

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!

SHEPARD SHUFFLE RELAY

- **Items Needed:** Tape for start and finish lines, and beach balls.
- **Live Host:** I need four contestants to join me on stage. Two teams of two contestants. Each team will have two beach balls. Each team member will race with a ball between their knees, but the catch is they will also link arms (think leg race). The teams will race against each other to the finish line and back. The first team to make it back to the starting line 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 The Chosen Target Toss!

CHOSEN TARGET TOSS

- **Bean bags, 6 plates labeled with point values 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, and 100.**
- **Live Host:** I need two contestants to join me onstage. Each contestant will take a turn and toss a bean bag, trying to land it on one of the plates. Each contestant will get three chances. The contestant with the most points will receive 5 Bible Bucks.

SHEPHERD STAFF LIMBO

- **Items Needed:** Shepherd's Staff, or Decorated broom stick or pole as a shepherd's staff, music (This game is classic limbo)
- **Live Host:** Alright, let's get ready for our next game. I need three contestants to join me onstage. Your mission is simple: each contestant will take turns passing under David's Shepherd Staff without touching it. After each round, we'll lower the Shepherd staff to see who can stay "faithful" the longest. The contestant who doesn't touch the shepherd's staff when going under or falls on the ground will receive 3 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 learning 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? Welcome to our brand-new series where we learn from one of the greatest heroes in God's story—David. Have you heard of David in the Bible (wait for responses)? One of the things that David is most known for is being the one who slayed the giant. Has anyone heard that story?

David is known as a warrior and a king, but did you know he didn't start that way? He wasn't born a giant slayer or a ruler. He started like you, an ordinary kid caring for sheep on a quiet hillside.

But here's what's amazing: because David trusted God, even his ordinary days were special. With God, every day became a victory day! Today, we'll shout our theme loud and proud. When I say, 'Who are you?' you answer, 'I'm a Victory Kid!' Ready?"

(Call-and-response three times, getting louder or adding motions.)

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Victory is who we are when we let God lead our hearts. Real triumph doesn't just happen on the outside; it starts on the inside, with who we are and trust.

Our first lesson is called "Chosen by God"—when we follow Him, we discover who He made us to be!

Key Scripture: Our key scripture for this lesson comes from 1 Samuel 16:7— People look at the outside of a person, but the Lord looks at the heart.

(At this point, you can decide to play the lesson video or act out July Week 1 of Victory Vee Skit)

LESSON VIDEO OR VICTORY VEE SKIT

2-3 MINS

(Both are found in the media file)

MINISTRY LESSON

10 MINS

Supplies needed: Supplies: 2 gift boxes that are nicely wrapped, one plain box, and a paper crown. The nicely wrapped boxes will remain empty, and the paper crown goes in the plain box.

Live Host Hook: Welcome, Victory Kids! Today, we're discovering how God chooses people in a very different way than we do. But first, I need your help with a little game called Secret Selection!

Here are three boxes, one of which has something hidden in it. If you had to guess, which one would you say? Most people would go for these boxes that are shiny and spectacular, instead of plain ones. People often pick based on what they see on the outside, but the real treasure is what's inside. That's exactly how God chose David; God saw something special in David's heart. And here's the best part: God sees your heart, too. So, let's jump into the lesson and learn how being "Chosen by God" makes you a true Victory Kid?

- **God Looks Inside**

What do you notice first when you look in this mirror? (wait for responses) Do you look at your hair? Your clothes? Or maybe you look to see how tall you're getting? But guess what: God has a different kind of mirror. His mirror isn't glass. He looks past our cool clothes, shoes, and hair to what's inside—our thoughts, love, and choices.

Here is a story of how God looks on the inside, as found in 1 Samuel. Israel needed a new king, so God sent Samuel to Bethlehem to visit a man named Jesse. Jesse lined up his sons, from oldest to youngest, so Samuel could pick the new king. Samuel looks at one of Jesse's sons and thinks, Wow! Look at Eliab's strong shoulders—

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He must be the one!' But listen to what God whispered to Samuel: **(1 Samuel 16:7)** "Do not consider how handsome he is... **People look at the outside, but the Lord looks at the heart.**"

So, Samuel moved to the next brother and one by one through all seven sons, each time God said, not this one. Finally, Samuel asked, 'Do you have any more sons?' Jesse said, 'Well, the youngest David is out with the sheep. When David hurried in, God said, 'That's My king! David was the youngest; he wasn't a warrior yet, and if we had to guess, he probably smelled like sheep from caring for them all day. But inside his heart, he loved God, sang praises, and protected his flock with courage. That is what God saw. So, God does not look at the outside; he looks at the inside.

