

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!

WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD BINGO

Supplies: Bingo cards, and markers, pencils or pens

Live Host: If you are ready for the first game, shout YES! Our first game is Armor of God Bingo. I will pull pieces of armor from the bag and call them out. Use your bingo card to mark off the piece of armor. The contestant who gets bingo first receives 2 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 Gospel of Peace Relay.

GOSPEL OF PEACE RELAY

Supplies:

- 4 cones or markers to make "Peace Stations"
- Slips of paper with simple Bible verses or messages one for each team
- 2 baskets or boxes (one for each team)
- Floor tape

Live Host: I need eight contestants (4 on each team) to join me on stage. Each team has the opportunity to win 10 Bucks! Each team will get a bible verse about peace, Each team member will stand at a station (cone), the starting team member will whisper the bible verse to the next team member at station 2, and then that team member runs to whisper to station 3, then finally station 3 whispers to station 4 team member! The last team member has to say what they heard. The team with the closest to their original bible verse wins! There is a twist! You must walk the tape line to deliver the message!

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STEP INTO PEACE (MUSICAL CHAIRS)

Supplies: 9 Laminated shoe cutouts and music

Live Host: Are you ready for the next game shout YES! I need 10 contestants to join me on stage. This game is like musical chairs but the shoes of peace edition. Once the music starts the contestants will walk around the shoes in a circle. Once the music stops the contestants must hurry to stand on a pair of shoes. The last contestant standing receives 3 Bible Bucks.

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

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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 Breastplate of Righteousness and today we will talk about our next piece of armor... **The Shoes of the Gospel of Peace.**

Key Scripture: Our key scripture for this lesson comes from Ephesians 6:15 - And on your feet wear the Good News of peace to help you stand strong.

(At this point, you can decide to play the lesson video or act out June Week 3 of Victory Valor Skit)

LESSON VIDEO OR VICTORY VALOR SKIT

2-3 MINS

(Both are found in the media file)

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MINISTRY LESSON

10 MINS

Supplies needed: Supplies: Pictures of a pair of muddy boots, fancy shoes, and a pair of running shoes.

Live Host Hook: What shoes do you wear when going somewhere important? (wait for responses)

Hold up the running shoes. These shoes are made for moving fast, just like the ones soldiers wore in battle! Today, we will learn about a special shoe God wants us to wear, shoes that help us run with peace and share Jesus wherever we go. Ready to lace up and learn? Let's go!

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- **Walking in God's Peace, not Fear**

When we put on the Shoes of the Gospel of Peace, they first help us walk in God's peace. But what does that mean?

Peace is more than just being quiet or not fighting with others. God's peace is much more profound—the calm, steady feeling in our hearts reminds us that God is with us. That means when you face challenging moments like being nervous before a test, someone hurting your feelings, or being worried about something with a friend.

We don't have to stay upset or scared when those things happen. Why? Because Jesus gives us peace on the inside—peace that stays with us no matter what's happening around us. Philippians 4:7 says, "God's peace will keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. God's peace is so great that we cannot understand it." That means God's peace is so strong and honest; it helps us feel safe and calm even when we don't understand why things are happening.

Let's think about the shoes again. A Roman soldier wore strong shoes with spikes on the bottom so they wouldn't slip, even on rocky roads or in battle. That's what God's peace does for us—it helps us stand firm and not fall apart, even when life feels messy or scary.

- **Peace Every Step of the Way**

Now we know we always have the shoes of peace. What do you think happens when you take the step to ask Jesus for peace? (wait for responses) Yes! He will give it to you! When you ask Jesus for peace, He helps your heart feel calm, even if things around you are crazy, but you must take the first step to ask for it.

Have you ever walked into a room where everyone was arguing or upset? How did it make you feel? (wait for responses). How could you invite Jesus to bring peace to you and that place at that time? (wait for responses). Just stop, take a deep breath, and remember that Jesus is with you. You can pray, "God, help me feel Your peace," and He will! Jesus gives us peace that protects our hearts and helps us stand firm, just like a soldier's shoes help him stay firm in battle.

Do you think you can have God's peace only when you come to church? (wait for responses) No, God's peace isn't just for church—it's for every day! It's something we take with us everywhere we go. You can use God's peace at school when you feel nervous, at home when things get tough, or with friends when there's a problem. When you have His peace in your heart, you can stay calm, be kind, and make good choices—even when things don't go your way. Just like sturdy shoes help us stay balanced, God's peace helps us remain calm and firm no matter what!

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- **Put Peace into Practice**

The Bible tells us that we should wear the "Shoes of the Gospel of Peace," meaning we should be prepared and steady, always ready to go where God sends us. These aren't just any ordinary shoes; they help us carry the message of Jesus wherever we walk! God doesn't want us standing still; He wants us to be on the move, sharing the good news! When we wear these shoes, we become peacemakers! That means we walk into our schools, homes, and playgrounds carrying the peace of God with us. Instead of spreading fear or anger, we can spread kindness and love just like Jesus did. We spread peace by spreading the Gospel, the good news about Jesus.

We've learned that God wants us ready to go and that we carry peace wherever we step—but now it's time to live it out in real life! Putting on the Shoes of the Gospel of Peace means showing Jesus' love daily. It's like being on a mission! We can be peacemakers at home, in class, at lunch, or on the playground. This happens when we help others in need, encourage a friend who feels down, or pray for a friend, family member, or neighbor. Whenever we choose to be kind, helpful, or forgiving, we show others what Jesus is like.

Let your steps show the world that you follow Jesus. Remember: every step with the Gospel of Peace helps someone else walk closer to Him!

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... **Shoes of the Gospel of Peace.**

- Walking In God's Peace, Not Fear
- Peace Every Step of the Way
- Put Peace into Practice

When we wear the shoes of the gospel of peace, we bring God's peace into our families, schools, and friendships.

Call to Action

Today, we learned that the Shoes of the Gospel of Peace help us walk in God's peace, wherever we go.

Journal or draw a picture of time you made someone smile or feel better, maybe bringing some peace to them? What did you do? How did they feel?

Next Sunday, we will share in our small groups and receive some Bible Bucks!

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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 are the Shoes of the Gospel of Peace? **They're part of God's armor that help us stay ready to share Jesus and walk in peace.**
2. What does it mean to bring peace wherever we step? **It means helping people feel safe, calm, and loved by showing them how much Jesus cares for them.**
3. What are some places where we can be peacemakers? **At home, at school, on the playground, or anywhere we go!**
4. How can we ask Jesus for peace? **We pray and invite Jesus to give us peace.**

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

Closing Prayer

Dear Lord, thank You for giving us shoes that help us share the peace and love of Jesus with others. Help us to remember every day to walk in Your peace and bring kindness to everyone around us. In Jesus' name, Amen

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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 one thing God made special about you?
2. Who is someone in your life who shows courage?
3. How many pieces of armor have we learned about? Can you name them?
4. What's one way to show the love of Jesus at school?
5. When do you feel closest to God?

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:

Write it down or draw a picture of what you could do to spread peace to a classmate, neighbor, or someone in your family.

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.

Great job answering the questions!

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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

"And on your feet wear the Good News of peace to help you stand strong."

EPHESIANS 6:15

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!

