word of God; the Bible)

\*COUNSEL TIME: (\*Only if you did not counsel with the children earlier.)

SEND HOME WITH THE CHILDREN:

1. Pre-session papers for older and younger child
2. Memory verse token
3. Quiet Time/Take Time to Review, God's Missionary at Work #5



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*GOD*  *which*

*giveth us the*

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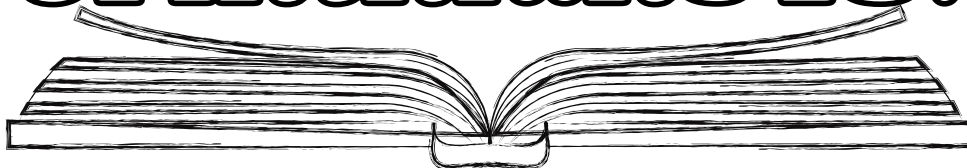
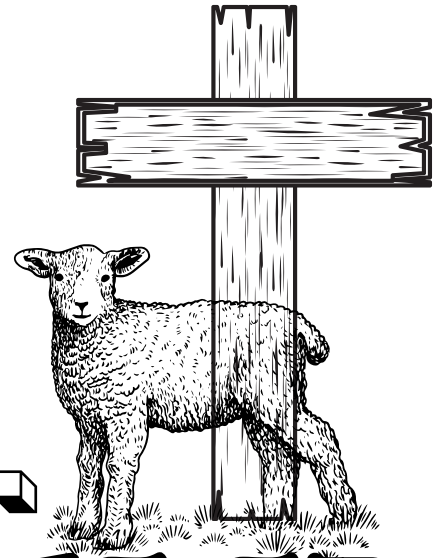
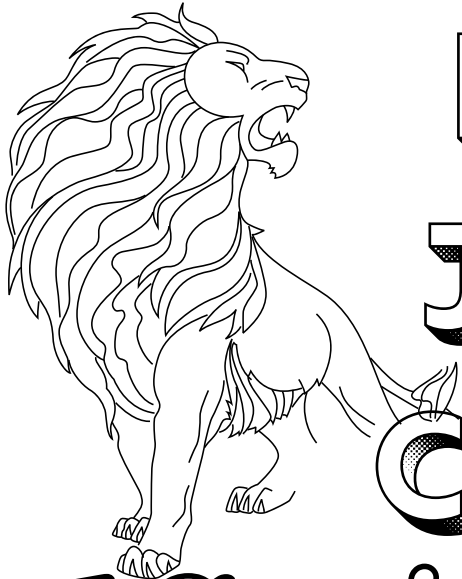
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*1 Corinthians 15:57*





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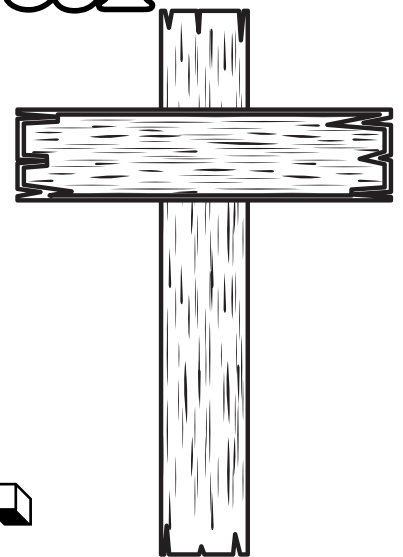
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*1 Corinthians 15:57*



## God's Missionary at Work #5

### PAUL CHALLENGES OTHERS TO BE BOLD AND STAND FIRM

#### 1 Corinthians 15:57

**"But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."**

(The underlined portion of the verse indicates what the younger children should memorize.)

By Gayle Stahlman



#### INTRODUCE THE VERSE:

When you are in a contest, or when you are playing a game with others, do you ALWAYS win? Probably not! Sometimes you are the winner, but other times you might be the loser. How would you feel if you could win every time? (*Allow for responses.*) Did you know there is something you can be a winner at all the time? But you have to know how. Let's look at our verse.

#### READ THE VERSE:

Read the verse together from the visualized verse. Then read the verse directly from the Bible.

