

# Small Group Experience

## LESSON 7 - “Swagger”



### Watt's Up:

“The Devil Is A Liar, And He’s UNDER MY FEET!”



### Power Verse:

“The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet...”

-Romans 16:20

## Retelling The Bible Story

### SUPPLY LIST:

- \* Feet Print Piece (provided; bring enough for each kid to have at least three)
- \* Scissors (several pair for the group to share)

### TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS:

Before small group begins, print the Feet Print Piece. Once small group begins, pass out the print pieces and ask the kids to help you cut out all of the feet. Once this is complete, have the kids place piles of feet around the room in various places. Read the provided lesson excerpt aloud and tell the kids to listen for the word “devil.” When they hear you say “devil”, they should stand, go collect one foot, and then be seated. Continue this way until the story is complete. Remind the kids to save the feet; they will use them again during activity time.

**Say** - Hello everyone! I hope you are ready to put your best foot forward because today is all about feet. That is correct. You heard me right - FEET! However, we aren't talking about stinky feet, wiggly toes, or this little piggy. We are talking about a different kind of feet. Today is all about DEFEAT! I need your help cutting out some DEFEAT. Once you have several DEFEAT cut out, please place them in a pile somewhere in this room.

**-Allow time for the kids to cut out the feet and place them in piles around the room; help as needed-**

**Say** - Now we are ready to begin. I am going to read the Bible Story aloud, and I want you to listen for a certain word. No, it's not defeat. It's the word “devil”. When you hear me say “devil”, I want you to stand and go collect one foot. Come back and be seated, and we will continue with the story. Let's do this!

**-Read the provided lesson excerpt aloud pausing when you say “devil” to allow time for the kids to go collect a foot and then be seated again-**

**Say** - Jesus and the disciples had been sailing on the sea all night. As they docked on the shore, Jesus started to climb out of the boat, when suddenly a demon-possessed man ran up to him. The **devil** had sent these demons to live inside this man and torture him for a long time. The man had been living in the local cemetery. He had tried many things to get free from these demons, but nothing worked.

The man screamed at Jesus, “Son of God, don’t torture me!” Isn’t it interesting that Jesus hadn’t even said anything to the man yet. The demons that were living inside of the man knew exactly who Jesus was, and they did not want Jesus to destroy them. They knew that Jesus was stronger than the **devil**, and they were afraid. Jesus asked the demons, “What is your name?” The demons replied, “Legion, for there are many of us living inside this man.” The demons begged Jesus, “Please don’t destroy us! Send us into those pigs over there!”

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There was a herd of pigs eating on a hillside nearby. So, Jesus commanded the demons to leave this man immediately and enter the pigs instead. That's exactly what they did. The demons entered the pigs, immediately driving them crazy. The pigs took off running and never stopped running until they ran all the way off of the cliff and down into the lake below where they all drowned.

People ran into the town to tell everyone how Jesus had delivered this man from the demons that had tortured him for so long. People came out to the place where Jesus was to see what had happened. When the people arrived, they found the man sitting at the feet of Jesus, listening to him teach. The man who had been totally insane and tortured by demons was totally FREE. The **devil** had tried to bring harm to this man, but Jesus delivered him and set him free! Jesus defeated the enemy!

**Say** - Wow! What an amazing lesson and you all are amazing listeners. Thank you for collecting feet. You may stop standing and collecting them when you hear Devil.

**Ask** - How did the demons know that Jesus was more powerful than the Devil?

**-Allow time for the kids to respond; discuss their answers with the group-**

**Ask** - Why do you think nothing had worked to free the demon possessed man?

**-Allow time for the kids to respond; discuss their answers with the group-**

**Ask** - Why do you think Jesus was able to free the man of his demons?

**-Allow time for the kids to respond; discuss their answers with the group-**

## Game/Activity

### SUPPLY LIST:

- \* Defeated Devil Print Piece (provided; print one per team)
- \* Feet Print Pieces (from the previous activity)
- \* Tape
- \* Blindfolds (one per team)
- \* Crayons, colored pencils, or markers

### TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS:

Before small group begins, print the Defeated Devil Print Piece. Once activity time begins, divide the group into teams, and tape the Defeated Devil Print Piece on a wall, one per team. Each team should combine their Feet Print Pieces from the previous activity. This activity will be played similarly to pin the tail on the donkey. Players will take turns wearing the blindfold and trying to “pin” their foot on the Defeated Devil target. To make the feet stick to the target, place a small roll of tape on the back of the foot. Take turns until everyone on the team has a turn and all of the feet are used. The team with the most feet on the target wins! This can be played multiple rounds as time allows.

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**Say** - It is time to use those feet of yours. Not your real feet, eww! The feet you collected during story review! I am dividing you into teams. Combine your feet collection into one pile. I am also hanging this target on the wall. Notice the center says “devil”. The devil is defeated, and it’s your job to put DEFEAT on the DEVIL. It would, of course, be way too easy if I simply let you walk up and place the DEFEAT on the DEVIL. So, we are going to play this like pin the tail on the donkey. One player from each team will be blindfolded. Your teammates will give you a foot that has a small roll of tape on the back. You will get a slight spin and nudge in the right direction. Put DEFEAT on the DEVIL and then switch places with a teammate who will take their turn in the blindfold. We will continue on this way until everyone has a turn. The team who puts the most DEFEAT on the DEVIL wins!

**-Play the game, this can be played multiple rounds as time allows-**

### **Group Sharing**

#### **SUPPLY LIST:**

- \* Victory Print Piece (provided; print one per kid)
- \* Pencils, crayons, or markers

#### **TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS:**

Before small group begins, print and cut the Victory Print Pieces. Once group sharing begins, divide the group into pairs or small groups and pass out the print pieces and other materials.

**Say** - The Devil is defeated. I think by now you’ve realized that is the main topic of discussion today, but what does that mean?

**-Allow time for the kids to answer; discuss their answers with the group-**

**Say** - Jesus is victorious over the Devil. Our power verse is a great reminder of this truth. Take a few minutes and read the power verse aloud with your group. Discuss what it means to you and write your thoughts on the blank part on the shoe.

**-Allow time for the groups to complete the task-**

**Ask** - Would anyone like to share what they wrote?

**-Allow time for kids to answer; discuss their answers with the group-**

**Say** - The Devil is DEFEATED! This means that anything the devil tries to use against us is DEFEATED.

**Ask** - What are some things that the DEVIL tries to use against us?

**-Allow time for kids to answer; discuss their answers with the group-**

**Say** - Those are great answers! The Devil desperately tries to take us down over and over again. He is desperate because he knows he is defeated. He knows it is just a matter of time until Jesus puts him in his place once and for all for all eternity.

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**Ask** - As followers of Jesus, how can we remind ourselves that the Devil is defeated? What about when tough times come?

**-Allow time for the kids to respond; discuss their answers with the group-**

## **Prayer Time**

**Say** - I am so thankful that Jesus took our place and conquered sin and death. That is the most amazing gift that has ever been given. Jesus DEFEATED the devil and provided life for you and me! Let's thank Jesus for this amazing gift. (PRAY)

## **Closing**

**Say** - The devil had a field day with the man in our story. He did his best to ruin this man's life and destroy any hope he had for happiness and a future. The devil was pretty successful until Jesus showed up. Everything changed when Jesus arrived. The devil knew that he was defeated. In fact, he begged for mercy. Jesus delivered the man and gave him back hope and a future. He gave him back his life! Jesus put DEFEAT on the DEVIL. There will be times when the devil will try and have a field day with our lives. He will do his best to bring ruin and destroy our chance for a hope and a future. The good news is that as a follower of Jesus all you have to do is call on Him. Everything changes when Jesus shows up. Jesus will deliver us and give us back our hope and future. Jesus gives us life! Jesus puts DEFEAT on the DEVIL! Jesus is victorious and so are we when we stand in His name! Thank you for coming today! I will see you again soon.





