

# 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

**(Feel free to choose two from the list; the third game can be used if time is needed at the end of small groups)**

#### FRUIT BALANCE RELAY

- **Items Needed:** 2 large serving spoons (one per team), 4 buckets, artificial fruit or plastic balls
- **Have four students join you onstage and divide them into two teams.** Give each team a spoon, two buckets, and nine small plastic balls. Place two buckets filled with nine balls each at the starting line and two empty buckets on the opposite end. Have one student from each team place a ball on their spoon and speed walk to put it in the empty bucket. The student speed walks back to their teammate, and the teammate repeats. This is a timed relay (30 to 45 seconds). The team with the most fruit in their bucket receives two Bible Bucks!

#### FRUIT MATCHING MEMORY GAME

- **Items Needed:** Fruit Matching Game Cards
- **You will need one student to join you onstage.** Place 18 fruit cards face down. Student(s) are to flip two cards at a time to find a matching pair within 45 seconds. Play for several rounds, and the student with the most matches receives two Bible Bucks.

#### HOT POTATO: FRUIT EDITION!

- **Items Needed:** Artificial fruit or plush fruit to pass around
- **You will need 5 to 7 students to join you onstage.** This is like a traditional hot potato. Have the children sit in a circle and play music. Once the music stops, whoever is holding the fruit (hot potato) is out. The final student receives three Bible Bucks. It can be played in several rounds.

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### 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.

### INTRO: MEMORY VERSE

#### 5 MINS

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

Our Bible verse for this month comes from **John 8:32**, which says, "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! Today, we continue our hunt for truth with the second part of our lesson from last week, where we discussed the fruits of the Spirit. Today, we will learn about the last five fruits of the Spirit as we continue to discover that **We are a reflection of God's image!**

Repeat after me... **I am a reflection of God's image!** Great job, everybody!

**Key Scripture:** Our key scripture for today's lesson is the same as last week, which 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 2 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:** Has anyone ever heard of the story of the good Samaritan? (**Wait for responses**). The story of the Good Samaritan is found in the book of Luke. Can anyone tell me if Luke is found in the Old Testament or the New Testament? (**Wait for responses**). Well, let me tell you the story. A man was traveling from the city of Jerusalem to the city of Jericho. Suddenly, he was attacked by robbers, beaten, and left on the side of the road. He was hurt and needed help.

Two important leaders in the church walked by, ignored him, and did not stop to help. But then, a Samaritan came by. Samaritans were looked down upon because they were considered enemies by the people who lived there, so it was unusual for a Samaritan to show kindness to people who did not like them. But the Samaritan man is a good example of the Fruits of the Spirit that we want to share with you today.

Most importantly, the Samaritan showed **kindness**. He could have walked away, but instead, he showed mercy and helped the man. He took him to a safe place and made sure he had the care he needed. His actions were motivated by a deep, heartfelt kindness toward someone in need.

- **Show Self-Control and Faithfulness**

The Samaritan showed self-control by not choosing to ignore the man or even hurry past because, more than likely, he was in a rush, too. But he **controlled his desire to avoid the situation** and chose to stop and help. He did not give in to the rush or fear of helping someone who might be hurt, even though that person was an enemy.

The Samaritan was faithful in caring for the man, even though they were strangers. He did not help him for a moment—he took the time to clean his wounds, took him to an inn, and even agreed to pay for care in the future. He stayed **faithful** to making sure the man was okay, showing a **long-term commitment** to his health.

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- **Show Gentleness, Goodness, and Kindness**

The Samaritan treated the hurt man with gentleness. He did not yell or get frustrated, even though he had to do a lot to help. He carefully bandaged the man's wounds and helped him gently onto his donkey. This shows the **gentleness** of the Spirit, as he treated the hurt man with care and respect.

The Samaritan showed **goodness** even though the injured man could not repay him; the Samaritan acted out of goodness, not expecting anything in return. He did it because it was the right thing to do. Goodness is doing what is right and showing God's love through our choices and actions.

Most importantly, the Samaritan showed **kindness**. He could have walked away, but he took him to a safe place and made sure he had the care he needed. His actions were motivated by heartfelt kindness toward someone in need. We can show **Kindness** to others with gentle words and actions that make them feel loved and valued.

- **Ways to Grow in the Fruits of the Spirit**

We don't grow these fruits on our own; we need God's help. We can pray, read the Bible, and think about what Jesus would do. We can come to Victory Kids to learn more about Jesus, build friendships, and spend time with one another. We can also spend time with people who set a good example outside of church. We can also learn from the examples of the two church leaders who passed by the man who needed help by understanding that being a Christian and having the fruits of the Spirit is not only about what we say but also what we do. Over time, with God's help, our hearts will "sprout" more and more good fruit.

## MINISTRY MOMENT

### 10 MINS

Raise your hand and tell me something you learned today? I am giving away Bible bucks!

Remember, the truth we learned today is that **we are a reflection of God's image!** So, today, we learned:

- **Show self-control and faithfulness**
- **Show gentleness, kindness, and goodness**
- **Ways to grow the fruits of the Spirit**

Just as healthy fruit helps our bodies grow strong, the fruits of the Spirit help our hearts and minds grow strong in faith. They show others and remind us that God is working in our lives.

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### 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 five 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 to share next Sunday in a small group for some Bible Bucks! Use the prompts below to help students with writing:

- 1. Self-Control:** Have you ever been in a situation where you had to stop and think before reacting? How can you practice self-control like the Good Samaritan?
- 2. Faithfulness:** How can you be faithful in doing the right thing, even when no one is watching?
- 3. Gentleness:** What are some ways you can be gentle with your friends and family when they are hurt or upset?
- 4. Goodness:** Can you think of a time when you did something good for someone without expecting anything in return?
- 5. Kindness:** How can you show kindness to someone today, even if it's hard?

## 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 a small group, move directly to closing prayer (these questions will be asked and answered in a small group))

- 1. What are the Fruits of the Spirit? Can you name them all? How many can you name?** (Possible answers: Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.)
- 2. Why are the Fruits of the Spirit important in our lives?** (Possible answers: They show God's love, help us live like Jesus, and help others see God's truth.)
- 3. How can we grow the Fruits of the Spirit?** Possible answers: By staying connected to God through prayer, reading the Bible, following Jesus's example, and practicing every day.)

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

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### **Closing Prayer**

Dear God, thank You for helping me understand the Fruits of the Spirit. Help me show self-control, faithfulness, gentleness, kindness, and goodness to not only people I love but also people I may not know. Help me continue to grow in the Fruits of the Spirit and know that being a Christian and having the fruits of the Spirit is not only about what I say but also what I do. Show me how to act in a way that shows that I am a reflection of God. 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. If you could explore a new planet, what would you hope to find there?
2. What kind of tools do you think an explorer needs?
3. If you found a clue on a treasure hunt, what would it say?
4. What's your favorite kind of treasure—gold coins, gems, or something else?

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)** We were to choose one of the four fruits (love, joy, peace, patience) 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. 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

"But the Spirit gives love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. There is no law that says these things are wrong."

#### **GALATIANS 5:22-23**



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...

Check out this month's Memory Verse Song!

SCAN ME

