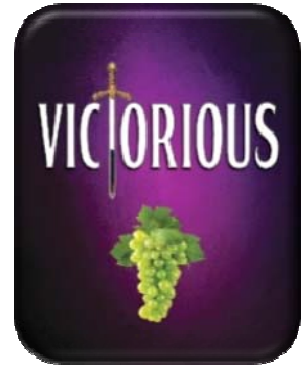


# Calgon, Take Me Away!

## CASE STUDY 9



“Jan, get down from there before you break your neck!” Kate demanded while cleaning the spaghetti out of her son Leroy’s hair. “This is not funny, Meagan. Stop laughing at Leroy,” Kate warned. “You will only encourage him to do it again.”

The phone rang, and Kate slipped on an errant pickle and nearly fell as she reached for the receiver with her spaghetti covered hand. “Hello!” she snapped. The sheepish voice on the other end asked her if she would be interested in a home alarm system to protect her family from intruders. “No! As far as I am concerned, they can come and get ’em all!” she retorted as she slammed down the phone.

At that moment James, Kate’s husband, walked in. He was home early from work, and he whistled a joyous tune. He surveyed the scene, stopped whistling, and stood in silence. Kate ran to him and embraced him—spaghetti hands and all—and cried on his shoulder. “I can’t take this much longer. I feel so alone. I need some help!”

1. God helped the Israelites take the land in visible ways. Survey Joshua 10:1–15, and describe how Joshua must have felt as he watched God help him win his battles.
2. What help does the Lord offer Kate?
3. How can Kate take advantage of the Lord’s help in her struggles as a stay-at-home mom?
4. What can James do to help Kate?
5. How can you draw on the power of God’s presence as you face difficult days in your life?