

## LESSON

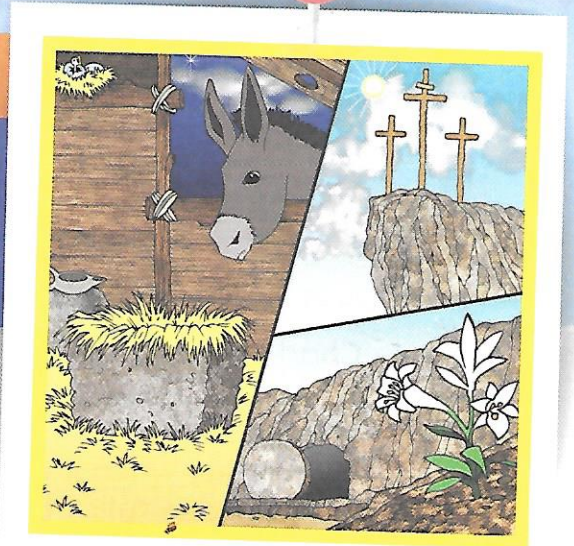
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### Lesson Scriptures:

1 John 4:2-3, 13-17; 5:4-5



## Walk the Talk

In the Scripture passages for today's lesson, we are told that anyone who acknowledges that Jesus Christ came as a human has the Spirit of God. But anyone who denies this has the enemy's spirit. This spirit is in the world already.

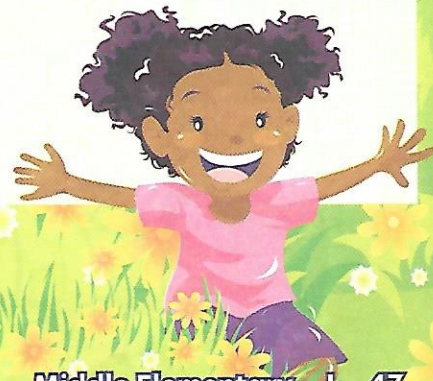
Because God has given believers His Spirit, we know that we remain in God and He is in us. We know and have told others that the Father sent His Son to be the Savior of the world. If we confess that Jesus is God's Son, then God remains in us and we remain in Him. We have known and have believed the love that God has for us.

God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. This is how love is perfected in us, so that we may have courage on Judgment Day. Our lives on earth are the same as Christ's life on earth.

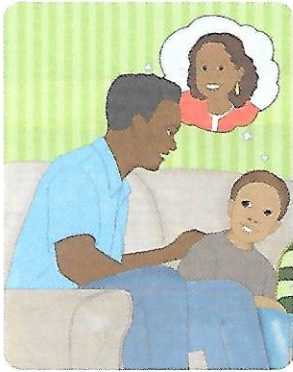
Everyone who follows God can defeat the world. This is the victory that we gain over the world through our faith. Only those who believe that Jesus is God's Son can defeat the world.

### Key Verse

God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. (1 John 4:16b)







## Match Your Actions with Your Words

After Charleston's grandpa died, his dad decided to move Nana in to live with them. Charleston was not sure how things were going to turn out. It would be a new city for Nana. She would have to make new friends. "How would that work out?" Charleston wondered.

"Dad, why do we have to move Nana to live with us?" Charleston asked.

"Well, Charleston, she could live by herself. But Grandpa told me to always take care of her," his dad explained. "Charleston, what did Grandpa always say when it was time to do something?"

"Walk the talk, Charley! Walk the talk," Charleston replied with a smile.

"Yep. Now, what does that look like in helping Nana?" Dad asked.

"It means that our actions need to match our words," Charleston replied.

"That's right. It's about the love of God living through us," Dad noted.

"It's our turn to show Nana some of that love now."

"Dad, let's make Grandpa proud by walking the talk, just as he taught us," Charleston said.


"Yes—because that walk will make a difference for all of us," Dad replied.

### \*\*\*\*\* Exploring the Story in Ruby's Lab \*\*\*\*\*



Hello, everyone! Ruby here! Today's lesson is about having a faith that conquers the troubles around us. This means having faith with the assurance of the love of God. Because of our faith and the love of God, we can have victory when we face troubles. Because God loves us, He expects us to live out that love. Loving others means that we must walk the talk and obey God's Word. It means living it out as the Spirit of God leads us.

Let's discuss how we can live out God's love in confidence. How do we live out this love every day?



I will let my  
walk match  
my talk!





# Unscrambling Our Faith

Unscramble the scrambled-up words below that are found in today's lesson and Scripture verses. Use the words in the Word Box to help you. Then transfer the letters on the numbered lines down to their matching numbered lines to *decode* (figure out) a message from today's lesson.

## WORD BOX

Faith • Jesus • Love • Son of God • Victory

1. LVEO

6 2 — —

2. SJSEU

— 9 — — 5

3. NOS FO OGD

— 7 — — — 1 — 3

4. ATFIH

— — 4 — —

5. YTOVIRC

8 — — — — —



Remember that

1 2 3 4 5

6 7 8 9 •



# Bible Story Sentences: What It Means to Me

Write sentences about today's lesson to tell what you learned today. Use the words below that are found in the lesson.

1. FAITH: \_\_\_\_\_

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2. JESUS: \_\_\_\_\_

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3. LOVE: \_\_\_\_\_

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4. VICTORY: \_\_\_\_\_

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5. GOD: \_\_\_\_\_

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