

STORY BOOK LESSON 5 TEXT

YOUR POWER IN JESUS

Story Lesson 5

*Jesus told you to pray and say,
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the Evil One.*

*Let's see why Jesus wants you to pray not to be tempted.
And to save you from the evil one!*

When you chose to believe Jesus, Father made you new in your spirit. But guess what did not become new? The way you think and the words you say did not become new.

When God made the heavens and earth He spoke good words that gave everything life. Father made you to be like Him. So God put spirit power in every word you speak. Your good words are filled with life. But your bad words are filled with death.

Whenever you say words that God has said, you are speaking God's good words. God's words send out the good power of life, and God's words make good things happen.

But when you say words that God did not say, those are the words filled with the power of death. Those are words that the devil likes. Whenever the devil hears words that are NOT what God has said, he can use the power in those words to cause the bad and evil thing to happen.

This is how the power in your words works. Has anyone ever said something mean or bad about you? How did it make you feel? It does not feel good when mean words are said about you. Do you remember what Jesus said to do when people listen to the devil, and say bad things?

Jesus told you to pray for them. Has anyone ever said something good about you? How did the good words make you feel? Good words make you feel good inside. The power in the good words makes life come inside of you.

God gave you the power to choose the words you say. You can say words that help others. Or you could say words that hurt others.

Father wants you to know why you should use your power to THINK and SAY good words. Satan, the devil is the evil one. The battle on earth is with him and his demons. He does not fight you by hitting or pushing you. The fight with him and his demons is spiritual. Spirit things are things you cannot see. The devil tries to get you to THINK bad thoughts so he can begin to trick you! But you must remember Jesus has already won. And you have the super power of Holy Spirit inside of you that is BIGGER and GREATER than all the power of the evil one!

Listen closely so you will know HOW the enemy fights and Holy Spirit can help you beat him every time.

First, the devil tries to get you to THINK a bad thought. If he can get you to think the bad thing, next he tries to get you to SAY WORDS about the bad thought. He knows that he can lead you to death with words that go against God's Words.

Finally he wants you to think it is alright to do the bad thing!

Jesus called the devil a thief who comes to steal, kill and destroy you. The thief wants to steal God's Word so you will choose to say bad things that God did not say. Now you can see how the evil one tries to trick you. He brings a bad thought and tells lies for you to think about, just like he told Adam and Eve.

But Father has put awesome life and power in His Words. And when you, as God's ambassador, say the same words that God has said, Holy Spirit makes God's Words come out of your mouth like a spirit sword.

God's Word is like a sword with two sides. This is how your sword works when you say God's good Words. One side of the sword cuts holes into the evil one and makes him run away from you fast. The other side of the sword makes you stronger because the good Words of God that you said made the power of life come inside of you!

Did you know that you can make bad thoughts leave? Father gave you power to think about whatever YOU CHOOSE to think about! You could choose to think about a little blue monkey holding a yellow banana. The monkey has a long tail. He grabs the branch with his hand and swings from tree to tree. He makes monkey sounds. Can you make a sound like a monkey?

The monkey is so funny. You can see the monkey in your mind when you choose to think about it. But you did not have to think about the monkey if you did not want to.

Do you understand? You can change whatever you are thinking to a different thought just by choosing to think of something different.

The devil can't make you think bad thoughts. You know his tricks, and he can't lie to you!

Did you know that Jesus had another secret weapon that he used on earth? Jesus used the weapon of prayer! Prayer is talking and being with God. Jesus gave you, God's child and ambassador, a doorway to come into Father's GREAT throne room any time you choose.

To enter God's throne room, go to a private place to be alone. Then think about how very good God is, and how much He loves you. Think about how Father always wants to help you. Then open your mouth and say words of thanks and praise to God your Father. You could choose to pray in God's language of tongues and Holy Spirit will help you. Say words that you really mean from your heart.

You can sing Him a song you know, or sing Him a new song that you made up. When you thank and praise God from your heart, the Spirit of Jesus leads you to Father's throne. You can climb up on Father's lap, love Him, and talk with Him. Father and Jesus are waiting for you.

You must remember and know that Jesus has already saved you from all the powers of the evil one. Jesus has given you weapons to use on earth to make you dangerous to the enemy. Jesus is the door for God's children and ambassadors to go to their Father's throne room and pray. Prayer is your secret weapon!

