

# VICTORY KIDS ELEMENTARY

## GALATIC GLOW: SHINING THE LIGHT OF JESUS

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### 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:** Allow time for kids to take photos at designated photo area(s) (encourage group shots and candid shots)

### 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)

**Live Host:** Let's have our leaders come down to the front to get ready for games!

### SHINING THE LIGHT OF JESUS QUEST

- **Items Needed:** Media Slides for Hosanna Quiz, two tables spaced apart for the puzzle game (stage two), two sets of Easter Scene Puzzle, Label tables (Team A, Team B), 1 table for stage 3, a clearly marked starting line, and a table at the finish line, Lego blocks
- **Live Host:** For this exciting quest, I will need 6 contestants (for 2 teams of 3) to join me onstage. This quest has three stages. The team winning the most stages wins the quest, and each member receives Bible Bucks.
- **Stage One** is the Hosanna Quiz Challenge. Questions will appear on the screen. Once I have read the question, the first team to hit their buzzer has a chance to answer. The team that answers the most questions correctly wins stage one.
- **Live Host:** And the winner of stage one is...
- **Live Host:** Alright, now it's time for stage two.
- **Stage Two** is the Galaxy Puzzle Challenge. Teams head over to a spot on the floor marked for their team. There is one large puzzle for each team that shows our galaxy. You will have 45 seconds to put your puzzle together (your whole team should work together), and the team that completes all or most of their puzzles at the end of 45 seconds wins.
- *(Note for Live Host – while the contestants are putting the puzzles together, place a timer on the screen and have the audience do a stadium stomp. You can also do some type of cheer or sequence hand clap to keep the audience engaged during this part of the game. Once the timer hits 10 seconds, have the audience help you count down.)*

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- **Live Host:** And the winner of stage two is.... *(encourage the audience to cheer)*
- **Stage Three** is The Crucifixion Journey. Are you ready for this final stage?! I can't hear you! Now that's better. Contestants, this is the last and final stage of our quest. It is a race to the finish of the crucifixion journey. Contestants, this is a relay, and I need each team to line up one behind the other at the starting line. Once I shout, go, the first person runs to the table and puts together a cross. Once your cross is built, you must race back to the line, tag the next person, and give them your cross. The next person is to run back to the table, take the cross apart, and put it back together, then run back to the start line to pass the cross to the next teammate; this continues until all team members have had a turn. The last teammate that makes it back to the starting line with their completed cross, their team wins.
- *(Note for Live Host – have commentary during this game [team one is in the lead, team two has taken the lead], encourage the audience to cheer)*
- **Live Host:** And the winner is... team\_\_\_. They won \_ (number of quests). If you are ready for the next game, shout YES!

### FILLED WITH THE LIGHT

- **Items Needed:** Glow in the dark rocks, two fish bowls. Plastic spoons, basket to hold the rocks
- **Live Host:** This next game is called Filled with the Light. Just as the light of Christ fills the world, we want the light of Christ to fill us too. I need 2 contestants to join me onstage. Each contestant, please stand behind a bowl. There is a basket filled with glow-in-the-dark rocks and a plastic spoon. You have 30 seconds to get as many rocks into your bowl as you can. You can only use the plastic spoon to pick up the rocks. At the end of 30 seconds, the contestant with the most rocks receives Bible Bucks.

### SHADOW VS. LIGHT FREEZE DANCE

- **Items Needed:** Flashlight and Music
- **Live Host:** If you are ready for the next game, shout YES! If you are really ready for the next game, shout SHADOW VS. LIGHT FREEZE DANCE!
- **Live Host:** Without Jesus, we're stuck in the dark, but how many of you know Jesus is the light in the darkness? So, for this next game, we will need 7 contestants to join us onstage. The lights will be dim, but when the contestants hear the music and the flashlight is on, they dance. When the music and flashlight are off, they **freeze and stay quiet**. Anyone caught moving when the music and flashlight are off is out. The last student standing receives Bible Bucks.

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

25 MINS

**Live Host:** We want to welcome our first-time visitors in a big way! If this is your first time visiting with us, we are so excited that you are here! So why don't we do this? Let's have everyone stand and clap as we welcome our guests and get ready for worship.

### INTRO: MEMORY VERSE

5 MINS

**Live Host:** Hey there, Galactic Explorers—are you ready? I can't hear you. Are you ready? Our world is full of both light and darkness, so guess what? God is calling each of us to be Warriors of Light! When I say, 'Warriors of Light,' I want you to shout it back—Warriors of Light! God wants us to stand strong, shine bright, and push back the darkness with His truth and love. Now, who here is ready to be brave and be light? **(Pause for responses)** I can't hear you. Who here is ready to be brave and be light? That's what I like to hear! Let's grab our gear and get ready for our memory verse. **Cue memory verse video**

### LESSON RECAP VIDEO

1 MIN

### LIVE HOST'S INTRO TO LESSON

5-7 MINS

**Live Host:** Hello, Galactic Glowers! Welcome to our **Galactic Glow Easter Celebration**. How is everybody doing today? This month, we have a theme that I know many of you are excited about: **Galactic Glow: Shining the Light of Jesus!** Get ready to blast off into amazing adventures and learn how we can shine with God's love in everything we do. It is going to be a great ride—let's get started!

