



# VICTORY!

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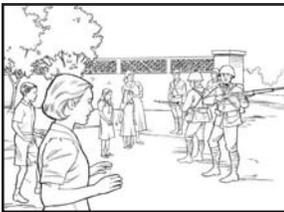
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**Lesson Goal:** To help children see the victory over sin and death found in Jesus Christ alone.

### Memory Verse

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



### Show Illustration #1

“You are now our prisoners,” the Japanese soldier shouted from the school courtyard.

“Tomorrow you will march to camp; tonight you pack one steamer trunk for each person.”

Marjie was only ten but she knew what the Japanese soldier's words meant. She knew what the gun in his hands meant too. She and the rest of the students at the Chefoo Christian boarding school would not be free to leave.

It was 1942. Ever since the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor the year before, there had been a danger the war would come to them. Now it had. How Marjie wished that her parents were there. Her father and mother were missionaries in China. That was where Marjie and her older brother Jim were too, but China is a big country and their parents were over 3,000 miles away from where the school was located.



*Marjie knew that even though she couldn't see her parents, her parents loved her. I want you to know that God loves you too. You may not be able to see*

*God, but He loves you very much and He's shown His love to you in a special way. Keep listening.*

Tears began to well up in Marjie's eyes, but she quickly brushed them away. She wanted to act brave for her brother.

“Come on,” Jim whispered. “We have to get our things.”

Under the careful watch of the Japanese soldiers, they each packed their trunk. Little did they know that everything they put in them would have to last for the next three years!



### Show Illustration #2

The next morning Marjie, Jim and the rest of the students and staff began their journey that would bring them to Weih sien Prisoner of War Camp. Even though they were prisoners, someone began to sing

as they marched and soon everyone joined in. The words were from Psalm 46,

God is our refuge and strength,  
in trouble a very present help.

Therefore; we will not fear,  
the Lord of Hosts is with us,  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.



*Don't you think those Japanese soldiers must have been surprised to hear the prisoners singing? These Christians knew that even though they were in the enemies hands, God would help them. They knew that Jesus Christ had already defeated the enemy*

## GOSPEL POINTS



God's unconditional love



Jesus is the only Perfect Son of God



All have sinned.



Jesus' sacrificial death on the cross



Jesus has risen again!



Will you repent and accept Jesus as Saviour?



Application for the believer

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