#### EXPLAIN THE VERSE:

##### **1 Corinthians 15:57**

– This is where the verse is found in the Bible. We call it the address or reference. It is found in the book of First Corinthians, chapter 15, verse 57.

##### ***"But thanks"***

– The verse is telling us we should be thankful.

##### ***"be to God,"***

– God is the One who deserves our thanks. We should tell Him often how much we appreciate who He is and what He does for us.

##### ***"which giveth us the victory"***

– One of the things God does for those who know Jesus as Saviour is to give them victory. Having victory means to be a winner. In this verse, it is talking about being a winner over sin. As God helps us have victory over sin we can learn to say "no" to the temptation to sin.

##### ***"through our Lord Jesus Christ."***

– This victory comes because of what God's Son, Jesus, did on the cross when He died for our sins. He paid for every sin, and He will help us say "no" to sin. Jesus will give us the strength to do the right thing when we are tempted to do wrong. We can stand firm and be bold because Jesus already paid for all sin.

#### REPEAT THE VERSE:

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# HELPS FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN

## God's Missionary at Work #5

### Memory Verse

For younger children, teach only the underlined portion of the verse.

1 Corinthians 15:57 – “But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

### Bible Lesson Involvement Helps

#### Flashcard 5-A:

O – Have children sign the name of Jesus. (Right middle finger to bottom of left palm, left middle finger to bottom of right palm)

Divide the children into two groups. The first group asks the question: “Who is Jesus?” The second group responds with “Jesus is the perfect Son of God!” If you have time, switch roles.

Have children count on the fingers to three, reminding them of how many times Paul prayed for the “thorn in the flesh” to be removed.

G – Have children say, “God loves me!” while doing the motions. (Point up to Heaven, Hug self, Point to self)

Each time you teach or say the Main Truth, have the children make a large “V” shape by raising their hands and arms in the air. Have them repeat after you: “Jesus wants me to have victory!”

#### Flashcard 5-1:

Have the children repeat after you: *Ephesians*.

#### Flashcard 5-B:

P,E – Sing both verses of “You & Me” with the children. (Speak to your director if you do not know this song)

S – Have children repeat the definition of sin, using the motions. “Sin is anything you think (point to head), say (point to mouth), or do (make fists) that is not right (shake head “no”) in God’s sight.

#### Flashcard 5-2/3- CEF Press or Flashcard 5-3 – 5-5- FBI:

Let’s pretend that we are soldiers. Let’s stand together and get ready for battle. Put something on your head. Now add something around your middle. Don’t forget to cover your feet. (*Teacher: Don’t go into detail about the Christian armor right now, as you don’t want to give anything away.*) Are we ready for battle? Let’s say, “Yes, sir!”

Each time you teach or say the Main Truth, have the children make a large “V” shape by raising their hands and arms in the air. Have them repeat after you: “Jesus wants me to have victory!”

Review each piece of the armor and have the children pretend to put each piece on as you mention it.

### **Bible Learning Game, Main Truth #5: You need Jesus’ help to have victory over sin.**

**Needed supplies:** Items that represent the Armor of God. (Hat, belt, shoes, shirt, stick/sword, shield/cookie tin, etc...)

