

HOW TO WALK IN VICTORY

Week 1: My Battle

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Let's Play!

Finger War! Take turns pairing off. To battle, both players say "Ready, set...battle!" and show one to five fingers at the same time. The player who shows one more finger than the opponent wins (and one finger beats five!). If players show the same number or are two or more apart, the battle is a draw. Battle until someone wins. Keep track of your score and make sure everyone plays the same number of people to keep it even.

Let's Talk!

If someone wanted to tempt you to stray, what strategy would work best on you?

Let's Read!

Read *Ephesians 6:10-11*

Let's Think!

Our game used luck, but as you played, did you get a feel for each family member's strategy? Did you change your strategy based on what you learned? The Bible says that our enemy "schemes" to lead us astray. We are in a spiritual battle, and the devil wants to see us lose. The armor of God protects us and even helps us fight back! It is important to learn how to use the tools we receive from the Lord.

Let's Do!

Talk about the different pieces of God's armor and what each might represent.

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Let's Play!

Grab a deck of cards and one spoon for every person, less one. Place the spoons in the center in reach of every player. Deal four cards to each person. The goal is to collect four cards of the same value. Roughly divide the remaining cards into draw piles to the left of each player. Playing at the same time, discard up to three cards face down to your right and draw cards from your left up to a hand of four. Once someone gets four matching cards, that person grabs a spoon. (Also, a player who *draws* the "King of Hearts" may grab a spoon. If it was dealt initially, the player must discard it or collect all four kings to grab a spoon.) The other players now grab a spoon—the final person without a spoon is out. Remove a spoon and play again until there is one winner.

Let's Talk!

What is your favorite game? What is your winning strategy?

Let's Read!

Read *Acts 2:21*

Let's Think!

In the rush of the game, did anyone "miss" the King of Hearts? Often in life, we can get so busy just trying to win that we can miss Jesus—the "King of Hearts." He is the secret to "winning" life and getting into heaven.

Let's Do!

Everyone share a favorite thing about Jesus.

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Let's Play!

Everyone think of a number that is less than ten. Concentrate on that number. Now double that number in your mind. Now add six to that number. Flash the new number in your mind several times and then divide it in half. Now, subtract the number you originally chose. Got your new number? On the count of three, everyone hold their number up with their fingers. (Amazing, isn't it?)

Let's Talk!

Do you have a favorite number? If so, what is it and how did it become your favorite?

Let's Read!

Read *1 John 4:4*

Let's Think!

If you did the math right, you should have all had the number three! No one could read your mind, but by following directions, you all ended up in the same place. In life, we all are different, and we all follow different paths. But because we have Jesus, we will all end up in the same place—heaven! We don't have to worry about life's trials, because Jesus has overcome them and He will make everything work out in the end.

Let's Do!

Can you find more math riddles online? God sure has made our world amazing!

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