Your greatest power is Holy Spirit in you. For it is Holy Spirit that puts power in the sword of God's Word for you whenever you say what God says.

Here's your homework:

**Keep learning what God says,
then say what God has said,
just like Jesus!**

PARENT LETTER 5

Dear Parents,

Please review with your child Lesson 5 entitled "Your Power in Jesus." In it we showed your child the power that Father has given them in Jesus. We want your child/ren to know that the truth of God's Word is found in the Holy Bible. Please encourage your child to read the Bible (on their age level), or if they cannot read, for someone to read to them.

Today our lesson showed your child their power to choose to change a bad thought to good. (2nd Corinthians 10:3-5) We practiced changing a thought from one thing to another. The purpose was to show the children that they could control and change what they thought about by thinking of something else. This lesson also includes an exercise entitled "Truth or Lie." The purpose of the exercise is to help your child begin to recognize the truth of what their heavenly Father and Jesus has said about them, versus a lie of the enemy. (John 8:44) Please continue to help your child understand that some things that people say about them may not be true, but God's Word is true; and to always compare what others say to what God has said.

Your child also heard about the power that God has given them to choose to pray. (Matthew 6:5-13) The children heard some of the ways to enter the presence of heavenly Father in His throne room to get His help, and to pray in tongues. (Hebrews 4:16; Romans 8:26-30; I Corinthians 14:2; Jude 1:20) Please pray with them and remind him/her to pray every day and talk to heavenly Father.

Parents, we encourage you to make time daily to talk with your child about the things that concern him or her in their life by asking them relevant questions about their day and give Godly guidance. Pray with your child about their concerns, and remember to thank heavenly Father with them for the good things that He has done!

Sincerely in Christ,

Your Child's Teacher

FOLLOW UP ACTIVITY

Learning God's Word

Objectives to be Understood:

- 1) learn to think new like heavenly Father and Jesus by understanding God's Word, and
- 2) have fun learning God's Word.

Materials: Paper; Writing instrument, such as pencil, markers, pen; tape

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Choose a scripture weekly (or more often as your family masters it).
2. Write the scripture out, and post it where your child and family members can see and read it.
3. Choose a specific time for the family to read or recite it by memory, such as before a meal. (Keep the atmosphere light so everyone wants to learn)
4. Engage in conversation to talk about the scripture and what it means during the meal. Here are a few examples to get you started with their personalized meanings in parenthesis:
 - *Galatians 3:26 - You are all children of God by believing in Christ Jesus. (I am God's child because I believe Jesus!)*
 - *John 15:12- (Jesus said) Here is my command, Love each other, just as I have loved you. (Jesus loves me, and I love him, and others!)*
 - *John 15:14 - (Jesus said) You are my friends if you do what I command. (I am a friend of Jesus because I obey Jesus!)*
 - *I Corinthians 3:16 - Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple? God's Spirit lives in you. (I am God's temple, and God's Holy Spirit lives in me!)*
 - *Hebrews 4:16- So let us boldly approach the throne of grace. Then we will receive mercy. We will find grace to help us when we need it. (I can come boldly to God's throne and obtain help when I need it!)*
 - *Colossians 2:10 - Because you belong to Christ, you have everything you need. He is the ruler over every power and authority. (I am complete in Christ Jesus!)*

God bless you and your family! Continue to learn God's Word, understand it, pray, and trust your heavenly Father and Jesus to perform it. (Isaiah 55:11)

FOLLOW UP ACTIVITY

THE THRONE ROOM

Objectives to be Understood: For children to know: because of Jesus, you can confidently approach and pray to Father at His throne from which He gives mercy and grace to help you in time of need.

Materials: CD Player; CD of soft worship music

Parent/Teacher Script:

Father loves you so much that when Jesus returned to heaven Father made Jesus your High Priest. As your High Priest, Jesus speaks to Father to help you with things that you are to do on earth as a son or daughter of God. Jesus understands the things that you go through because He came to earth and was born as a baby and grew from a child to a man. Jesus has given you the right to come into Father's Throne Room anytime. In Father's Throne Room, He has a spiritual thing to give you called grace. Grace is God's favor on you. You are His favorite. He made no one else exactly like you. And He chose and picked you out to do a special work for Him on earth. This grace that God gives you is His heavenly power upon your heart that helps you to do all things in His image like Jesus. When you go in the throne room you can climb up on heavenly Father's lap and just love Him. Does anyone want to go into the throne room of Father? *[Listen to Responses] [Put on soft worship music, if available]*

With a pure heart, let's go to the throne and see our Father!