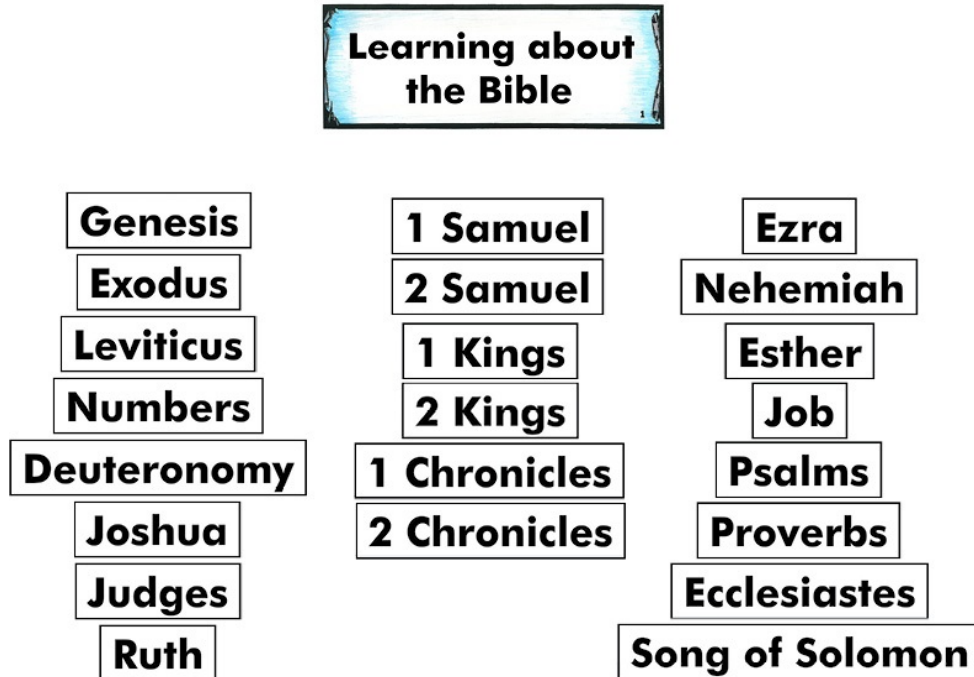
Choose one child at a time to wear one piece of the “armor”. Review each piece as you go. Have the children stay until all pieces of armor have been reviewed. If you have time, do it again with different children.

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# LEARNING ABOUT THE BIBLE & THE OLD TESTAMENT BOOKS

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WEEK #11



*(Place figure #1.)* So far, we have learned the five books of Law, the 12 books of History, and the five books of Poetry. This means we have covered 22 books of the Old Testament. How many books are there in the Old Testament? Remember that if you take the three letters of the word “Old” and the nine letters of the word “Testament” and put them together, you come up with 39, and that is the number of books in the Old Testament. Let’s say the five books of the Law: *Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy*. Now let’s say the 12 books of History: *Joshua, Judges, Ruth, First and Second Samuel. First and Second Kings, First and Second Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther*. Let’s start at the very beginning and say the books of Law and the books of History. (*Genesis . . . Esther*.) Now, let’s practice saying the books of Poetry: *Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon*. We’re going to put them altogether now and say the books of Law, History, and Poetry. (*Several times, practice saying the names of the books of Law, History, and Poetry.*)



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# GO AND TELL BOX

## WEEK #10 – INFORMATION ABOUT THE JENKINS

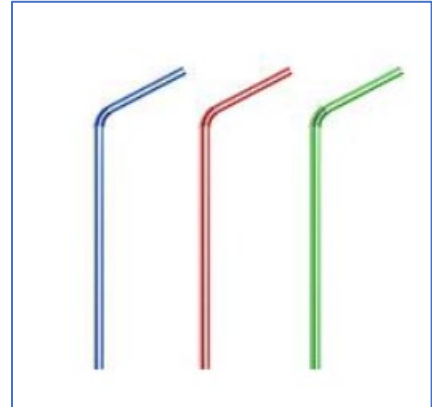
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### INFORMATION

*(Suggested item to put in the “Go and Tell” Box – a straw.)*

What do you think a straw has to do with *going and telling*? *(Let the children share their ideas.)*

The children in Suriname, South America, stop at a store on their way to school to get something for lunch. One thing that most children get is “cola in a sack.” Whatever they want to drink is poured in a plastic bag. When they are ready to drink it, they just put the straw in the opening at the top. One other thing that the children often get at the store is a piece of bread with sardines on it (sardines are a very small salty fish). How would you like that for lunch?



The main religion in Suriname is Hinduism; however, the children are encouraged by their Hindu parents to go to meetings where they can learn about God and Jesus. When the children hear the Truth from the Bible, many of them receive Jesus as their personal Saviour. When these boys and girls are between 16-18 years old, their parents suddenly tell them they are not a Christian. The parents tell them that they are Hindus and that they may no longer attend the meetings where they learn about Jesus.

But when we receive Jesus as our personal Saviour, He gives us eternal life and one day we will live with Him in Heaven when our life here on Earth is over. That is something that can never be taken away from anyone who has believed on Jesus as their personal Saviour. Let’s ask Jesus to help the children of Suriname remember that if they trusted in Him as their Saviour, He will never leave them and they can’t lose their salvation just because someone said they would.

