

VICTORY KIDS ELEMENTARY

ADVENTURE AWAITS: THE HUNT FOR TRUTH

"THEY WHO WILL KNOW THE TRUTH, AND THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE." - JOHN 8:32

CONNECT: CHECK IN / PRE SERVICE GAMES

10 MINS

THIS IS OPTIONAL, IF IT ISN'T NEEDED. PLEASE FEEL FREE NOT TO USE IT!

Pre Service Game Stations: As students are being checked in, use this time to get to know each student. Help them get comfortable in the classroom and find a friend or group to play games with. If you have enough volunteers in the room, get involved with the games. Fun builds trust with kids, so don't be afraid to have fun with them! Make sure everyone helps put away preservice games before large groups start.

GAME STATIONS

20 MINS

ANIMAL NOISES

- **You will need 10 students to join you onstage:** Split the group into two teams. One student from each team will come to the front and try to guess the animal from the animal noise sound clip. The students that answer with the correct animal will each receive one Bible Buck.

HEALTHY CHOICES RELAY

- **Items Needed:** 2 buckets with labels and picture cards of the healthy and unhealthy choices.
- **Objective:** Emphasizes taking care of our bodies as God's special creation.
- **How to Play:** Set up a relay course with two buckets: one labeled "Healthy" and the other "Unhealthy." Provide picture cards of foods, activities (running, sleeping), or objects (a Bible, a TV, etc.). Kids take turns running to grab a card, deciding if it's healthy or unhealthy, and placing it in the correct bucket. After the relay, review the choices and talk about why it's important to care for our bodies. The winner will receive five Bible Bucks.

BARREL OF MONKEYS (OPTIONAL)

- **Items Needed:** 2 barrels of monkeys and a timer.
- **You will need 2 students to join you onstage.** Each student will get a barrel of monkeys and 30 seconds on the clock. The student who links the most monkeys will receive five Bible Bucks.

FLOW: WELCOME, FIRST-TIME VISITORS, WORSHIP & OFFERING

25 MINS

We want to welcome our first time visitors in a big way! Make sure they feel the love and excitement during your welcome. Ask students to stand to their feet and prepare their hearts for our time of worship as we welcome the Victory Kids team to the stage.

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INTRO: MEMORY VERSE

5 MINS

Today, we continue our scavenger journey, Adventure Awaits: The Hunt for the Truth. We are searching throughout the Bible for truth, and in this series, we find out about God's truth for all creation.

Our Bible verse for this month comes from **John 8:32**: "Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

Would you like to hear this month's memory verse song? Me too! **Cue memory verse video.**

LESSON RECAP VIDEO

1 MIN

COMMUNICATORS INTRO TO LESSON

5-7 MINS

Greeting: How are you doing today? We are so excited that each of you is here! We have been on a hunt for truth, and last week, we talked about another truth: **We are uniquely made by God!**

Today, we are going a little deeper into last week's truth, which was that we are uniquely made by God. We are continuing our lesson about day six of creation where God creates the most special part of all creation: **Human beings (us)**. You know that because we are uniquely made by God, we should reflect his image, which means being like Christ. The truth that we are discovering this week is that **we are a reflection of God's image.**

Let's say this! **I am a reflection of God's image!** Great job, everybody!

Key Scripture: Our key scripture from today's lesson is Galatians 5:22-23: But the Spirit gives love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. There is no law that says these things are wrong.

(At this point, you can decide to play the lesson video or act out March Week 1 of Detective Truth Skit)

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LESSON VIDEO OR SKIT

2-3 MINS

(Both are found in the media file)

MINISTRY LESSON

10 MINS

Hook: Remember last week when you held up a mirror? **(Kids respond)** Do you remember what you saw? **(Kids respond)** You saw yourself, right?

Last week, we learned that this means that we are uniquely made by God. This is important because it means that we were made in the image of God! But what does that really mean?" **(get kids response)**

That means when you look in the mirror, you see what God has uniquely created. Romans 8:29 tells us God knew us before he made the world. And God chose us to be like his Son. Then Jesus would be the firstborn of many brothers. So this is more proof that we were made to reflect God's image, but how do you do that? Before today, has anyone heard of the fruits of the Spirit?

- **What Are The Fruits of The Spirit?**

The Fruits of the Spirit are special qualities that God grows in our hearts when we make the decision to follow Him. The fruits of the Spirit are found in Galatians 5:22-23, and they are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. These fruits are signs that God's Spirit is working in our lives, helping us become more like Jesus.

Say this: I have some bible bucks for who can answer some questions about the fruits of the Spirit!

1. **What Bible verse can we find the fruit of the Spirit?**
2. **Who can tell me two fruits of the Spirit?**
3. **Who can tell me two more?**

Oh, that's great! You are all good at remembering lessons! Over the next two weeks, we will discuss all of the fruits of the Spirit, but today, we will discuss the first four.

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- **We Can Grow in Love and Joy**

So, we learned God's creation shows love for you and me, so we have to reflect that same love to everyone we meet. The truth about **love** as the fruit of the Spirit is that it means caring about others as God cares for **us**. It's the most important fruit because the love we show to others shows them how much God loves them, too.

Joy is different from happiness because happiness changes with what's going on in your life. Happiness is when you feel good when something exciting or fun happens, like getting a new toy, winning a game, or receiving a birthday present. Happiness is great, but the problem is that it does not last. Sometimes, you lose the game, or if something doesn't go your way, you may feel sad again.

Joy is much bigger than feeling happy. It's deep inside your heart, even when things are tough. Joy comes from trusting God and knowing that no matter what happens to us, God always has good intentions for us through any situation.