You can close your eyes.

Think about Father and His love.

See Him in your mind.

Now talk softly to Him, or sing to Him.

Tell Him how good He is.

Tell Him what is in your heart.

Thank Him!

Be quiet and listen to what He says to you inside of your heart.

Receive His grace.

You are His child.

Pray. Talk to your Father now!

He's listening.

Remember to Thank Him.

Scriptures:

Hebrews 4:14-16; Hebrews 5:5-6; Ephesians 1:4-5; Matthew 5:8; I Thessalonians 5:17-18; I John 5:14-15;
John 14:12-14 Hebrews 4:15-16

FOLLOW UP ACTIVITY

THE POWER OF YOUR WORDS

Objectives to be Understood: For children to know: that their Words contain the power of death and life in them.

Materials: Follow up Activity from Lesson 2 entitled “Tell Me Something Good.”

Parent/Teacher Script:

Did you know your words have power?

Your words can cause people to do something or not do something. Your words can cause people to think something or not think something.

Let's play Red Light, Green Light.

The rules are:

- Choose someone as caller – to call out red light, green light or yellow light.
- All players [except caller] line up next to each other [such as next to a wall].
- The goal is to get to the “goal spot” [a place you pick, such as a wall on opposite side of room, or a certain tree, fence, etc.]
- When the caller says red light--all players freeze and stop. When the caller says yellow light—all players freeze and stop. But when the caller says green light—you can walk fast toward the goal spot, but you must stop when the caller says red or yellow light. The first one to get to the “goal spot” wins.

(Play Game)

(After the Game, say Parent/Teacher Script)

Parent/Teacher Script:

Every time you heard words spoken that told you what to do, you mostly did it. When you heard, Red Light, you stopped. When you heard, yellow light, you stopped. But when you heard Green Light, you walked fast or you ran.

Your words tell people what you want them to do and what you don't want them to do. God said that the power of death and life are in your tongue. What do you think that means? *(Listen to Responses)*

Parent/Teacher Script:

When you say words that are mean and not kind, those words can go into a person's heart and make them think bad things about themselves or others.

The devil loves it when anyone says bad things about someone because he can take the power in those mean words and add a lie to it to try to get the person to believe the lie.

When someone believes a lie that someone said about them or that the devil has whispered to their mind, it causes bad and ugly things to grow in their heart. When those bad things get in your heart, you make bad choices which can cause death.

God has said good things about His children! When you say God's good words, those words go into the heart and cause life to grow.

Would you rather hear someone say good things or bad things about you? *(Listen to Responses)*

We want to hear the good about ourselves. Do you understand? *(Listen to Responses)*

Death and life are in the power of the tongue. You can hurt people with the bad things you say. Or you can help people heal and get better with the good things you say.

Let's practice saying good things to others.

Play: "Tell Me Something Good" game. (See Lesson 2 Follow Up Activity)

Scriptures:

Proverbs 18:21; Proverbs 12:18; Psalm 39:1; Proverbs 15:4; Proverbs 21:23; James 3:5

FOLLOW UP ACTIVITY

WHAT DID GOD SAY? LESSON 5

Objectives to be Understood: For children to know:

- 1) God made you to be like Him
- 2) God's Word is alive and true
- 3) God's Word is like a sword
- 4) God's Word has the power of life in it, and
- 5) to say what God has said.

ACTIVITY: Children will write in their books the Scriptures/Words God Said.

IMPORTANT NOTE: This activity is included in each of our 6 lessons with a different scripture in each lesson for children to receive into their hearts.

MATERIALS: Pencils; Markers; Stapler; Pre-made book template or purchased notebooks (see Preparation below)

Preparation: To MAKE A BOOK

Pre-make book templates for each child by folding two sheets of paper in half and stapling [two staples on the folded side so pages open like a book]; OR purchase lined notebooks.

