

“Life Lab” - LESSON 3

“Shout”

Main Focus:

We shout because God has won the victory!



Power Verse:

“...With my whole being, body and soul, I will shout joyfully to the living God.”

- Psalm 84:2



Whatchagaddaknow:

“God’s Won The Victory. It’s Time To SHOUT!”

LEADER’S INFO

We are often faced with difficult and impossible circumstances. Sometimes the enemy, Satan, tries to trick us and make us feel discouraged when we’re faced with those tough times. Sometimes he will try to make us think God isn’t able to or doesn’t want to help us out.

But as Christians, we know that God has already won the victory and defeated the devil, so we shouldn’t be discouraged and afraid of what will happen when we’re faced with tough times. Instead, we should celebrate what we know God is capable of and desires to do to help us. We must SHOUT about the victory we know we can have with God on our side.

When we remember that God sent His Son, Jesus, to defeat the devil and win the ultimate victory, that should cause us to SHOUT for victory!



“The Spark” Intro Video

“Let Me Hear Ya!”



“Whatchagaddaknow” Video

Cali from the Valley teaches “Whatchagaddaknow”



Character Skit

“Beaker”



Offering Time



Game Time!

“Simon Says”



Bible Story

“Joshua & The Battle Of Jericho”



Power Verse Video

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Call To Action

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Rewind!

Review Game



Small Group Experience

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Lesson 3 Materials Needed:

“The Spark” Intro Video

- “Lesson 3 - The Spark” Intro Video

“Whatchagaddaknow” Video

- “Whatchagaddaknow - Lesson 3 - Teaching” Video
- “Whatchagaddaknow - Lesson 3 - Trigger” Video

Character Skit

- “Beaker” Theme Graphic/Music

Offering Time

- “Offering Time” Bumper Video

Game Time!

- “Game Time!” Bumper Video
- “Simon Says” Graphic

Bible Story

- “Lesson 3 - Bible Story” Graphics

Power Verse Video

- “Lesson 3 - Power Verse” Video

Call To Action

- “Lesson 3 - Call To Action” Graphics
- Picture Representing Sports Fans
- One Empty 20 Oz Plastic Soda Bottle
- A Tray
- 1/2 Cup Hydrogen Peroxide (3% Is Best)
- A Few Drops Of Dish Soap
- Food Coloring (Optional)
- One Packet Of Dry Yeast
- Three Tbsps Of Warm Water
- Funnel
- Safety Goggles

Rewind!

- “REWIND!” Bumper Video
- “REWIND!” Lesson 3 Graphics

Small Group Experience

- Bible Story Print Piece
- Various Craft Supplies

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Introduction to “The Spark” Intro Video

Leader: Hey, kids! Today, we are continuing our series called “Life Lab.” We are learning the essential elements of a healthy Christian life.

Okay, I’ve got a very important question for you: If you stub your toe on the corner of the couch, what’s the **FIRST** thing that usually comes out of your mouth? *(Pause for kids’ answers—some will say “OUCH!” or something funny.)*

Exactly! When something happens, we all shout something. Sometimes it’s ‘OUCH!’...sometimes it’s ‘MOM!’...and sometimes it’s just a really weird noise nobody’s ever heard before. But did you know shouting isn’t always about pain or a surprise? Today, our LIFE LAB lesson, we’re going to learn that the SHOUT is one of the most important essential elements of a healthy Christian life.

But first, check this video out...

(play “The Spark - Intro Video Lesson 3”)

Leader: God has done and will do great things in our life. When we face a battle in this life, we don’t need to wait until after the victory...we need to SHOUT before the victory even comes!

Today, we’re going to discover why sometimes the best thing you can do—even before you see the victory—is lift up a shout to God. So grab your goggles, stretch out those vocal cords, and get ready... because we are going to learn all about this in LIFE LAB!

But, before we do that, we need to find out “Whatchagaddaknow.”