### PRAYER

**THANK** God that Mr. Jared and Mrs. Cindy can help many Hindu students in the United States know the truth about Jesus, like they did when they lived in Suriname.

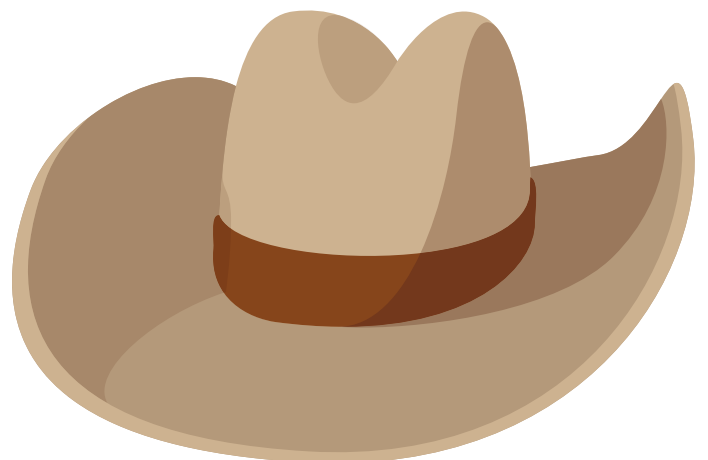
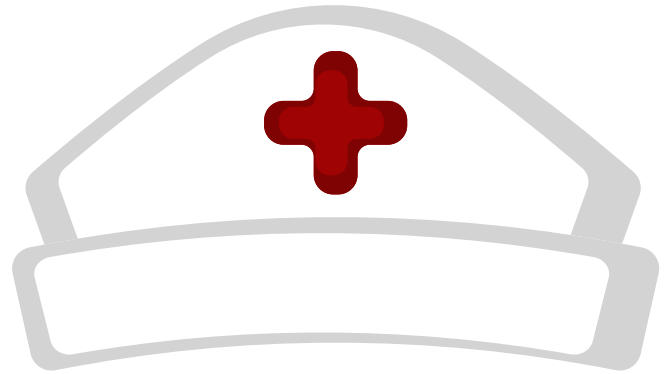
**ASK** the Lord Jesus to help the children of Suriname remember that if they trusted in Him as their Saviour, He will never leave them and they can’t lose their salvation.



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**You need  
Jesus' help  
to have  
victory  
over sin.**



- Next: **shield of faith**

- Soldier carried a shield to protect from being attacked by things thrown at him
- Christian must be protected from all the “fiery darts” of the Devil
- “Fiery darts” come in many forms: enemy tricks us into believing we aren’t saved, or he tries to make us afraid

- Shield will protect us from darts

#### FLASHCARD 5-5- FBI

- Another piece: **helmet of salvation**
- Protected soldier’s head; sometimes ornamental to show which army he belonged to
- Christian’s must guard their minds from enemy attack; show Who they serve – King Jesus!
- Final piece: **sword of the Spirit**, also called Word of God
- Soldier’s sword used to attack

- Christians must attack the enemy using the Word of God

- Jesus fought the Devil in wilderness with God’s Word; when we hide His Word in our hearts, we are ready for battle

#### FLASHCARD 5-6- FBI

- Even in prison, Paul put on armor every day

- God gave strength to do what was right

- Paul wrote so that believers would know they, too, had the armor needed to fight the enemy; they could have victory over sin

- You can have victory too

#### CHALLENGE

**G – Go over MT**

**MT, PAS – YOU NEED JESUS’ HELP TO HAVE VICTORY OVER SIN**

**1 Corinthians 15:57 – “But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

**W – Will you do it?**

#### INVITATION

**1 John 5:12 – “He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son hath not life.”**

**S  
P, E  
L**

**BOW HEADS  
RESPONSE**

## God’s Missionary at

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**2 Corinthians 12:1-10; Ephesians 1:13-21; 3:11-21; 6:1-19**

- How many play some kind of sport? Gymnastics? Play game where two teams compete?

- In all these, there is usually a winner who comes out on top

- Nobody likes to lose. Winning is what we try to do.

