

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)

EMOJI MADNESS

- **You will need 5 students to join you onstage.** It's time to test your adventure movie knowledge! Each student will try to guess the adventure movie the emojis are trying to make. If the student cannot figure it out, let the audience take a guess! Each student will receive one Bible Buck!

ANIMAL CRACKERS

- **Items Needed: Animal Crackers**
- **You will need 2 students to join you onstage.** Each student will receive around twenty animal crackers. On the count of three, they will have 30 seconds to make as many animal matches as possible. The student with the most animal cracker pairs will receive five Bible Bucks.

LAUGH OUT LOUD

- Are you ready to laugh out loud? Read the jokes to the students, really playing it up to the audience! Have fun with it!

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

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 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! We have been on a hunt for truth, and last week, we talked about another truth: **we are a reflection of God's image!**

Let's get ready to learn the next truth today.

Today, we are continuing our adventure as we hunt for truth in the Word of God. The truth that we are discovering this week is very familiar. Last month, in one of our lessons, we talked about how God gave us unique gifts and talents, and today, we are exploring the truth that **God gave us gifts to serve Him and others!**

Let's say that again ... repeat after me... **God gave us gifts to serve Him and others! Great job, everybody!**

Key Scripture: Our key scripture from today's lesson is 1 Peter 4:10 ICB: Each of you received a spiritual gift. God has shown you his grace in giving you different gifts. And you are like servants who are responsible for using God's gifts. So be good servants and use your gifts to serve each other.

(At this point, you can decide to play the lesson video or act out March Week 3 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: Hold up a small toolbox (inside there are five toy tools labeled teaching, serving, encouragement, giving, leadership, and mercy)

Say this: What is this? What do we use a toolbox for? (**Wait for responses like “fixing things” or “building stuff.”**) Take out the tools one by one and ask, “What does this tool do? How does it help someone fix or build something?” Just like we use tools to fix or build things, God gives us special tools or gifts to help us live like Jesus and build his kingdom. These gifts are not hammers or wrenches—they are skills and talents that we use to help others to show others who God is.

That’s what we’re going to talk about today!

Did you know that you are like a treasure chest? That’s right! When God made you, He packed you full of incredible gifts and talents—special things that make you, **you!** God didn’t just give us talents for fun—He gave them to us so we could serve Him and help others. When we use our gifts for God, we show His love to the world.

- **God Gave Us Gifts**

When you were born, God gave you special gifts, things you’re naturally good at. These are called talents. Maybe you are really good at drawing, or you are a super-fast runner, or maybe you are great at solving puzzles. What are some things you think you’re good at? (**wait for responses**)

These gifts aren’t just for us to enjoy; they are meant to be shared. Think about this: if you’re great at singing, you can be part of the school musical or serve at church. If you are good at math or reading and love to teach others, you can serve your classmates and friends by giving them tutoring lessons.

The Bible says in 1 Peter 4:10-11, Each of you received a spiritual gift. God has shown you his grace in giving you different gifts. And you are like servants who are responsible for using God’s gifts. So be good servants and use your gifts to serve each other. Anyone who speaks should speak words from God. The person who serves should serve with the strength that God gives.

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You should do these things so that in everything God will be praised through Jesus Christ. Power and glory belong to him forever and ever. Amen. This means that God gave us these gifts so we can serve others and point them to Him.

- **We Use Our Gifts to Serve God**

Let's discuss how we can use our gifts to serve God. How many of you are on a sports or dance team? **(Get responses)**. Everyone on the team has a different job, and something amazing happens when they all work together. That's how it works in God's family. The Bible tells us that we are all part of the body of Christ, and each of us has an important role to play.

Imagine if you're playing a game or a competition, and someone decides not to do their part. Maybe it's soccer, and the goalie decides to sit on the bench instead of guarding the goal. The team wouldn't work very well because the other team would keep scoring undefended.

In the same way, when we don't use our gifts, it's like leaving a hole in God's team. God gave each of us special gifts, not just for ourselves, but to serve others and show them His love. When I use my special gifts, and you use your special gifts, we work in unity (*that means we work together*), and this brings God glory.

- **Serving Others With Joy**

Here's something important: God didn't give us our gifts so we can show off or just keep them to ourselves. Here is where we put the fruits of the Spirit into action. Serving others is not just doing something for someone, but what kind of attitude do we have? Joy is when we serve others best when we don't feel like serving.

Sometimes, we might feel like serving is a job we have to do, like cleaning our room or helping a sibling. But when we **serve with joy**, we do it because we love God, and when **we serve others with a joyful heart, we also show God's love**.

When we use our gifts this way, we're not just helping people; we're showing them how amazing God is.

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 **God gave us gifts to serve Him and others!**

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Today, we learned:

- God gave us gifts
- We use our gifts to serve God
- Serving others with Joy

Every time you see a toolbox, remember the gifts God has given you and how important it is to use them to serve others with joy and show love to the people around you. When we all use our gifts as a team, we're not just helping others, but we're also bringing God's love to the world!

Call to Action

God gave each of us unique gifts because He has a special plan for us. Then, we use those gifts to serve others and honor God. This week, your call to action is to talk to your parents about things you are good at and discover what you may have. Make sure to 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 a small group, move directly to closing prayer (these questions will be asked and answered in a small group))

1. What is something you think God made you really good at?
2. How can you use your gift to help someone else?
3. Why do you think God gave us all different gifts?
4. How does it feel when you help someone else?

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

Closing Prayer

Dear God, thank You for making each of us special and giving us gifts to use for Your glory. Help us to use our gifts to serve You and show Your love to others. Thank You for loving us and making us part of Your amazing plan. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.

Transition Students to Small Group



ELEMENTARY SMALL GROUP LESSON

THE HUNT FOR TRUTH: DISCOVERING CREATION

"THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE." - JOHN 8:32

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 way you can show love, kindness, or forgiveness and one way you can take better care of your body (maybe eating more fruits and vegetables, drinking more water, resting). Think about it and journal it down. Can you share with me what you wrote? Remember, I am giving Bible Bucks.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Tell students we're starting prayer. Remain with your eyes closed and focus your 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

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1 PETER 4:10

Name:

Grade:

Date:

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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!