(play “Whatchagaddaknow” Teaching Video)



CHARACTER SKIT

Character: “Beaker” (His full name is Eugene Buttonsworth III; He is the “Custodial Engineer” at Life Lab, dresses like a janitor, wears rubber gloves, and pushes a mop bucket around which he refers to as “Professor Sloshton”)

Beaker: (Enters excitedly) Well, tickle my toes and call me a tater tot! What’s happening in here, my fine friends?

Leader: Hello, Beaker! We’re learning about the victory God has already won for us!

Beaker: (Puzzled) Victory? Like when you get the last cookie? What a moment!

Leader: (Chuckling) Not quite! We’re talking about how God wins battles for us, like in the story of Joshua and the Battle of Jericho!

Beaker: (Eyes widening) Oh! That’s the one with the walls and the trumpet blowing and the marching! They made a lot of noise, didn’t they?

Leader: Yes! They shouted and made the walls of the city fall down!

Beaker: (Nodding) Yep! I know that story. They were so excited that all their marching won the battle, they shouted thanks to God!

Leader: Wait, that’s not what happened. I said their SHOUT is what made the walls fall down, not their marching!

Beaker: So you’re saying they shouted before the walls fell, and they won the battle? Why would they do that?

Leader: Because they knew God was with them and He was all they needed to win the battle! After all, God had already won the battle over their enemies. They could have confidence that He would help them win because the winner of the battle was already decided!

Beaker: Well, it’s easy to celebrate when you know the outcome. If I knew I was always going to win, I would never stop shouting! But sometimes, life feels like Professor Sloshton fell over and covered me in dirty mop water. How am I supposed to shout when I’m all soggy and sad?

Leader: Well, you remember that God is always in control! He is bigger and stronger than ANY battle we could face – not just the walls of Jericho!

Beaker: (Scratching his head) But what if I can’t see the victory? How can I really be excited if nothing has happened yet? The Israelites had to become tired of marching with no results.

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CHARACTER SKIT

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Leader: I'm sure they did! But even when they were tired, they had faith! They trusted that God was going to get them through the battle even when they couldn't see the victory yet!

Beaker: But what if my battle is too big? I mean, sometimes my problems feel too big to handle, especially just with my voice. Can I really believe God has already won those, too?

Leader: Of course! Just remember, you know who God is! You know that He was strong enough to handle the Israelites' problem at Jericho, so you can trust that He is strong enough to handle your problems, too! His strength and power never change!

Beaker: You're right. If He could bring down the walls of a whole city, He can help me!

Leader: *(Smiling)* Exactly! Now, do you think we should practice our victory shouts?

Beaker: *(Perks up)* Ooh! This is gonna be fun! *(Mimicking a trumpet)* Toot-toot! Get ready for victory!

Leader: *(Enthusiastically)* Let's all shout together! On the count of three, we'll shout, "God has won the victory!"
(To the kids) Is everyone ready?

Beaker: Ready! One, two, three!

Both: *(Shouting)* God has won the victory!

Beaker: *(Beaming)* That was awesome! I'm gonna shout from the rooftops! Or maybe just from behind Professor Sloshton... It's less scary down here! I am really afraid of heights.

Leader: That's alright, Beaker. Just remember that you shouldn't wait until you see the victory to shout! Show your faith, and shout BEFORE you see things change!

Beaker: That's right! My name is Beaker! Remember, you don't need a clean floor to hear from God—but it sure helps!

(EXITS WHILE THEME MUSIC PLAYS)



GAME TIME

“Simon Says”

Items Needed For Game:

None

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Preparation:

Either play the game with the entire group OR choose an equal number of boys and girls to compete in this game.

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How To Play:

This is the classic game of “Simon Says.” Instruct the children to listen closely to what you say. When you say, “Simon says...” before any instruction, they are to obey that instruction. However, if you give an instruction without saying, “Simon says...,” they are NOT to obey that instruction. Those that obey the instruction when you did not say, “Simon says...” are out of the game. The last child left in the game is declared the winner.



