

# VICTORY KIDS ELEMENTARY

## ADVENTURE AWAITS: THE HUNT FOR TRUTH

"THEY WHO 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)

#### CROCODILE ROCK

- **You will need six students (3 boys and 3 girls) to join you onstage.** Time for a dance-off. Play crocodile rock and have the six students break out their best dance moves. After the song is over, have the audience pick their favorite girl dancer and boy dancer. They will battle it out for the win! Have the audience pick their favorite dancer. The winner will receive five Bible Bucks.

#### TAKE THE HINT

- You will give the audience five clues describing a country they could travel to. At the end of the five, clues reveal the answer.

#### JUNGLE TREK (OPTIONAL)

- **Items Needed: Paper Streamers and tape**
- **You will need four students to join you onstage.** Have a few volunteers help you create a paper streamer maze on the stage to look like a mess of jungle vines. On the count of three, the students will race to the other side of the jungle trek. They cannot break the paper streamers. If they do, they have to go to the beginning and try again. The student who reaches the end first 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

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: that **God gave us gifts to serve Him and others!** Let's get ready to learn the next truth today.

Today, we continue our Adventure as we hunt for truth in the Word of God. The truth we are discovering this week is...**God forgives us, so we should forgive others!**

Let's say that again ... repeat after me... **God forgives us, so we should forgive others!** Great job, everybody!

**Key Scripture:** Our key scripture from today's lesson is Matthew 6: 14-15, 'Yes, if you forgive others for the things they do wrong, then your Father in heaven will also forgive you for the things you do wrong. But if you don't forgive the wrongs of others, then your Father in heaven will not forgive the wrong things you do.'

**(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 whiteboard or piece of paper. Write the word SIN in big letters on a paper or whiteboard. Ask the class, "What can we do to get rid of this?" (After their guesses, use a big eraser or marker to cover it up and say), "That's what God's forgiveness does—He removes our sin completely!"

Today, we're going to talk about a story from the very beginning of the Bible about the very first people, Adam and Eve. But before we get into it, let me ask you something: Have you ever done something you were told not to do? Maybe touched something you shouldn't have or taken something that wasn't yours? **(Wait for responses.)** Well, that's exactly what happened with Adam and Eve. Today, we'll learn how their story teaches us about sin, forgiveness, and God's amazing love.

- **Sin Puts a Wall Up Between Us and God**

So, does everyone remember last month when we talked about creation and Adam and Eve? After God created everything and Adam and Eve were taking care of the land and animals, as God told them to, something happened. Adam and Eve had everything they could ever need. God gave them one rule: "**You must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.**" But one day, a sneaky serpent tricked Eve into thinking it was okay to eat the fruit. He told her, "You won't die! You'll be like God!" So, Eve ate the fruit, and she gave some to Adam. As soon as they disobeyed God, Adam and Eve realized they had done something wrong. They felt ashamed and tried to hide from God. Can we hide from God? **(Wait for responses.)** No, we can't! When they ate the fruit, they sinned against God. God sees everything and knows everything about us.

Sin is anything we think, say, or do that goes against God's way, and it always leads to disobedience. It's also wanting things on earth to make us happy instead of trusting that God's way is better.

- **God Shows Us Mercy and Forgiveness Even Though We Sin**

Even though Adam and Eve disobeyed, God still loved them. Sin is like a wall that keeps us far from God because He is holy and perfect. After Adam and Eve disobeyed, God didn't just leave them. He gave them a chance to admit their mistake and promised to help them.

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**God always wants us to return to Him** when we make mistakes and asks us to say sorry so we can start fresh. This is called asking God for forgiveness.

Even though Adam and Eve disobeyed, God forgave them because He's full of mercy. God's forgiveness is **free and available to everyone**, no matter what we've done. All we need to do is ask for forgiveness.

- **God Forgives Us and Shows Us How to Forgive Others**

Here's what's amazing: When we ask God to forgive us, He does! That means when we admit we've done wrong and ask God to forgive us, He will. Just like God freely forgives us, we should forgive others without holding onto grudges or expecting them to be perfect. **Forgiveness is a gift** we can give to others, just like God gave it to us. Holding onto anger or unforgiveness keeps us stuck. Because God has forgiven us, we are called to forgive others. Remember when we talked about the fruits of the spirit? **Forgiving others is a way we can reflect God's love and kindness** in the world. When we forgive, we show others how amazing God's forgiveness is.

When we go to small groups today, we will talk about some steps you can take to forgive others, especially when it seems hard or impossible.

## 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 **God forgives us, so we should forgive others!**

#### Today, we learned:

- **Sin puts a wall up between us and God**
- **God Shows Us Mercy and Forgiveness even though we sin**
- **God forgives us and shows us how to forgive others**

Even when we mess up, God still loves us and wants to forgive us. His forgiveness is a gift; when we ask for it, we can start over. Just like God forgave Adam and Eve, He forgives us and wants us to forgive others, too!

#### Call to Action

Today, we learned that God's forgiveness is a gift, and He loves to give us second chances. But just like any gift, we have to accept it! So, here's your call to action:

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- 1. Talk to God:** If you've done something you know wasn't right, take a moment today to ask God for forgiveness. Remember, 1 John 1:9 says, "If we confess our sins to Him, He is faithful and just to forgive us." God is always ready to forgive when we ask!
- 2. Give a Second Chance:** Think about someone who might need *your* forgiveness or someone you need to forgive. Maybe a friend that hurt your feelings or a sibling who made you mad. Just like God forgives us, we can forgive others too.

Next Sunday, we will share in our small groups and receive 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 sin? Can you give an example?** (Answer: Sin is anything we think, say, or do that goes against God's way.)
- 2. What did God tell Adam and Eve not to do in the Garden of Eden?** (Answer: Not to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.)
- 3. What are some consequences of making bad choices?** (Possible Answers: Hurting someone's feelings, getting in trouble, feeling sad or guilty.)
- 4. How does asking for forgiveness help us grow closer to God?** (Answer: It removes sin that separates us from God and shows we trust His love and mercy.)

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

### Closing Prayer

Dear God, thank You for loving us even when we mess up. Thank You for sending Jesus to forgive our sins. Help us to make good choices and follow You every day. Please forgive us when we do wrong and help us to forgive others, too. God, thank you for demonstrating your love for us by sending your Son, Jesus, to die for us. You want to be close to us, and we want to be close to you. We love You and want to live for You! 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 amazing thing you've ever seen in nature?
2. If you could design a secret treasure, what would it look like?
3. If you could have one animal as your adventure buddy, what would it be?
4. What's the coolest adventure story you've ever heard?

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 think about our talents and find one way to use them to help someone else or to bring glory to God. Can you share with me what you did last week? How did you use your talents to help someone? 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

"Yes, if you forgive others for the things they do wrong, then your Father in heaven will also forgive you for the things you do wrong. But if you don't forgive the wrongs of others, then your Father in heaven will not forgive the wrong things you do."

**MATTHEW 6:14-15**

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!