

VICTORY KIDS ELEMENTARY

THEME: I AM A VICTORY KID!

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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: 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

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

TRUTH OR TOSS

- **Items Needed:** Two buckets (labeled Truth and Not True), bean bags, a list of statements (some true, some false)
- **Live Host:** If you are ready for the first game, shout YES! I need one contestant to join me onstage. I am going to read a statement aloud. Once the statement is read, the contestant will decide if that statement is the "Truth or Not True and place a bean bag in the correct labeled bucket. The contestant will receive one Bible Buck for each correct answer.
- *(Note for Live Host: make sure to give commentary during the game, and encourage the audience to cheer throughout the game)*
- **Live Host:** Are you ready for the next game shout YES! I can't hear you! Let's get ready to play Tower of Truth!

TOWER OF TRUTH

- **Supplies:** 2 sets of stackable cups
- **Live Host:** I need eight contestants (forming two teams of four) to join me on stage. Each team will have 30 seconds to build the tallest tower without it falling over. The team with the tallest tower will receive 3 bible bucks.

STAND FIRM FREEZE DANCE

- **Items Needed:** Music
- **Live Host:** Alright, let's get ready for our next game. In this game, you are all contestants. In this game, we are going to play music, and I want you to do your best dance moves. But when the music stops, I want everyone to freeze in a strong pose (like a soldier); if you move or laugh, you have to sit out the next round. The last one(s) standing wins.

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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 out as we welcome our guests and get ready for worship.

INTRO: MEMORY VERSE

5 MINS

Live Host: "Hey Victory Kids! Are you ready? This summer, we're going to learn what it really means to be a Victory Kid. God has called us to live in the world, but not to live like the world. That means we don't follow the crowd—we follow Jesus. Instead of copying what everyone else is doing, we let God change the way we think by renewing our minds with His Word. As Victory Kids, we're called to see others, love others, and treat others the way God would."

Now, if you are ready to hear this month's memory verse, shout **Yes...** Cue memory verse video

LESSON RECAP VIDEO

1 MIN

LIVE HOST'S INTRO TO LESSON

5-7 MINS

Live Host: Hey there, everyone! How's it going today? We are SO excited to have each and every one of you here with us! Today, we are kicking off something brand new, and I think you're going to love it.

Our new theme is, **I'm a Victory Kid!** This month, we are going to learn what it means to be strong in the Lord and stand firm in our faith. How? By putting on the Whole Armor of God!

Each week, we'll learn about a different piece of this special armor from God and how it helps us to fight against lies, fear, temptation, and anything that tries to pull us away from God. Because Victory Kids don't give up or give in, they stand strong! Repeat after me! I am a Victory Kid, I don't give up or give in, I stand strong.

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Key Scripture: Our key scripture for this lesson comes from Ephesians 6:14a – So stand strong, with the belt of truth tied around your waist.

(At this point, you can decide to play the lesson video or act out May Week 4 of Captain Light Skit)

LESSON VIDEO OR CAPTAIN LIGHT SKIT

2-3 MINS

(Both are found in the media file)

MINISTRY LESSON

10 MINS

Supplies needed: Supplies: Picture of a Plumber, Electrician, and Soldier in Full Armor,

Live Host Hook: Have you ever seen a plumber or an electrician at work? What do they usually have around their waist? That's right—a tool belt! Their tool belt holds everything they need to do their job. Without it, they would be dropping tools everywhere, or they would have to stop every few minutes to go find what they need. The tool belt keeps everything together and ready to use. It is super important! Did you know that a Roman soldier had a belt just like that, too? Not for fixing pipes or wires—but for battle! His belt held his sword, supported his armor, and helped him move freely in the fight. Without his belt, everything else would fall apart.

In the Bible, Ephesians 6 says that God gives us special gear: things like the Belt of Truth, the Breastplate of Righteousness, Shoes of the Gospel of Peace, the Shield of Faith, the Helmet of Salvation, and the Sword of the Spirit. And guess what? Today, we're starting with the first piece—the Belt of Truth. Can you say the belt of Truth with me? Let me hear you shout it really loud! The Belt of Truth! Why do you think God started with truth? Let's find out!

- **The Truth Comes from God**

Truth is not just facts—truth is what comes from God. God's Word is truth. John 17:17 says, "Make them ready for your service through your truth. Your teaching is the truth." The truth helps guide us in what to believe, how to live, and how to know right from wrong. **The Belt of Truth** is the first piece of armor because truth is the foundation. Just like a house needs a strong foundation to stand, we need God's truth to build our lives on, and here is the cool part: the Bible says we need a belt too, it holds everything together, just like God's truth holds our hearts and minds steady. This Belt is not one made of leather but made of truth! In Ephesians 6:14, it says, "So, stand strong, with the belt of truth tied around your waist." Paul, the person who wrote Ephesians, is telling us that God gives us real armor to wear every day. When you know the truth—like how much God loves you, that Jesus is always with you, and that His promises are real—you can stand firm no matter what comes your way!

