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God Talk At Home

This Week's Kingdom Quest Lesson:

Trust the Rescuer for Victory

Take Home Point:

Be a winner. Trust God for victory!

Drive Time Home

Tickler Question: What did the balloons after the air was let out, represent in this lesson? *(They represented our problems that become smaller because God gives us victory through Jesus.)*

God Time at Home

Select questions and adapt for your family.

FOR STARTERS: Give each family member a nickel and challenge him to make it stand on its side. *(You will need a flat surface to do this.)* Then see how far they can move away from the nickel and blow it over. Afterwards, have each person tell about a time he felt some of the forces or pressures around him trying to push him over. This could be a person, like a bully, or a tough circumstance.

READ THE BIBLE: Read about the 12 spies sent to check out the promised land as recorded in Numbers 13 and 14.

KEY VERSE: John 16:33: *"In the world you'll have trouble. But cheer up! I have overcome the world."*

TALK ABOUT IT: What was the 12 spies' mission? *(Numbers 13:17-20. To check out the land.)* How many spies gave a bad report? *(10)* What were they afraid of? *(Numbers 13:27-32. The people were too strong and too big.)* Why do you think Caleb and Joshua thought the people of Israel could take the land? *(Numbers 14:7-9. They believed the Lord was with them and he was more powerful than the Canaanites. They had seen and remembered the wonderful miracles God had done for his people in the past. They had faith that God would take care of them.)* How did the people rebel against God? *(Numbers 14:1-4. They whined and complained about God and would not follow Joshua and Caleb.)* What was their punishment? *(Numbers 14:26-35. They would not get to see the promised land and they would die in the desert.)* Who got into the promised land? *(Numbers 14:29-31. Joshua and Caleb and those younger than 20 years of age.)*

Have everyone think about something that is scary for him. Say, "These are like giants that keep us from living in the promised land. God has a promised land for all of us in our hearts. It's a promised land filled with his joy and love." Then ask, "What risks have you taken for God? What do you need from God, your family, and your Christian friends to give you the courage to take that risk for God?" Jesus said he has won for us a promised land. "Don't be afraid for I have overcome the world." Jesus beat our enemies, which are sin, death, and the power of the devil, when he came and gave his life on the cross. When we believe that, even when there are big things that bully us around, we can think about Jesus. He tells us to trust him for a victory. Tell the family you know how to set a nickel on its edge so it cannot be blown over.

Place a quarter lying flat on the table and lean the nickel on it so only the edge of the nickel touches the table and the rest of it leans on the quarter. Now the nickel can't be blown over even though only its edge is touching the table. Explain that *we are like this nickel when we trust God. We rest on his promises and can't be easily blown over.*

PRAYER POWER: Pray for each other and the areas that each feels overwhelmed with life's circumstances. Pray to feel like winners because of trust that God has already won the victory.

Family Time Option

One day this week, try...

Show the nickel devotion trick to others outside your family. Explain how, when we rest on God, we can't be blown over.

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