

VICTORY KIDS ELEMENTARY

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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!

KEEP YOUR SHIELD UP

Supplies: Child-size inflatable shield, soft foam balls and a hula hoop

Live Host: I need four contestants to join me on stage. For this game you are going to use the shield of faith to keep these flaming arrows away. One contestant will stand inside the hula hoop with the shield, and three contestants will throw foam balls trying to get them into the hula hoop. The contestant inside the hula hoop will have 30 seconds to keep as many foam balls out of the hula hoop. At the end of the round the contestant who was able to keep out the most balls out of the hula hoop will receive 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 Bowl Away Fear!

BOWL AWAY FEAR

Supplies: Bowling ball and Pins (tape different fears on the pins – the dark, being alone, being sad, no friends, a test, standing against wrong).

Live Host: I need one contestant to join me on stage. For this game you are going to bowl away fear. Each contestant has two chances to knock down as many pins as possible. At the end of each round the contestant who has knocked down the most pins will receive 3 Bible Bucks.

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

THE SHIELD RELAY

Supplies: 9 Laminated shoe cutouts and music

Live Host: Alright, let's get ready for our next game. I need four contestants (2 teams of 2) to join me onstage. One contestant from each team will stand at the starting marker with your team shield, while the other contestant will stand at the finish line marker. At the start the first contestant will race as fast as they can to the contestant on their team. Once they have reached their teammate they will hand off the team shield, and the other teammate will run back to the start line to complete the race. The team with the fastest time receives 2 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 Shoes of the Gospel of Peace. and today we will talk about our next piece of armor... **The Shield of Faith.**

Key Scripture: Our key scripture for this lesson comes from Ephesians 6:16 – And also use the shield of faith. With that, you can stop all the burning arrows of the Evil One.

(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)

MINISTRY LESSON

10 MINS

Supplies needed: Use shields from game stations

Live Host Hook: Let's pretend someone is aiming foam darts at you—what would you do? Duck? Run? Or grab something to protect yourself?

(Wait for responses, then hold up the shield.)

Right! You'd want a strong shield that blocks anything flying your way!

Well, guess what? God gave us a shield, too, and it's made of something more substantial than you can imagine, faith. It's called the Shield of Faith, and it can stop anything the enemy throws at you, not foam darts, but things like fear, lies, and worry.

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- Faith Is Trusting God No Matter What**

Does anyone know what faith is? (Wait for responses) Imagine planting a sunflower seed in the soil. For days, sometimes weeks, you can't see anything coming up and might wonder if anything is happening. But hidden under the ground, the seed is cracking open, roots are reaching down, and a tiny sprout is pushing up. Before you see the sunflower, you trust it's growing because you know how seeds work and watered it like the packet said. That's like faith! Even when you can't see everything God is doing, you can still feel Him working in your life. Faith says, 'I may not see it, but I know God is holding on to me and guiding me. The Bible says in Hebrews 11:1, "Faith means being sure of the things we hope for. And faith means knowing that something is real even if we do not see it." It's like saying, "We have faith in God, we believe He's real and loves us, even though we can't see Him with our eyes. When Paul wrote about the Armor of God, he was in prison surrounded by Roman soldiers. He used what he saw—shields, helmets, armor—to help people understand how to live strong for God. The Roman shield he talked about was big, like a door! It could cover almost a soldier's entire body.

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- **Faith Stops the Enemy**

Close your eyes and imagine you're a brave Roman soldier. Arrows are zooming through the air—whoosh, whoosh!—and they're on fire! If one hits, it could hurt. So, what do you do? You lift your giant curved shield, and the arrows bounce off and fizzle out. Now open your eyes. We don't walk around with actual arrows flying at us, but we face a different kind of battle every day.

The battle happens inside our hearts and minds. So, what does this mean? It means that we feel like we're in a fight, not with people, but with our thoughts and feelings. This can be when we are fearful of telling the truth, so we tell a lie, or we want to be kind to someone, but they were mean to us first. Or thoughts like "You're not good enough" or "God isn't there." Our faith in God helps us say "no" to things that are wrong and keeps us safe from the tricks of the enemy.

But guess what? When we hold up the Shield of Faith, these battles in our hearts and minds don't get through. Just like a soldier can stay safe behind a shield, we can remain strong and brave when we use our faith to remind ourselves of God's truth.

- **Faith Grows When We Stay Close to God**

Faith isn't something we use once and forget about; it grows like a muscle. And just like you build muscle by exercising, you build faith by spending time with God.

Do you know how we do that? (wait for responses) When you hear a Bible story about how God helped someone, that helps your faith grow. When you pray and see God answer, your faith grows. The more we fill our hearts with God's truth, the stronger our shield becomes.

Think of your faith like a shield made of bricks. At first, you might only have a few bricks, but every time you pray, read your Bible, or remember how God helped you before, you add another brick.

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 Shield of Faith** .

- Faith Is Trusting God No Matter What
- Faith Stops the Enemy
- Faith Grows When We Stay Close to God

Faith confidently says, "I can't see it yet, but my God is at work, and His shield is wrapped all the way around me!"

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Call to Action

Today, we learned about the fourth piece in the armor of God, the Shield of Faith. In order for our faith to grow we must build it. This week, for your call to action:

Memorize one verse, have your parents help you to write a short prayer, and sing your favorite worship song.

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. How big was the Roman shield Paul talked about—tiny, medium, or as big as a door? **Big as a door**
2. What do we lift up to stop those invisible arrows? **The Shield of Faith**
3. Tell me two ways you can exercise your faith muscle? **Reading the Bible, praying, worshipping, memorizing verses, and thanking God for answering prayers.**
4. Name the pieces of armor we have learned about so far? **Belt of Truth, Breastplate of Righteousness, Shoes of the Gospel of Peace, Shield of Faith .**

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

Closing Prayer

Dear Lord, Thank You for giving us the Shield of Faith. Your protection is bigger than any problem we face. Help us trust You even when we can't see what You're doing. Remind us to lift our shield whenever fear, lies, or doubts try to sneak in. Your truth makes those arrows fall to the ground! Make our hearts brave, our minds strong, and our words full of Your love, so others can see how powerful and good You are. 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. How do you feel when you know God is with you?
2. Have you ever had to stand up for what's right? What happened?
3. What does it mean to be a good friend?
4. If you could tell the world one thing about Jesus, what would it be?

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.

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

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EPHESIANS 6:16

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!

