

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!

MEMORY ARMOR MATCH

Supplies: Laminated Cards with armor images

Live Host: If you are ready for the first game, shout YES! I need one contestant to join me onstage. The contestant will turn over two cards at a time to find a match. You have 45 seconds to find as many matches as you can. At the end of the game, the contestant who has found the most matches will receive 5 Bible Bucks.

(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 Victory Kids Word Scramble.

VICTORY KIDS WORD SCRAMBLE

Supplies: Scrambled words on the screen, game buzzers

Live Host: I need four contestants (2 on each team) to join me on stage. On the screen, I will show a scrambled word, and the first team to hit their game buzzer has 5 seconds to tell what the scrambled word is. The team with the most points at the end of the game will receive 5 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 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!

Last week we learned about the Belt of Truth. Today we will talk about our next piece of armor.. **The Breastplate of Righteousness.**

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Key Scripture: Our key scripture for this lesson comes from Proverbs 4:23 – Above all else, guard your heart.

(At this point, you can decide to play the lesson video or act out June Week 2 of Victory Valor Skit)

LESSON VIDEO OR VICTORY VALOR SKIT

2-3 MINS

(Both are found in the media file)

MINISTRY LESSON

10 MINS

Supplies needed: Supplies: A toy heart or a large heart cutout, a Box labeled “heart protection,” The box contains pictures of a bike helmet, a kitchen pot lid, a scarf, and a breastplate (labeled the righteousness of Jesus)

Live Host Hook: Hold up the heart. What would happen if I left this heart out in the open, with nothing to protect it? It could hurt, right? (wait for responses) Begin pulling random “protection items” out of the box and ask for each item (except the paper breastplate- save that for last).

Ask - Would this protect my heart?” (wait for responses)

You saw the Helmet, it is good protection for your head, not your heart. The scarf helps keep your neck warm, but it won't stop an attack. The pot lid – it might block a pancake, but not much else.

Pull out the paper breastplate. But THIS- this is made to protect your heart! In the Bible, God tells us to wear the breastplate of righteousness. That means living in a way that pleases God and trusting Jesus to make us right with Him. When our hearts are protected by Him, we can stand firm

- God Gives Us Righteousness through Jesus**

Ephesians 6:14 (ICB) tells us to “Put on the breastplate of righteousness...” Let's talk about two big words today—Breastplate. Can you say that with me? (Pause and let them repeat it.) A breastplate is a piece of armor that covers the chest of a soldier. Roman soldiers wore a breastplate over their chest to protect their heart and lungs during battle. It kept the most important parts of their body safe from attack. 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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The second word is righteousness. Can you say that with me? (Pause and let them repeat it.) Righteousness means being right with God—clean, forgiven, and in good standing with Him. Paul, the writer of Ephesians, said that believers should wear a spiritual breastplate made of righteousness. He was not talking about real armor, but about the protection we get from God when we follow Jesus. Just like the breastplate guarded the soldier's heart, God's righteousness protects our spiritual hearts.

- **Righteousness Is a Gift, Not a Reward**

Now, here's something important: none of us can make ourselves right with God on our own. God gives us His righteousness, and this is like being given a perfect report card—even though we did not earn it! We all mess up sometimes. But here's the fantastic news—Jesus came to fix that! We are not perfect, but we trust the One who is Jesus! He makes us right with God, and that's the best protection we could ever have.

We do not earn righteousness by being perfect. God gives it to us as a free gift when we believe in Jesus (Romans 5:17). One man sinned, and so death ruled all people because of that one man. But now some people accept God's full grace and the great gift of being made right with him. They will surely have true life and rule through one man, Jesus Christ.

This reminds us that God's love and forgiveness are not based on our behavior, but on Jesus' sacrifice. Even when we make mistakes, His righteousness still covers us, just like a breastplate of righteousness. Righteousness Helps Us live in confidence of God's Love.

- **Living with confidence in God's love:**

Living with confidence in God's love means embracing the truth that we are fully accepted by Him, not because of anything we've done to earn it, but because of Jesus' perfect sacrifice. When we "wear our breastplate of righteousness," we are reminded that:

"I am forgiven!" – This is a reminder that God's love covers all our mistakes, and no matter how many times we fall short, His forgiveness is always available through Jesus.

"I belong to Jesus!" – This truth affirms that we are not just loved by God, but we are His own. We have an unbreakable relationship with Him.

"God sees me as clean and right because of Jesus!" – God's love allows Him to see us as righteous, not because of our perfection, but because Jesus took on our imperfections.

"I'm not perfect, but I'm fully loved and protected!" – God's love is unconditional. We don't need to be flawless for Him to care for us and protect us.

When we believe these truths, it transforms the way we think and live. We no longer have to live in fear or uncertainty about where we stand with God. Instead, we live with the confidence that we are loved, protected, and fully accepted by Him. This confidence doesn't come from us being perfect, but from the assurance that Jesus has made us right with God and that His love covers all. This understanding strengthens us to live boldly and securely in God's love, knowing we belong to Him.

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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 next piece in the armor of God... The Breastplate of Righteousness!

- God Gives Us Righteousness through Jesus
- Righteousness Is a Gift, Not a Reward
- Living with confidence in God's love

The breastplate of righteousness reminds us that We are forgiven, we are loved, we belong to God, and even when we mess up, we are covered by Jesus' love.

Call to Action

Today we learned that being a Victory Kid means that we must guard our hearts through righteousness. That means choosing to live God's way.

This week write about a time when you chose to live God's way by doing what was right in your heart. Journal about the problem, solution and what helped you make the right choice. If you do not think you made the right choice, write about what you could have done differently.

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 does the word "righteousness" mean? **Being right with God.**
2. Who gives us righteousness? **Jesus gives us His righteousness when we trust in Him.**
3. Who wrote the book of Ephesians? **Paul**
4. Can we earn righteousness? Why or Why not? **No, righteousness is a gift from God, not something we can earn.**

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

Closing Prayer

Dear Lord, Thank You for giving us the breastplate of righteousness. Thank You for sending Jesus to make us right with You. Help us protect our hearts from lies and remember that we are loved, forgiven, and made new. 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 helps you stay calm when you're nervous or afraid?
3. What does the "Belt of Truth" help us do?
4. What's one way to show God's love without using words?
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:

Choose one way to show God's truth in your life.

Maybe it's telling the truth when it's hard, standing up for someone, or reminding yourself of something God says about you.

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

"Above all else, guard your heart."

PROVERBS 4:23

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...

SCAN ME

Check out this month's Memory Verse Song!