Bible Story

“Joshua & The Battle Of Jericho”

Materials Needed:

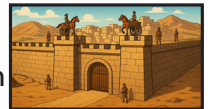
The graphic slides for Lesson 3; begin with the slide that says “Bible Story”; follow the instructions below, changing the slides to follow along with the story (*as shown*)

Preparation:

Familiarize yourself with the description of events in Joshua 6; have your open Bible as you tell the story

The Story:

In today’s Bible Story, we learn about a man named Joshua. He had just received instructions from God about how to destroy the great city of Jericho. (*Show pic*) Jericho was a city that was protected with a massive wall all the way around it, and God wanted Joshua and the army of Israel to destroy it.



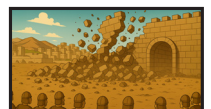
God gave Joshua some pretty wild instructions! God told him, “March around the city once with all the armed men. Do this for six days. Have seven priests carry trumpets of rams’ horns in front of the ark. On the seventh day, march around the city seven times, with the priests blowing the trumpets. When you hear them sound a long blast on the trumpets, have all the people give a loud shout; then the wall of the city will collapse and the people will go up, every man straight in.”



Joshua trusted God, and he passed on the instructions to the army of Israel. (*Show pic*) Joshua commanded the priests to take the Ark of the Covenant in front, and the army marched with them—not saying a word. They circled the city once per day for six straight days. Can you imagine what the people in Jericho must have been thinking? They had to be expecting a full blown attack. Instead, they got a bunch of people marching around the walls once a day, and then going back home. That’s what happened—until the seventh day.



On the seventh day, the armies began to march around the city just as they had done for the past six days. All the while, they didn’t say a single word—not even a peep. They marched and marched and marched until they had circled the city seven full times. (*Show pic*) Then, when they had marched around the seventh time, the priests blew a long blast on their trumpets, and Joshua commanded the entire Israelite army, “SHOUT! For the Lord has given you the city!”



(*Show pic*) As they shouted, the walls of the city began to shake, and they crumbled to the ground. The Israelites charged into the city and conquered their enemies. God helped them win an EXTREME victory that day! And did you hear that? Before God had actually given them the city, Joshua told the Israelite army, “SHOUT! For the Lord has given you the city!” Joshua knew that God would give them the victory!

And that’s true for us too! When we face challenges in life, we can know that God has already won the victory - by sending his Son, Jesus, to defeat the devil once and for all. Today, in your lesson, you will learn that you can



Call To Action “Shout”

Materials Needed:

The “Lesson 3 - Call To Action” graphics; picture representing sports fans; 1 empty 20 oz plastic soda bottle (set inside a tray to catch mess); ½ cup hydrogen peroxide (3% is best because Hydrogen Peroxide is a strong oxidizer. Google it and be aware of the dangers); A few drops of dish soap; Food coloring (optional, for visual effect); 1 packet of dry yeast mixed with 3 tablespoons of warm water; Funnel; safety goggles

Preparation:

Begin with the slide titled, “Lesson 3 - Call To Action - Title”; Place the bottle in a tray.; Pour hydrogen peroxide into the bottle; Add a squirt of dish soap and food coloring; Mix the yeast and warm water in a separate cup (this is your catalyst).

The Message: (title slide)



Have you ever been to a sports event or watched one on tv? Maybe a football game, basketball game, baseball game, or maybe a soccer game? Have you ever noticed - people get really excited about those games (show pic)! Whether they’re watching them in the stadium or at the field or they’re watching them at their house on tv, they’re excitement is the same - they are ALWAYS over-the-top excited for their team! When the team they’re rooting for gets a touchdown, makes a goal, hits a homerun, or scores a point, they celebrate by shouting!

That’s our natural response when something exciting happens. That’s our natural response to victory - we shout! But can you imagine if the fans started shouting for victory, celebrating a goal or score before it even happened? (allow response) Nope! Not at all! That wouldn’t make any sense at all. We wouldn’t celebrate a score for our team by shouting for victory before they scored because - what if they didn’t actually score? That would be super discouraging if we celebrated and then were let down. However, that is exactly what we’re supposed to do in life...

