



Jehovah-Nissi, The LORD My Banner

MAIN IDEAS

- **God is always victorious.**
- **We are victorious when we trust in God.**

MEMORY VERSE

Now I know that the LORD saves his anointed; he will answer him from his holy heaven with the saving might of his right hand.—Psalm 20:6

SCRIPTURE

- 1) Exodus 17:8-16
- 2) Psalm 20:5-8
- 6) 1 John 4:4b



LESSON SUMMARY

Each of the tribes of Israel had a flag, banner, or ensign to identify the tribe. A banner was also carried at the front of a group of soldiers or warriors.

After crossing the Red Sea, the people of Israel faced an enemy of theirs and an enemy of God—the Amalekites. As long as Moses' arms were lifted up, the Israelites prevailed in battle. Moses' raised arms were a visual picture that victory came from God.

God revealed to Moses one of His glorious names—*Jehovah-Nissi*, The LORD My Banner, which means “The LORD Who Prevails” or “The LORD My Victory.” *Jehovah-Nissi* is a battle term showing victory over our enemies.

For the Christian trusting in Jesus, *Jehovah-Nissi*, victory in the battles of life is assured. Rather than trusting in the horses and chariots of this day, we trust in the name of the LORD—and *Jehovah-Nissi* will “answer from his holy heaven with the saving might of his right hand.” Though victory does not always look the way we expect it to, victory is sure!

Pray that your child would trust Jehovah-Nissi and not depend on his or her own strength. If your child does not know Jesus as Savior, pray that the battle for his or her heart will be decisively won.

AS YOU WALK BY THE WAY

- Talk to your child about the kinds of battles he or she is facing. How can your child trust *Jehovah-Nissi* in these battles?
- Sometimes victory does not come for the Christian because he is fighting battles in his own strength. What does trusting in yourself look like? Some victories don't look like the kind of victory we expect—like when Jesus died on the cross. Sometimes God does not defeat the enemies of our soul by removing difficult situations, but by giving us heart victories in the midst of a difficult situation. Talk about these kinds of victories with your child.

ADDITIONAL FAMILY ACTIVITY

Do you identify yourself to your neighbors as a Christian? What can your family do to make it known that *Jehovah-Nissi* is your God? It may be a garden flag or larger banner outside your home, a decoration on your door, or a picture in your home. Is there something you can do to proclaim your allegiance to Christ in this way? Decide on a project and do it as a family.

ACTION STEP

During the application time, each student was asked to decide on a personal response to what was learned. After recording this step below, discuss how your child can apply this response to his or her life this week.



Applying God's Truth



MEMORIZE

Now I know that the LORD saves his anointed; he will answer him from his holy heaven with the saving might of his right hand.
 —Psalm 20:6

PRAY

- Ask God to help you trust in *Jehovah-Nissi* and not in your own strength.

ASK

- Ask your mom and dad to tell you about a victory they won in the Lord's strength.

CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING

- **Write:** Think of a battle you faced this week. Did you trust in yourself or in *Jehovah-Nissi*? Write about it.

- **Draw:** On a separate sheet of paper, create a banner to identify yourself or your family. Then explain your banner in writing below.
