

# Teaching Kids to Walk in Victory

(One Step at a Time)

## I. Definition

When I am tempted to sin and I trust Christ for His power to say “no” to that temptation—that is victory.<sup>1</sup>

## II. Key scriptures concerning victory

- A. Galatians 2:20
- B. 1 Corinthians 10:13
- C. Philippians 4:13

## III. Basic principles to consider as you teach

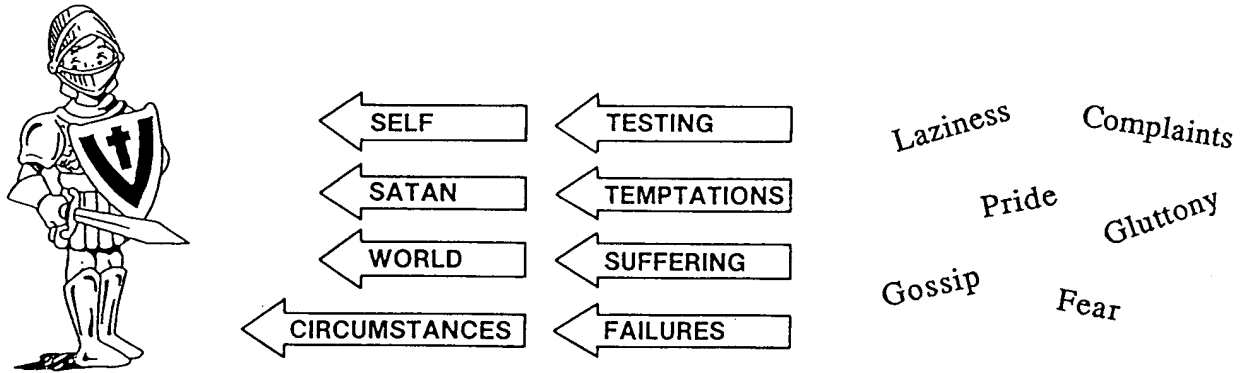
- A. Jesus Christ is our victorious life (John 10:10).
  - 1. He is the only winner over sin.
  - 2. Because Christ was victorious, we do not have to be ruled by sin; we are freed from sin's power (Rom. 6:6-18; 7:25).

Christ died on the cross; He not only took the punishment for the sins of all people, but He arose again—a winner over sin and death.

God wants you and me to reckon ourselves to be dead indeed to sin—count yourself dead to sin [e.g., deceit, selfishness, self-pity, jealousy] (Rom. 6:6, 11-18).
- B. Jesus makes us winners over sin.

We trust Christ to live His life through us, moment by moment.
- C. We need victory because sin breaks our fellowship (friendship) with God.

We struggle with sin in many areas of our lives.



- D. As we choose to follow God’s way, He gives us power to say “no” to Satan.
- E. When we do sin, we must confess it to God (1 John 1:9).  
Remember to thank God for forgiveness.
- F. We will not want to continue to sin.
1. Sin brings sadness.
  2. God will punish us if we continually choose to sin (Hebrews 12:5-7).

#### IV. Teach the steps to victory

1. Realize you cannot be victorious in your own strength—only through Christ who is in you (1 John 4:4; 1 Pet. 5:9; Jude 9).  
**I cannot, but God can,** so I will let Him do it through me.
2. Obey God’s way of resisting the devil (James 4:7) by putting on God’s armor (Eph. 6:10-17) which is believing that Christ who lives in you is your defense.  
**Submit, say “yes” to God.**
3. Use the offensive weapon, the sword of the Spirit (Heb. 4:12). Quote Scripture, “God has said . . .” This is the way Christ defeated Satan (Matt. 4:1-11).  
**Resist, say “no” to Satan,** believing that you have God’s strength through the Word of God and the Holy Spirit in you.
4. Be in prayer (Eph. 8:34) and know that Christ has prayed for you (John 17:15; Luke 22:31, 32; Rom. 8:34). Thank Him for the victory (1 Cor. 15:57).  
**Pray, thank Him** in advance.

## Teaching Aids to Help You Teach Victory to Children

1. Visualized songs (CEF Press®) [cefpres.com](http://cefpres.com)
  - "There is Victory for Me"
  - "Do What's Right"
2. Songbooks and CDs (CEF Press)
  - *Growing Songs for Children 1 and 2*
  - *Kids Sing the Gospel CDs*
  - *Kids Sing the Gospel Classics*
  - *Salvation Songs Favorites*
3. Devotional Guides (CEF Press)
  - *The Wonder Devotional Books*
4. *Children's Ministry Resource Bible* (Thomas Nelson Publishers)
  - Bible lesson outlines
    - "The Fall of Jericho" (Joshua 5:13--6:27)
    - "The Temptation of Jesus" (Matthew 4:1-11)
  - Full-page articles
    - "The Armor of God" (page 1490)
    - "You Can Have Victory Over Sin" (page 1564)
6. Children's Ministries Institute® [cefcmi.com](http://cefcmi.com)
  - Training opportunities

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