- **We Can Have Peace and Patience**

Being a reflection of God includes these two amazing gifts that help us remain calm and trusting of God even when things around us might be scary or hard. These fruits are really important when we face challenges that make us feel super anxious or overwhelmed. Imagine you are at school and you're nervous about a big test. You might feel anxious or worried, but peace means you can talk to God and ask Him to help you feel calm. Even though you don't know what will happen, peace lets you trust that God will be with you and help you do your best. John 16:27 tells us I leave you peace. My peace I give you. I do not give it to you as the world does. So don't let your hearts be troubled. Don't be afraid.

Peace means feeling calm in our hearts and trusting that God is in control, even in tough times. It's a deep feeling that tells us everything will be okay, no matter what is happening around us. When we have peace, we trust that God loves us and will help us through any tough situation.

Patience is waiting with a good attitude, trusting that things will happen in God's perfect time. Raise your hand if you have a brother or sister or little cousin. Have you ever been in a situation where you felt so frustrated at something they did? What did they do? (Get kids' responses as examples) Did you hear all of those examples? These are times when God calls us to be patient. It can be very frustrating, but you have to stop, have a good attitude, and be patient with them.

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MINISTRY MOMENT

10 MINS

Raise your hand and tell me something you learned today. I am giving away Bible bucks! Remember, the truth that we learned today is that **we are a reflection of God's image**. So today, we learned:

- **Four fruits of the Spirit**
- **We Can Grow in Love and Joy**
- **We Can Have Peace and Patience**

Being a reflection of God's image means we can learn to show others who God is through the fruits of the Spirit.

Call to Action

When we reflect on God's image, we show the world who God is.

Our call to action this week is to choose one of the four fruits of the Spirit that we talked about today that you need to grow in. Think about it, journal it, and ask your parents to help you find a Bible verse that will help you grow that Fruit of the Spirit.

Make sure you share next Sunday in small group for some Bible Bucks!

WRAP-UP & CLOSING PRAYER

5 MINS

(If your campus begins with small groups, please ask review questions before closing prayer. If your campus ends with small group, move directly to closing prayer (these questions will be asked and answered in small group))

1. What does it mean to reflect God's image?
2. What bible verse can we find the fruits of the Spirit?
3. Can you name a few fruits of the Spirit?
4. The Bible tells us in John 14:27 that Jesus gives us peace. How does that make you feel? What does it mean to have Jesus' peace inside of you?

Before we move to small group, let us take a moment to pray.

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Closing Prayer

(Note to communicator: Ask children if there are times when they always feel sad on the inside, anxious, nervous, or overwhelmed. Say, "We are taking a moment to pray for you that God releases these feelings from you." This is a call-and-response prayer. Please have the kids repeat after you.)

Dear God, thank you for making me in your image and for being with me, always. I come to You today because I feel anxious, worried, sad, and sometimes overwhelmed. Lord, I know You care for me deeply, and You want me to live in peace and freedom, not in fear or stress. I ask for Your help to calm my heart and mind right now. Teach me to rest and spend time with You so I can grow strong in my heart and Spirit. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.

Transition Students to Small Group



ELEMENTARY SMALL GROUP LESSON

THE HUNT FOR TRUTH: DISCOVERING CREATION

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SMALL GROUP OPTION TWO (for campuses that begin with small groups)

INTRO

Good morning, everyone!! How are you all doing? How was your weekend? Anything special happen? **(receive answers)**. How was school this week? **(receive answers)**.

ICEBREAKER

1. What's the most exciting thing you've ever discovered or could discover?
2. If you found a mysterious cave, would you go inside?
3. What kind of treasure would you share with others if you found it?
4. If you were hunting for God's truth, where would you start looking?

Great job answering the questions!

RECAP CALL TO ACTION

5 MINS

Does anybody remember what we were supposed to do last week for our call to action? **(Wait for responses)** You were to write down five or more awesome things about God and five or more awesome things about yourself that make you unique. Can you share with me what you wrote? Remember, I am giving Bible Bucks.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Tell students we're starting prayer. Remain with eyes closed and focus attention on God. Ask for any prayer requests they would like to share. If your small group needs a little encouragement, give them categories like **family, school, or friends** to get them thinking about areas they need prayer in. After students share, lead the group in prayer, covering each prayer request using the name of each student who asks for prayer.



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S.O.A.P

S.O.A.P is a simple but helpful way to study the Bible and apply it to our own lives.

S.O.A.P stands for, **SCRIPTURE, OBSERVATION, APPLICATION AND PRAYER** and involves four simple steps.

S: SCRIPTURE

You physically write out the scripture. You'll be amazed what God will reveal to you just by taking the time to slow down and actually write out what you are reading!

O: OBSERVATION

What do you notice about the verses? What do you think the main message is? What verses, words or ideas jump out to you? Who is the audience? Is there a repetition of words?

A: APPLICATION

Ask God how He wants you to apply the verse to your own life. This is when God's Word becomes personal. What is God saying to me today? How can I apply what I just read to my own personal life? What changes do I need to make? Is there an action that I need to take?

P: PRAYER

Pray God's Word back to Him. If He has revealed something to you during this time in His Word, pray about it. Confess if He has revealed some sin that is in your life.

LET'S S.O.A.P TOGETHER

"Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free"

JOHN 8:32

Name:

Grade:

Date:

S.O.A.P

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SCRIPTURE

What did you read?

OBSERVATION

What is God saying?

What does this look like in my life?

APPLICATION

PRAYER

Dear God...

SCAN ME



Check out this month's Memory Verse Song!