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# Teacher's Toolbox

*Getting your class into God's Word  
and God's Word into your class*

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**1 John 5:1-12**

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**HOW TO USE TEACHER'S TOOLBOX:** Make a four-page folded teacher's leaflet from the first two sheets by printing two-sided (or by putting the blank sides together). The other two sheets are for duplicating, displaying, distributing, or otherwise using as called for in the lesson plan.

 **Faith at Home** – A specific application of today's Bible passage to family life, to be used for individual reflection, family discussion, or class activity.

## Getting Started

### *Understanding a statement*

- Have someone read aloud 1 John 5:4-5.
- Write on the chalkboard: "Faith is the victory that overcomes the world."
- Ask members to analyze the statement and rephrase it, using different words. For example, they may suggest something like: "Dependence on Christ is how we defeat temptations we face in life," or "Trusting Jesus enables us to win when everyone else wants us to lose," or "Christians avoid spiritual defeat by leaning on Jesus."
- Have members brainstorm areas in which Christians must battle worldly influences. They may suggest some of these:
  - unwholesome entertainment
  - political correctness
  - universalism

## Making It Personal


### *Prayer huddles*

- Have members get into groups of three or four. Encourage them in their group to share prayer requests for strength in battle against

specific worldly influences. Members may not know each other well enough to confide. If not, then just encourage them to pray for one another without the time of sharing.

## Wrapping It Up

- **Living by faith is not just being optimistic that everything will work out. Living by faith is trusting Christ in all areas of life.**
- Call on someone to lead in prayer.

 **Faith at Home**  
Assess worldly influences on yourself and your own family. What steps should you take to minimize the negative effect of those forces?

- exaltation of “toleration”
- peer pressure
- children’s peer pressure
- desire for things and success
- ungodly legislation
- legislation against godly values and actions
- ridicule of Christian beliefs and values
- After several are listed, ask volunteers to choose one and tell how faith enables a Christian to have victory in that area. Allow three or four volunteers to do this.

## Exploring God's Word

### Teaching outline

- Write the following teaching outline on the chalkboard, or a large sheet of paper.

#### A Christian’s Assurance

1 John 5:1-12

- Assurance of Relationship (v. 1-3)
- Assurance of Victory (v. 4)
- Assurance in the Son of God (v. 5-10)
- Assurance of Eternal Life (v. 11-12)
- Use the outline to guide the study of the passage. The following are elaborations on each outline point for your study.

○ **Assurance of Relationship** (vv. 1-3). We can be sure that we are born of God if we believe that Jesus is the Christ, if we love the

Father and the Son, if we are living a life of obedience to God.

○ **Assurance of Victory** (v. 4). If we are born of God, we are assured victory over the world. This victory is a result of our faith in Jesus.

○ **Assurance in the Son of God** (vv. 5-10). We can be sure that Jesus is the Son of God because of three witnesses of the water (Jesus' baptism and God's affirmation of Him as His Son), the blood (Jesus' crucifixion and God's affirmation of Him through the resurrection), and the Spirit (given to Jesus at His baptism to empower His earthly ministry, promised by Jesus to His followers). In addition, believers testify that Jesus is the Son of God, a truth they know in their hearts.

○ **Assurance of Eternal Life** (vv. 11-12). The eternal life offered by God is resident in His Son, Jesus. Those who have Jesus have the life. Therefore, believers can have

total assurance of their salvation and eternal life.

### Analyzing a passage

- Give each person a pencil and a copy of the following, but without the suggested answers given here in parentheses (duplicate Item 1).
- Have members work in two’s or three’s to complete the sheet.

#### Analyzing a Passage

Study 1 John 5:1-12 and complete this sheet.

#### Fill in the blanks

- Everyone who (believes that Jesus is the Christ) is (born of God)
- Everyone who (loves the father) loves (his child as well)
- Everyone (born of God) overcomes (the world)

#### Answer the questions

1. Where is the eternal life God has given us? (in his Son)
2. Which people have that eternal life? (those who have the Son of God)

#### How do we know . . . ?

- . . . that we love the children of God? (by loving God and carrying out his commands)

#### Finish these “equations”

Love for God = (obey his commands)  
 The victory that has overcome the world = (our faith)  
 The Spirit = (the truth)  
 Man’s testimony < (God’s testimony)

#### Who is it?

- that overcomes the world? (only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God)
- who came by water and blood? (Jesus Christ)
- that testify? (the Spirit, the water, and the blood)

#### What’s the difference?

- Anyone who believes in the Son of God (has this testimony in his heart)
- Anyone who does not believe God (has made him out to be a liar)
- Allow 10-15 minutes for members to complete the sheet. Then let them compare their findings.

#### Understanding a concept

- Give each person a pencil and a copy of the chart on page four. (Duplicate Item 2.)
- Ask them to work in teams of three to complete the chart. They are to study the listed passages and tell what each teaches about living by faith.
- Allow teams 10-15 minutes for research. Then let them pool their findings with the other teams.

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