



### Overview

- Series: Names of God
- Lesson: 1 - Jehovah Nissi
- Date: June 21, 2020
- Bible Passage: Exodus 17:8-16

### Notes for Leaders / Parents

- As you begin, explain the basic history of the Israelite people at this moment: They were in Egypt for 400 years as slaves and God rescued them and brought the people through the Red Sea. God will soon establish them as a nation like he promised and gave them the 10 commandments [in Exodus 20]. Today's story happens very soon after they cross through the Red Sea.
- You can read more about the Names of God here:  
<https://www.gotquestions.org/names-of-God.html>
- You can read more about the name Jehovah Nissi here:  
<https://www.gotquestions.org/Jehovah-Nissi.html>

### Opening

- Give each child 1 minute to talk about highlights of their week.
- Have you ever been afraid of something? What did you do to defeat your fear [if you have]?

### Bible Time [*Read together, having the children do the reading if possible.*]

- After your summary [see notes above], read Exodus 17:8-16.

### *What do we know? [Who, What, Where, When, Why, How?]*

- What happened to the Israelite people as our story began?
  - “warriors of Amalek attacked them” [Exodus 17:8]
- What did Moses tell Joshua to do?
  - “Choose some men to go out and fight the army of Amalek for us. Tomorrow, I will stand at the top of the hill, holding the staff of God in my hand.” [Exodus 17:9]
- What happened when Moses raised and lowered his staff?
  - “As long as Moses held up the staff in his hand, the Israelites had the advantage. But whenever he dropped his hand, the Amalekites gained the advantage.” [Exodus 17:11]
- Moses became tired. What did Aaron and Hur do?
  - They found him a stool and held up his hands so that staff of God remained high in the air in Moses' hands. [Exodus 17:12]
- Who won the battle?
  - “Joshua overwhelmed the army of Amalek in battle.” [Exodus 17:13]

***What did we learn? [What is the main point of this story? What do we learn about God from this story? How does this story point to Jesus?]***

- After the battle, what did Moses do?
  - “Moses built an altar there and named it Yahweh-Nissi (which means ‘the Lord is my banner’” [Exodus 17:15]
    - Explain that the idea is that armies always fought under the flags or banners of their king. When Moses called God Jehovah Nissi he was saying - God is my banner. This means that as far as Moses was concerned the people of Israel would always live and fight under the name and banner of God.

***What do we do? [How does this apply to us? What real-life, practical, concrete action[s] should we take?]***

- “The naming of the altar Jehovah-Nissi is a reminder to believers of every era that we can only be victorious as we honor the name of the Lord and rally to Him as our Banner.” [Got Questions]
- How can we live under the banner of God - meaning how can we live in such a way that everyone knows that we belong to God?

***Prayer [Ask the children for things to pray about.]***

- The children can pray for their prayer requests.
- Pray for each child individually by name.