Write out and post [where children can easily see] the following scripture:

***DEATH AND LIFE ARE IN THE POWER OF
THE TONGUE; AND THOSE WHO LOVE IT
WILL EAT ITS FRUIT***

Proverbs 18:21

WHAT DID GOD SAY? LESSON 5

REVIEW:

Parent/Teacher Script: What does the power in God's Word do? *(Listen to responses)*

The POWER in God's Words is sharp and cuts like a big SWORD. God's Word changes things to life and good when you believe Him.

Did you know that God gave you power in the Words you speak also? *(Listen to responses)*

God put power in your tongue for you to speak Words that give life like He does.

The Bible has stories about God, and His power and how people who believed God used their power for good. The Bible tells you many things about God and yourself to help you to choose to live the way God planned for you.

TO KNOW GOD'S WORD

First, you must LET YOUR EARS HEAR GOD'S WORD AND BELIEVE IT.
Second, LET YOUR MOUTH SAY THE WORDS THAT GOD HAS SAID.
Third, Tell your mind to THINK ABOUT WHAT GOD HAS SAID.
When you think about what God has said, HIS WORD GOES INSIDE YOUR HEART. And your heart will help you love like God.

If you would like God, your heavenly Father to help you to know Him and the Words He has said, you can pray and say these words after me, or you can pray to God in your own words. Ready. Let's pray!

PRAYER

Father,

(Pause for Children to Repeat)

I want to know You

(Pause)

Will you help me?

(Pause)

I want to hear and believe You

(Pause)

Will You teach me to say

(Pause)

what You have said every day?

(Pause)

Thank You Father!

(Pause)

Will you help me

(Pause)

to think about Your Word?

(Pause)

Thank You Father!

(Pause)

Will You let Your Word

(Pause)

change my heart

(Pause)

so I will love like You?

(Pause)

Thank You for hearing me

(Pause)

and answering my prayer!

(Pause)

I love You!

(Pause)

Amen.

WHAT DID GOD SAY? LESSON 5

LEARNING SCRIPTURES FOR OUR BOOKS

PARENT/TEACHER SCRIPT: Does anyone have something good to tell us that God did for you from His Word? *(Listen to the testimonies of the children)*

We are going to add a new scripture to our What Did God Say books?

(Show children the Lesson 5 Scripture and let children know these are some Words God said.)

Our new scripture is in the Bible book of Proverbs 18:21. It says **Death and Life are in the power of the tongue and those who love it will eat its fruit.**

What do you think God meant when He said, Death and Life are in the power of the tongue and those who love it will eat its fruit? *(Listen to Responses)*

Do you know why God put power in your tongue and the words you speak? *(Listen to Responses)*
He made us to be like Him. When Father created the earth, He put everything on it to make it ready for His children. Father made us to be His family so that we would rule and make the whole earth good. He planned for His children to speak words that bring life. And that life would be all over the earth. So each person has the power that God gave them to speak things that are good and bring life, or things that are evil and bring death.

Why do you think the devil has power on the earth? *(Listen to Responses)*

He gets power from bad and evil words spoken by people who don't understand that their evil words carry death in them. Many people wonder why their life is terrible when they speak words that go against God's good words.

This is why God told us that He made us with the power of death and life in our tongue and the words that we speak. And whatever words you are saying you will eat the fruit of the words you love to say. The fruit from the good words will bring life to you and others, but the fruit from the bad words spoken will bring death.

Let's say it boldly together: **Death and life** [pause] **are in the power of the tongue;** [pause] **and those who love it** [pause] **will eat its fruit.** Let's say it again. *[Repeat]*

Have you ever had someone to tell you they love you? *[Listen to responses]*

Your Father in heaven loves you with a love that is not like the love on earth.

What is the name of the love that Father loves you with? *[Listen to responses]*

His love is called agape love. Agape love is a heavenly amazing love.

Repeat after me! **God loves me** [pause] **and His Word tells me** [pause] **to say good things** [pause] **and speak life,** [pause] **like Father and Jesus.**

Ask children to take out their books. (CHILDREN WHO DID NOT BRING THEIR NOTE BOOKS, let them write their scripture on paper. Tell them to put it in their book when they get home.) (Provide notebooks for new children or make new book templates for this lesson.)

Write God's Words in your book.

You can read your book out loud and everyday declare or say God's Words so your ears can Hear His Words!

Every day pay attention and watch God do what He said because you believed Him, and you said what He said.

When you see that God has done what He said, write or draw a picture in your book about the good things God did for you.

