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## Lesson 11

### Three Battle Grounds



**PREPARATION:** *Prepare vocabulary cards for “world” and “flesh” as presented in this lesson. (Bold purple vocabulary words are described by the words in purple font.) You will need pictures of air, land, and sea battles from WWII from an internet resource. Each child will need a copy of **Activity Page 11**, a Bible, highlighter pens, his Memory Verse Poster, and a pencil.*

**INTRODUCTION:** *(Display the pictures of air, land, and sea battles as you present this introduction.) Every war has its battlegrounds. The Civil War is remembered for its land battles at Bull Run, Gettysburg, and Shiloh. World War II was waged on three battlegrounds: land, sea, and air. Tanks and foot soldiers marched across Europe to regain ground taken by Germany. Bombers sought to destroy Germany’s factories and railroads. Great battleships stormed across the ocean as the South Pacific became the battleground in the fight against Japan. The Allies struggled to become the victors on land, sea, and in the air. Their victory became our freedom.*


**LESSON:** A Christian is also involved in a war that takes place on three battlegrounds. The three places where we battle are 1) the arena of the world, 2) the arena of our flesh, and 3) the arena of the demonic. We meet our enemy when we battle ungodly philosophies or personal temptations. There are also times we stand against direct demonic attack. *(Read 1 John 2:15–17 and 5:19 aloud as a reference for these three battlegrounds. This lesson introduces these three battlegrounds which will be expanded upon in lessons to come.)*

The arena of the **world** is **any system of belief that draws one away from the love of God**. It is anything that stands outside of God’s Kingdom rule and pulls on us to seek our value and worth from another source. Jesus prayed that we would be protected from the evil influences of this world, even as we are sent into the world with the gospel. *(Read John 17:9 aloud after you hand out **Activity Page 11** and instruct your child to write “The World” under the picture of the globe. Be sure he understands that the world the Bible is talking about is more than just a planet; it is a kingdom opposed to God’s Kingdom.)*

The arena of our **“flesh,”** or “sinful nature,” **refers to areas of pride and the desire to possess that which is forbidden**. This battleground is within ourselves; in our own motives and attitudes. Our war is often with our flesh, and the devil only acts as the tempter to irritate and arouse our flesh. We personally make the choices that determine if this battleground becomes a place of victory or defeat. *(Instruct your child to write “My Flesh” next to the boy with the sling shot. Ask for*

*examples of different areas of negative attitudes that come under the definition of “flesh,” such as selfishness, pride, lust, defiance, jealousy, rage, and discord.)*

The last battlefield is the arena of the demonic. This arena is openly hostile and is often recognized in the occult, idol worship, and evil practices. The devil flaunts his evil openly when he operates in this arena. *(Instruct your child to write “The Demonic” next to the picture of the person with horns. Remind him that he isn’t waging war against people but against the demonic powers that influence people.)*

Although we must meet the enemy on each of these three battlegrounds, we do not have to fear. Turn to 1 John 4:4 and read it aloud. *(Have someone read this passage aloud and then ask your child to explain what it means in his own words. Assign the rest of the activity page for  Whiz Kids to complete.)*

**IN YOUR BIBLE:** *Instruct your child to highlight 1 John 4:4 in his Bible with his blue highlighter pen.*

**KID TALK:** *Listen as your child explains the three battlegrounds in his own words.*

**MEMORY VERSE AND PRAYER:** *Review all vocabulary cards. Continue to work with your child on any memory verse assignments and close your time together in prayer, thanking God for the Greater One within us.*

**Whiz Kid’s Answer Key:**

Acts 15:36–40	B (discord)	Acts 17:18–32	A
Acts 13:6–12	C	Acts 16:16–18	C

# Three Battle Grounds

This activity page will be completed during your lesson.



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 **Whiz Kids:** Read each of the following Scripture passages and, next to each, write if the battleground was (A) the world; (B) the flesh; or (C) the demonic.

Acts 15:36–40 \_\_\_\_\_

Acts 17:18–32 \_\_\_\_\_

Acts 13:6–12 \_\_\_\_\_

Acts 16:16–18 \_\_\_\_\_

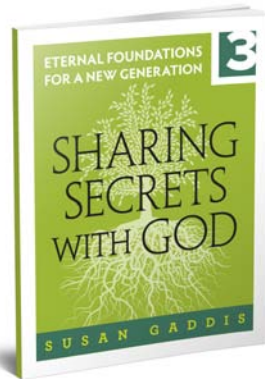
**IN YOUR BIBLE:** Highlight 1 John 4:4 in your Bible with your blue highlighter pen.

**KID TALK:** Explain in your own words to a parent or teacher what the three battlegrounds are for a Christian engaged in spiritual warfare.

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