

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 TOSS

Supplies: Tape Truths to Bean bags and corn hole game or a bucket.

Live Host: I need two contestants to join me on stage. For this game you are going to toss the bean bag into the hole. For each bean bag we get in the hole we are collecting more and more of God's truths about us. Each beanbag will have one of God's truths. The contestant who gets the most beanbags into the hole will receive 3 Bible Bucks.

(Note for Live Host: make sure to give commentary during the game, and encourage the audience to cheer and countdown 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 TRUE OR FALSE: ARMOR OF GOD EDITION.

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Supplies: True or False Statement slides

Live Host: This is a game everyone can play. For this game I will place a sentence on the screen and I want you to shout if it is True or False. Are you ready! Let's go!

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GAME STATIONS (CONTINUED)

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

SORT IT OUT

Supplies: Assorted skittles and seven cups (2 cups to house unsorted skittles and 5 per student to sort skittles in)

Live Host: Alright, let's get ready for our next game. I need two contestants to join me onstage. Each contestant will receive a cup with 25 assorted skittles. On the count of three, you will sort out the five colors in their cup. The first contestant to color code all their skittles will receive 1 Bible Buck. Get ready in ONE... TWO...THREE

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 Shield of Faith. Today, we will talk about the final two pieces of armor—**The Helmet of Salvation and The Sword of the Spirit.**

Key Scripture: Our key scripture for this lesson comes from Ephesians 6:17 – Accept God's salvation to be your helmet.

(At this point, you can decide to play the lesson video or act out June Week 5 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: Bike helmet, Signs with the words "WORRY," "FEAR," "LIES," "MEAN WORDS," "DOUBT," and a volunteer student

Live Host Hook: Your brain is Mission Control, guiding every thought, choice, and memory. But sneaky arrows called Worry, Fear, Lies, and Doubt keep zooming in, hoping to crash the system. God equips us with the Helmet of Salvation to shield our minds so those arrows can't stick. When we remember Jesus has rescued us, the helmet blocks their fiery tips. Yet God doesn't just leave us hiding—He also gives us the Sword of the Spirit, His Word. When we speak a Bible verse, it slices through each lie and sends the enemy running. So, strap on your helmet, raise your sword, and watch every fiery arrow fizzle!

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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- **The Helmet of Salvation Protects Our Minds**

Once I was riding and had a terrible fall, but the good part was that I know you are saying there can't be a good part to a fall. But I was wearing a helmet, and it protected my head from what could have been a disaster. Just like a helmet protects your head during a game or a fall, when we wear the Helmet of Salvation (Can you say that with me – Helmet of Salvation), we learn to think the way God wants us to believe.

The Bible says to think about things that are true, noble, proper, pure, lovely, and worthy of praise (Philippians 4:8). We choose thoughts that are full of truth, kindness, hope, and courage. Instead of listening to fear or doubt, we listen to God's Word and trust what He says about us. And the more we fill our minds with God's truth, the stronger and braver we become in our faith.

- **The Sword of the Spirit helps us fight lies**

God also gives us a powerful weapon—the Sword of the Spirit, which is the Bible! Roman soldiers carried a short, double-edged sword called a gladius. It was small enough for close combat but sharp enough to win battles. Paul tells us the believer's sword is the Word of God—every verse, promise, and command in the Bible. So, the Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God, is like a sword a Roman soldier used in battle, but this one helps us fight against bad thoughts or things that try to pull us away from God.

Have you ever had a thought that made you feel scared, unimportant, or like you weren't good enough? Those thoughts are not from God. "Remember when Jesus was tempted in the desert? Each time the devil lied, Jesus answered with a Bible verse—and the devil ran away! The enemy wants to fill our minds with lies—things like "God doesn't care about you," "You'll never get it right," or "You're all alone." But the Sword of the Spirit helps us block out those lies and remember what's true. God says we are loved, never alone, and made for His good purpose.

A truth we know from that Bible is found in Romans 8:28, telling us that "in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

- **Train Daily**

Back in Paul's day, Roman soldiers drilled every single morning. First thing, they strapped on their heavy helmets because a head injury could end the battle before it began. Afterward, they gripped their short swords and practiced quick jabs and blocks until the movements felt automatic. Skipping one training day meant rustier skills and slower reflexes on the battlefield—something a wise soldier would never risk.

If you play sports, you don't just show up on game day—you train every day to get stronger, faster, and better. A football player doesn't wear their helmet only on game day—they practice in it to stay safe and ready. A soccer player doesn't only use their skills during a match—they train with their team all week. It's the same with us! We "put on" the Helmet of Salvation by remembering Jesus saved us, and we use the Sword of the Spirit by reading the Bible and learning God's truth.

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

WRAP-UP & CLOSING PRAYER

5 MINS

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3. How can we "put on" the Helmet of Salvation every day? **By remembering who Jesus is, reading God's Word, praying, and choosing good thoughts.**
4. What is the Sword of the Spirit, and why is it important? **The Word of God, Various Answers (for the second part of the question).**
5. Athletes practice every day—how can we practice using God's armor every day? **Various Answers .**

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

Closing Prayer

Dear Lord, Thank You for the time we've spent learning about the Armor of God. Thank You for equipping us with everything we need to stand strong in our faith. Help us to put on full armor daily—truth, righteousness, peace, faith, salvation, and the sword of the Spirit. Remind us that we don't fight alone. You go before us, You stand beside us, and You fight for us —In Jesus' name we pray. 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. If you could have one superpower, what would it be and how would you use it for good?
2. What's one way you can remind yourself that you belong to God?
3. What would you say to a friend who believes something that isn't true about themselves?
4. Who is someone you can encourage today? ?

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.

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For our call to action, we were to: **Pick one person to pray for every day this week, just like Esther prayed and asked others to pray with her. You can pray for a friend, a family member, or even someone who is having a hard time.**

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

“ – Accept God's salvation to be your helmet.”

EPHESIANS 6:17

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!