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- **Truth Helps Me Know Who I Am**

Now that we know truth comes from God, let's talk about something super important—what truth says we are. The world will try to tell us all kinds of things. Sometimes, people can be mean. Sometimes, what people say might make us feel invisible, left out, or not good enough. And if we don't know the truth, we might start to believe those lies. But here's the awesome part: when we wear the Belt of Truth, we learn to believe what God says about us, not what the world says or even how we feel on a bad day.

Can you think of some things that God says about you? (wait for responses) Here are some things that God says about you

- We are God's masterpiece, His personal work of art
- You are chosen and loved
- You are forgiven and made new because of Jesus

When the world says, "You're not good enough," God's Word says, "You are fearfully and wonderfully made." When you feel like you're all alone, God's Word says, "I will never leave you." We wear the Belt of Truth by learning what God says and believing it more than anything else." When we believe those truths, it changes how we think and live.

- **The Truth Shows Me How to Live God's Truth Every Day**

So far, we've learned that truth comes from God, and it helps us know who we really are.

But here's the big question: What do we do with that truth? Do we just keep it in our heads? (wait for responses) No way! God wants us to live it out every single day.

In Bible times, Roman soldiers wore a belt every day, not just in battle. It held their sword, supported their breastplate, and kept their clothing tucked in so they could move freely. Without the belt, everything else would fall apart or become unmanageable. "It would be like trying to carry a backpack with the zipper wide open—a total mess!"

When you wear the **Belt of Truth**, you're not just thinking about what's true; you are living what is true by living a life that lines up with what God says. Living God's truth means being honest, trustworthy, and standing on God's promises even when life is tough. It means letting it show in the way you talk, act, and think. The Belt of Truth means it's like wearing your armor out in the world—not just on Sundays, but at school, at home, and everywhere you go.

Victory Kids don't just know the truth—they live it! Let's wear our Belt of Truth every day, stand firm, and help others see who God is by how we live.

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MINISTRY MOMENT

10 MINS

Raise your hand and tell me something you learned today. I am giving away Bible bucks! Today we learned about the first piece in the armor of God... **The Belt of Truth!** So, remember:

- **Truth Comes from God**
- **Truth Helps Me Know Who I Am**
- **The Truth Shows Me How to Live God's Truth Every Day**

Paul, the writer of the book of Ephesians, used this belt as a picture of truth. Just like a soldier needs his belt to stay ready, we need truth to stay strong and prepared in our faith. Without God's truth, the rest of our spiritual armor loses its strength and purpose.

Call to Action

Today we learned that being a Victory Kid means that we must speak the truth, believe the truth, and live truth, no matter where you are or who you're with!

Our call for action this week: Write down what you think God says about you.
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 small group, move directly to closing prayer (these questions will be asked and answered in small group))

1. What is the first piece of God's armor mentioned in Ephesians 6? **The Belt of Truth**
2. Why do we need God's truth? **Because it helps us know what's right and keeps us strong when things are confusing.**
3. Where does truth come from? **Truth comes from God and His Word (the Bible).**
4. Can you think of a time when telling the truth or trusting God's truth helped you? **Look for their personal responses**
5. How does truth help us make good decisions? **Look for their personal responses**

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

Closing Prayer

Dear Lord, Thank You for teaching us about Your truth today. Help us remember that Your Word is always right and never changes. When we feel confused, scared, or unsure, remind us of what You say. Show us how to live Your truth every day—at home, at school, and with our friends.

We want to be strong Victory Kids who stand tall in Your armor. In Jesus ' Name, Amen.

ELEMENTARY SMALL GROUP LESSON

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

INTRO

Live Host: Good morning, everyone!! How are you all doing? How was your weekend? Did anything special happen? (receive answers). How was school this week? (receive answers).

ICEBREAKER

1. What's something you're really good at?
2. What do you do when someone is being unkind?
3. Why is it important to tell the truth?
4. What's something kind you did for someone recently?
5. How can you keep following Jesus when things get tough?

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... For our call to action, we were to:

- **Do one act of kindness each day**—help a sibling, write an encouraging note, or include someone who feels left out.
- **Write or draw** how you felt when you shined your light!

Remember, whoever shares receives 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 that 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

"So stand strong, with the belt of truth tied around your waist. "

EPHESIANS 6:14

Name:

Grade:

Date:

S.O.A.P

“So stand strong, with the belt of truth tied around your waist.”
Ephesians 6:14

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

