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Easter Lesson / April 20, 2025

# Victory Call

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for use as  
**STEP 1** 

**Easter Lesson**

**Focus:**

Jesus rose: We share the victory!

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**Bible Basis:**

1 Corinthians 15:3-7, 51-58

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**Memory Verse:**

But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. —1 Corinthians 15:20

**Students will watch a video about momentous victories to get them prepared to rejoice in the victory they share with Jesus.**

**Materials:**

Internet access

Have arriving students remember a victory they have achieved in their life and invite willing volunteers to share about this victory with the large group once everyone arrives. Some examples might include: Competing in a spelling bee, presenting a project successfully in front of a large audience, winning a sporting event, performing flawlessly in a concert program, etc.

After students are all in place, call on volunteers to share their stories of victory. Be prepared to share your own story.

**When sports teams win a game, they tend to celebrate! This can look like jumping, shouting, or pouring Gatorade over the coach's head.**

**The video clip we're watching today happened in the recent 2024 Summer Olympic Games in Paris, France. This video is a compilation of clips showing different athletes and teams at the moments they realized they won their competitions. Let's take a look.**

Show your students this video [4:31; stop when students start losing interest]:

When they knew: the best medal-winning reactions in Paris | NBC Sports

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lbsQP1knyZ0&pp=ygUfd2lubmVycyByZWVjdGlvbMgMjAyNCBvbHltcGljcw%3D%3D>

**While all these athletes are undoubtedly excited about the great news, they show it in different ways.**

➤ **What did you notice about the way the different athletes celebrated?** (Accept all reasonable answers. Students may mention some athletes seemed emotional, some were shocked, some were overcome with excitement, etc.)

➤ **How do you tend to react when you get exciting and unexpected news?** (Answers will vary; accept all reasonable responses.)

**The Olympic victories were exciting for the individual athletes, teams, and countries who won! Today we're going to talk about a shared victory that affects everyone everywhere—a far greater victory than an Olympic win. Let's see how this applies to us today.**

(Continue on to Steps 2 and 3 in your teacher's guide; your Step 4 appears below.)

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## Easter Lesson

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**In I Corinthians 15:3-7, Paul is encouraging the Corinthian church to live out the fact that Jesus rose: we share the victory! The Corinthian church was following Jesus and Paul wanted to encourage these church members in the truths that they already knew. Jesus rose and that is why, as believers, we can all experience victory in the Christian life.**

**As we saw in the video we watched at the beginning of today's lesson, when sports teams win a game, they celebrate and sometimes take a victory lap. As Christians, Jesus' resurrection from the dead is our victory lap! All credit goes to Jesus Christ in His death and resurrection, yet we get to join in the lap of celebration because we have placed our faith in Him. What a celebratory lap that is!**

Have a short time of prayer requests. If students feel comfortable, have them share something they are struggling with that could be handed over to Jesus so that He can have victory over it. For instance: a relative's illness, stress over tests or projects at school, a sporting event, a non-believing friend's lack of faith, a sick pet, a person who is being bullied, etc.

➤ **How does Jesus have victory over all of these situations?** (Invite students to share. Answers will vary. Help students see that Jesus' resurrection gives us the ability to face adversity head on, with courage, because we know He is victorious.)

Watch the following video together [5:33]:

Victory is Yours (Official Lyric Video) – Bethel Music | VICTORY

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rgTavMhgn00>

Invite your students to think of a personal struggle they are going through. Ask them to think of ways they can “take a victory lap” with Jesus over this situation this week and in the weeks ahead. Examples might be to worship God in song declaring His victory, write a letter to Jesus thanking Him for winning the victory over the situation, pray about the situation thanking Him for having it in His control, draw a poster for their room or locker using symbols that declare Jesus victorious, etc.

If it seems appropriate, pair up your students and invite them to talk with one another over the next week about how Jesus can be trusted to be victorious in whatever situation they are facing. Students can text, call, email, mail, or talk with each other this week to find encouragement in what Jesus has done on their behalf to give them victory in any and every situation. Be sure each student has a partner. If a few seem reluctant to connect with others, take down their contact info and communicate with them yourself some time during the week.

Close in prayer thanking Jesus for what He did for each of us in dying on the cross and in His victorious resurrection. **Jesus rose: we share the victory!**

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