**Key Scripture:** Today, our key scripture is John 3:16: "For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son. God gave his Son so that whoever believes in him may not be lost but have eternal life."

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### MINISTRY LESSON

10 MINS

**Live Host:** Are you ready to hear the story of Easter—a story of hope, sacrifice, amazing love, and how **Jesus is alive and the darkness is defeated?** Now it's your turn. Repeat after me: **Jesus is alive, the darkness is defeated!** Jesus shows that He is the light through the sacrifices that he has made and the miracles he performed. Like a couple of weeks ago when we talked about Jesus' healing two blind men. Then last week, do you remember what we celebrated? Wait for responses. **Palm Sunday!** Can you tell me what the people shouted? Wait for responses. **"Hosanna!" "Hosanna!"** because they believed Jesus was their special King who would bring salvation and light. The people were so excited that they waved palm branches, which is where our story picks up.

- **Jesus as the Light**

**Hook:** Have you ever turned on a light in your room and seen how quickly it brightens everything? Everything becomes bright, and the darkness leaves instantly. Jesus is like that amazing light, chasing away darkness and filling our lives with hope and love.

The truth is that many people did not really know who Jesus was. You know how at school, not here at church right... School, you hear rumors, and you do not know if they are true or not. Well, people were hearing many things about Jesus. They were not sure of what to believe, and some people knowingly just wanted to discredit Jesus. They didn't want things to change, so they secretly planned to arrest Him and make Him suffer.

Even though many people were so happy about Jesus' arrival as the Savior and Light, some people didn't understand His purpose. So, who was Jesus really? Is he a superhero? Is he some mysterious ghost? **NO**

Jesus is love, and he came to bring *light* to the world in a way they couldn't imagine.

- **The Reason for the Light**

Jesus came to bring light into the darkness. He came to show God's love and help people understand how much God cares for them. You remember when we talked about sin a few weeks ago? The reason He had to die, was to take away the sin that keeps us in darkness and to make a way for us to have eternal life. Jesus was willing to make the greatest sacrifice for us because He loves us so much.

Was Jesus' sacrifice just for some people, like you or maybe me? No, the Bible tells us in John 3:16, "For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son." This verse says the world - meaning those who arrested Jesus, those who made Him suffer, even for those that may not be nice to us. That means that Jesus died for everyone!

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- **Jesus is Alive: His Light Still Shines.**

Jesus was arrested and sentenced to die on the cross, even though He had done nothing wrong. Can you think about a time when you were blamed for something you did not do? The pain from that alone. But imagine people having to walk the same streets where people cried Hosanna, those people yelling at you, calling you, and calling you names, while you carry a cross for something you did not do. That is what Jesus did. As He hung on the cross, He took the punishment for our sins, showing His great love for us.

After He died, His body was placed in a tomb, and a large stone was rolled in front to seal it. But on the third day, something amazing happened— Some women went to visit Jesus' tomb, and they found that the huge stone covering the entrance had been rolled away and the tomb was empty! Matthew 28:5-6 says, "an angel appeared and said, "But he is not here. He has risen from death as he said he would. Come and see the place where his body was!"

And guess what? No, really, guess what?! **What?** The place where the stone was rolled away is not just a story in a book—it's a real place that still exists today! **(Show Picture of the stone that was rolled away)** And guess what else? It's still EMPTY! **(Show picture of the empty tomb).** That's right—Jesus isn't in that tomb because He's alive! We celebrate today because Jesus' resurrection shows us that He beat sin and death, bringing new hope and light into the world. It reminds us that no matter how dark things might feel, because Jesus is alive, His light always shines through! How awesome is that?!

**Dancers come in saying He is alive, He is Alive, HE IS ALIVE!**

**Song: Risen by Isreal Houghton plays, and the dance company begins dancing and interacting with the kids.**

## SALVATION CALL

**15 MINS**

Wow, what a beautiful story of Easter! In our lesson today, we talked about the reason Jesus came, which was to save the whole world from sin. Remember, John 3:16 says For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son. But the Bible doesn't stop there; it says God gave his Son so that whoever believes in him may not be lost, but have eternal life. Although this gift was offered to the whole world, the offer has to be accepted. Jesus offered his life, and our job is to respond to Him. Have you invited Jesus in to be Lord over your life? To take away your sins, to wash you clean. If you want to invite Jesus in into your life today, pray this prayer with me. **(have the children repeat each line after you)**

**Prayer of Salvation:** Dear Jesus, thank you for loving me so much. I believe You died on the cross and rose again so I can have a new life with You. I know I have done wrong things, and I ask You to forgive me. Please come into my heart and be my Savior. Help me to follow You every day. Amen."

Remember, by saying that prayer, you are choosing to follow Jesus and let His light guide your life. Welcome to His family!

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!