- Bible tells us about another kind of winning – not in a sport or game competition

- Something much more important! God wants us to have victory. . .and win!

- Let’s listen to see what kind of winning we are talking about

#### FLASHCARD 5-A

[Extra Visual]

- Paul was probably greatest missionary to ever live

- Traveled hundreds and hundreds of miles – city to city – country to country. . .telling others about Jesus

- Sometimes alone; other times had friends like Barnabas, Silas, or Timothy

- Wanted everyone in every place to know about Jesus

- Told others how Jesus had saved him and called him to spread the Good News of the Gospel around the world

- Some places, ran into trouble; other places, he and friends called “gods” because they used God’s power to heal

- In every place, Paul had to teach the truth; wanted people to know who Jesus is

**O**

- Paul wanted people everywhere to understand who Jesus is

- In some places, people worshiped other gods – Paul had to correct their thinking

- In other places, Paul was chased out of town/treated badly

- Do you think Paul became discouraged? Probably had times where he didn’t understand everything God was doing

- Bible even says Paul had “thorn in the flesh” – some kind of physical problem to deal with

- Prayed it would be taken away three times; God said, “My grace is sufficient for thee: for My strength is made perfect in weakness.”

- Even though Paul had hard times, did not question God’s love for him

## G

- Paul knew God loved him; he relied on God's strength, even when it was hard

- When tempted to get upset/angry, remembered all Jesus had done for him; said "no" to temptation

- God gave Paul victory over sin

### **MT – YOU NEED JESUS' HELP TO HAVE VICTORY OVER SIN**

- Paul lived a life of victory even though he suffered much during his missionary journeys

- Even when Paul ended up in prison, his missionary work did not end

### **FLASHCARD 5-1**

- It was in prison that Paul wrote many letters to churches he started in different cities

- Some letters filled with encouraging words for the believers; others written to tell believers they needed to live a life of victory over sin

- One letter about victory is in our Bible – Ephesians, written to the church in Ephesus

- Paul reminded Christians they were saved by grace through faith; only because of what Jesus did for them

### **FLASHCARD 5-B**

[Extra Visual]

## **P, E**

**Romans 5:6 – “For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.”**

- Paul wrote to the believers in Ephesus, reminding them what Jesus did to save them

- Wanted them to have victory, or be winner, over sin

## **S, PAU**

**Romans 3:23 – “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.”**

1.

2.

3.

- Paul wanted believers to know about victory; gave them a word picture they could understand.

### **FLASHCARD 5-2 & 5-3- fold out or FLASHCARD 5-2- FBI**

- Paul, “Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord. . .”

- Paul wanted them to know how to fight against enemy; Satan always trying to get us to sin

- Used a picture of a soldier putting on his armor for battle

### **USE PIECES FROM 5-4, attaching to 5-2 and 5-3 as you explain each one**

- Paul knew God gives every believer everything needed to fight the enemy

- Told Christians in Ephesus about armor; not real armor, but “pictures” of how to have victory over sin

- Paul, “Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles (tricks) of the devil.”

### **FLASHCARD 5-3- FBI**

- We can handle many problems if we remember to “put on” the armor.

- First piece: **belt of truth**

- Bible times, soldier wrapped belt tightly around shirt; keep it out of the way; also a place for sword and other equipment

- Christian's belt important: knowing the truth of God's Word holds everything else together

- You will hear many untruths in school or from friends; need to know God's Word so you can spot a lie; God never lies

- Next piece: **breastplate of righteousness**

- Roman soldier wore to protect his neck down to waist; protected vital organs

- Christians need to protect their hearts from enemy attack; devil will try to get you to do wrong

- Righteousness means doing the right thing; you and I have choice

- Cannot do the right thing without God's help; we can have victory over sin, but only through the Lord Jesus

### **MT, PAS – YOU NEED JESUS' HELP TO HAVE VICTORY OVER SIN**

1 **Corinthians 15:57 – “But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”**

1.

2.

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### **FLASHCARD 5-4- FBI**

- Next piece goes on the feet: **shoes of the gospel of peace**

- A soldier's shoes helped him walk on rough, uneven ground

- Christian's shoes prepare them to tell the Good News about Jesus wherever they go