And come tell us about it.

Let's Sing these Words God Said: (Sing to the tune of "If you're happy and you know it")

Death and life are in the power of the tongue.

Death and life are in the power of the tongue.

Death and life are in the power

Death and life are in the power

Death and life are in the power of the tongue.

(DECLARE!) And you'll eat its fruit!

[Repeat Several Times]

SONG: GOD LOVES ME!

(Sung to the tune of Barney Song) (Do motions to Song)

YOU LOVE ME!

[Point upward, then to self]

I LOVE YOU!

[Point to self and upward]

YOU MAKE MY HEART GO PITTER-PAT!

[Point up, touch heart, Clap hands as you say pitter-pat]

YOU LOVED ME FIRST

[Point upward, then to self]

AND I LOVE YOU BACK!

[Kiss your hands and blow kisses up to Father]

YOU MAKE MY HEART GO PITTER-PAT!

[Point up, touch your heart, then clap hands as you say pitter-pat]

I LOVE YOU FATHER!

[Lift both hands up and SHOUT]

Scriptures:

*Proverbs 18:21; Proverbs 17:27-28; Matthew 15:11; Matthew 15:17-20;
Ezekiel 37:1-10*

FOLLOW UP ACTIVITY

HOW TO CHANGE YOUR THOUGHTS

Objectives To Be Understood: You have the power to change your thoughts from bad to good; God's living Word has life and light in it and will remove the darkness of any lie or bad thought.

Materials: Bible

Parent/Teacher Script:

God told us to "take every thought captive and make it obey the Messiah." The Messiah is Jesus. What do you think God means when He said to take every thought you have captive, and make it obey our Messiah Jesus? *[Listen to Responses]*

God is good and does everything right. Father does not tell you to do something that He has not given you the power and ability to do. God has given you the power over your mind and your thoughts. You have the power to change what you are thinking about from one thought to another. You can change a bad thought to something good.

One way to change something you don't want to think about is to sing a song out loud, or inside of your mind. Let's practice changing something you are thinking about from one thing to another.

Imagine and think about a big juicy red apple. The apple smells real good and you want to take a bite of it. Hmmm! You can almost taste it. Are you thinking about the apple? *[Listen to Responses]*

Now quit thinking about the apple and think about how much Jesus loves you. Let's sing, Yes, Jesus loves me out loud. *[Sing song aloud together]*

Next sing it silently inside of your mind so no one can hear. *[Sing song silently]*

Were you able to think about the apple when you were singing and thinking about the song? *[Listen to Responses]*

It's hard to think two thoughts at one time. So when you are thinking a bad thought, just change what you are thinking about to something good.

God told us to think about things that are lovely, kind, good and true. God's Word is living and full of light that is lovely, kind, good and true. God's living Word is greater and more powerful than the darkness of any bad thought. Here are some living words full of light to think about and chase away dark, bad thoughts.

Jesus said, "I leave you peace. It is my own peace I give you. I give you peace in a different way than the world does. So don't be troubled. Don't be afraid."

Let's think about these words. Jesus is giving you His peace. Reach out and receive it. Take the peace of Jesus in your hands. Do you have it? Let the peace of Jesus fall all over you. His peace is not like the world's peace. His peace is flowing into every part of you. The peace of Jesus keeps your heart from worry. His peace surrounds you with angels to help you. Feel His peace, and know that you do not have to be afraid. Jesus and Holy Spirit are with you. You have the peace of Jesus. Think about it and say,

"I have the peace of Jesus."

Here's another living word of God to think about to make a bad thought leave:

"Don't worry about anything, but pray and ask God for everything you need, always giving thanks for what you have. And because you belong to Christ Jesus, God's peace will stand guard over all your thoughts and feelings. His peace can do this far better than our human minds."

Let's pray. Let's ask Father to help us remember not worry about anything, but to pray and ask for His help, and to always thank Him.

Father,

You told me not to worry about anything.

You told me to ask you for everything I need.

Please remind me to always ask you.

Thank you Father.

Amen.

Scriptures:

*2 Corinthians 10:5; Isaiah 45:19; 2 Timothy 1:7; John 14:27; Philippians 4:6-8;
John 1:4-5; I John 1:5; I John 5:14-15; Romans 5:20; Matthew 5:28*