Shout BEFORE You See The Victory (slide)



As crazy as that sounds, that’s exactly what Joshua and the Israelite army did at Jericho. Remember? They had marched around the wall for the seventh time, the priests blew a long blast on their trumpets, and then Joshua commanded the entire Israelite army, “SHOUT! For the Lord has given you the city!”

Joshua had tons of faith in God! He knew that God is a faithful and mighty God. Joshua didn’t doubt God not even one little bit! And you should do the same thing - never doubt God. When you’re facing tough circumstances, trust that God will get you out of them. Shout BEFORE you see the victory!

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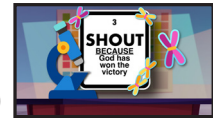


Call To Action *(Continued)*

When Joshua told the Israelites to shout *before* the walls fell, it looked impossible. But their obedience and faith released God’s power in a way they couldn’t have imagined. (*Hold up the bottle with the pre-mixed liquid in it.*) Right now, this bottle looks calm and still - just like the walls of Jericho standing tall. Nothing seems to be happening. But when it’s time to SHOUT in faith, everything changes. Everybody shout on the count of three. 1-2-3! (*As the kids SHOUT, pour in the yeast mixture — the foam erupts dramatically.*)

WOW! Did you see that? That eruption didn’t happen until the moment of action. That’s what our SHOUT of faith does. We don’t wait until everything’s perfect. We shout BEFORE we see the answer, and...

Shout BECAUSE God Has Won The Victory *(slide)*



Since the beginning of time, the devil has been working hard to try to trick God’s people into sin. He’s been trying since you were born to trick YOU! He wants you to forget what God has done for you. He wants you to mess up and sin. He wants you to get discouraged and depressed. He wants you to stop following Jesus and do evil instead. The devil is fighting hard, but we have to remember that no matter how hard the devil tries to fight against God’s plans, God has already won the victory!

God sent His Son, Jesus, to save the world from sin and win the final and ultimate battle with the devil. Jesus’ death on the Cross and raising from the dead three days later - that was the ultimate victory! Because of that victory, we can know for sure that God will help us get through our tough times and difficult circumstances. God has already won the victory!

When Jesus defeated the devil, winning the ultimate victory, He gave us the power to defeat the devil too! Whenever the devil tries to trick us into sinning, feeling discouraged, or like we aren’t going to make it - we can say to him, “Devil, I belong to Jesus, and Jesus has already won the victory! Devil, you have already been defeated, so get outta here in Jesus’ name!” Then guess what? The devil has to leave you alone! He can’t stay and bother you anymore. With Jesus, you can kick the devil to the curb!

And THAT is a great reason to SHOUT! When we’re with God, we have the victory! We can always trust that God will take care of us and help us in our tough times. We have the victory, so we should SHOUT about it!

Altar Response: *(play soft music)*

Pray that the children will be bold and courageous when faced with tough circumstances. Pray that they will shout even before they see the victory because they have faith and know that God has already won the victory and the devil has been defeated.



Materials Needed:

“REWIND!” Lesson 3 Graphics; “REWIND!” Bumper Video

Preparation:

Play the “REWIND!” Bumper Video; Begin with the slide titled “REWIND!”; there is a slide for each question

1. Whatchagaddaknow today?

Answer: “God’s Won The Victory. It’s Time To SHOUT!”

2. What is the “essential element” we are learning about today?

Answer: Shout

3. Who was the leader of the Israelite Army?

Answer: Joshua

4. What city did God tell Joshua to destroy?

Answer: Jericho

5. How many times did Joshua and the army march around the walls on the last day?

Answer: Seven

6. According to our lesson today, “Shout _____ You See The Victory.”

Answer: BEFORE

7. According to our lesson today, “Shout BECAUSE God Has Won The _____.”

Answer: Victory

8. True or False: God has already defeated the devil.

Answer: True

9. True or False: The Israelite army shouted, but the walls did not fall down.

Answer: False

10. Where was our Power Verse found?

Answer: Psalm 84:2