

Lesson 143: Jehoshaphat Trusts God for Victory
[2 Chronicles 20:1-30](#)

Youtube Link for Teachers: <https://youtu.be/zlB1-tnhltk>

Children's Bible Story Video: <https://youtu.be/j60VSPUsqZc>

Worship Theme: God helps us in our troubles.

Memory Verse: "My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth."
(Psalm 121:2)

Songs (Youtube links):

1. One Way <https://youtu.be/UB2lpeVHaOM>
2. I Cannot Run Away from the Lord <https://youtu.be/e3O9GqwVGCK>
3. Hosanna in the Highest <https://youtu.be/QWQ47zCVaCw>

Pray

Song: Select songs from the list above.

Icebreaker: Pick Up the Trash!

Materials needed: trash (crumpled papers, empty water bottle, and more), plastic bag



1. Leave trash in various parts of the classroom.
2. Divide the children into 2 groups.
3. Ask each group to send up a representative. Tell the 2 representatives to pick up as much trash as possible with just 1 hand. The child with more trash wins the game.
4. Then, allow the group to send another representative.

Now, 2 people from each group can pick up as much trash as possible with just 1 hand. The group with more trash wins the game.

5. Then, allow another person to join the group to pick up the trash. This time, give them a plastic bag. But they can still only use 1 hand. The group with most trash wins the game. (Tip: Don't tell the children that two people can help hold the bag with their 1 hand and the third person pick up the trash to put in the bag.)
6. After the game, explain to the children that when we need help in life, God always helps us.



Introduction:

What will you do if you hear that a big army is coming to destroy you? Will you hide in your house? Will you run away? Will you ask your parents for help? Today, we will learn about a man who had a big army come to destroy him and his country. Let's find out what he did to overcome his trouble!

Bible Story:

Our Bible story tells us about a man named Jehoshaphat. He was the king of the Kingdom of Judah. Jehoshaphat loved God and helped his people serve God. Then one day, Jehoshaphat found out that a great big army was coming to destroy him. What would you do when you find out that a great big army was coming to destroy you? Although he had a big army, Jehoshaphat did not gather his army for a big battle.

Jehoshaphat knew that God would help him, so he prayed to God. He got all the people to pray, too. All the people fasted. That means they didn't eat. They spent their time praying instead. Then one man of God stood up and said, "Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God's... You will not have to fight this battle. Take up your positions..." (2 Chronicles 20:15, 17a). "Take your positions" means stand in the right place for battle.

Jehoshaphat obeyed. He asked the singers to praise God. Then, instead of fighting Jehoshaphat's army, the enemies started fighting each other! Jehoshaphat's army didn't have to fight at all—just as God said! God saved Jehoshaphat and his people from their troubles!

In the same way, God always wants to help us when we are in trouble. God cares about each problem we have. God cares when we're frightened, and he offers comfort. God cares when we're confused, and he offers wisdom and discernment. No matter how big or how small our troubles, we can be confident that God not only cares but will offer just the right kind of help to get us through it. We have an awesome God who always helps us!

Questions to discuss:

1. What is the name of the King of Judah in today's bible story? (Jehoshaphat)
2. What did he do when he heard that a great big army was coming to destroy Judah? (He prayed to God for help)
3. How did God help Jehoshaphat win the battle when he obeyed God? (The enemies fought each other instead of Jehoshaphat's army)
4. What can you do when you have problems or troubles? (You can ask God for help)

Game: "God Helps Us"



1. Select 2 children who will be the "Trouble" and the "Helper."
2. The rest of the children must run away from the "Trouble," and "Trouble" must try to tag the children.
3. When "Trouble" tags the children, they have to freeze. Then they can ask the "Helper" to come and tag them to unfreeze them.
4. The "Helper" must run around to find the ones who are frozen and tag them to unfreeze them.
5. After about 5 minutes of playing the game, select 2 more children to be "Helpers." This way, no matter how hard "Trouble" works to freeze the children, there will be more "Helper" to unfreeze them.
6. After the game, explain to the children that no matter how big the trouble seem, God is bigger and always helps us with our problems.

Memory Verse:

"My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth." (Psalm 121:2)

Craft: "Jehoshaphat Trusts God for Victory" - Coloring Page

Song: Select songs from the list above

Pray

Teacher's Devotion (Please read before you get ready to teach the students.)

We who follow Christ are citizens of his amazing kingdom. When we face difficult battles, Jesus is beside us. He gives us wisdom—and a strategy that eventually leads to victory and peace. Reread Jehoshaphat's prayer in verses 6-12. Notice that he declares the power of God, remembers the works of God, and acknowledges his dependence upon God. Consider the battles in your own life, and write a similar prayer of praise and petition to God.

Jehoshaphat Trusts God for Victory



Memory Verse: _____