- **God Makes Ordinary Extraordinary**

Ever wonder if God can use a kid who does "normal" stuff every day? David's life shows He can! The Bible tells us that David was a skilled musician. While David played songs to God under the stars, he learned to worship God. When a lion or a bear tried to snatch a lamb, he was able to fend them off. David learned courage and skill, and because he showed up for those sheep daily, doing the ordinary duties that no one cheered for, it became the training ground for an extraordinary purpose. God called his heart "faithful" and his hands "skillful" (Psalm 78:70-72).

So, the next time you tackle math homework, feed the dog, or help a younger sibling, remember that faithfulness in small things is God's training ground. Daily duties done God's way prepare us for the victories He's planning. If God could spot a future king out in a sheep field, imagine what He sees when He looks at you.

- **God Chose You Too**

Here's the best news: God chose David, and He chooses you, too!

Remember, Samuel came to Jesse's house at the beginning of the lesson to find the next king. Jesse lined up his older sons, strong, tall, impressive guys. But God didn't pick any of them. Instead, He chose David, the youngest son, the one left out in the fields caring for sheep. Just as David God chooses ordinary kids like you today to be part of His amazing plan. The Bible tells us that when we trust in Jesus, we're not left out or picked last—we're invited into God's family and given a place that only we can fill.

He gives you special things only you can do, people you can encourage, and ways to show the world who He is. God doesn't choose us for our outside shine; He looks at our hearts and turns everyday faithfulness into extraordinary purpose. When we trust that truth, we can leave today knowing we're Victory Kids—personally chosen by God to make a difference right where we are.

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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 Today, we learned that being a Victory Kid means we are Chosen by God...

- **God Looks Inside**
- **God Makes Ordinary Extraordinary**
- **God Chose You Too**

He's not impressed by fancy clothes or perfect hair—He's looking for kids who love Him and others. Whether you feel plain or popular, God says, 'I see who you really are, and I choose you!'

Call to Action

Today, we learned that God does not look at the outside, but He looks at what is in our hearts. As Victory Kids who are chosen by God.

- **Share It** – Choose two quiet acts of kindness to do this week. —help a classmate, include someone at recess, help your parents, help your sibling, or pray for a friend.
- **Say It** – Memorize 1 Samuel 16:7 and repeat it aloud each day, People look at the outside, but the Lord looks at the heart

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 everyday job did David have before he was made king? **He was a shepherd watching sheep.**
2. Name one animal David fought while protecting his sheep.? **A lion or a bear**
3. Who told Samuel not to look at outward appearance when choosing the next king? **God (1 Samuel 16:7).**
4. In your own words, why do you think God cared more about David's heart than his height or clothes?
Various Answers
5. What is one "ordinary" thing you did last week that God could use for something extraordinary?
Various Answers



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

Closing Prayer

Dear Lord,

Thank You for seeing more than our clothes or talents—you see our hearts and still choose us to be Your Victory Kids. Help us love You like David did, be faithful in every small job, and share Your kindness everywhere we go this week. Remind us that You can turn our ordinary moments into something amazing for Your glory. We love You, and we're ready to live for You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen



ELEMENTARY SMALL GROUP LESSON

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SMALL GROUP OPTION ONE - (There are TWO options provided for small group the second one is for the campuses that does small group first)

INTRO

Live Host: Good morning, everyone! I hope you enjoyed today's lesson. Can anyone tell me what you learned today? **(wait for students' responses)**

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ICEBREAKER

(this icebreaker has two parts: questions from today's lesson and the call to action from last week)

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4. In your own words, why do you think God cared more about David's heart than his height or clothes? **Various Answers**
5. What is one "ordinary" thing you did last week that God could use for something extraordinary? **Various Answers**

Great job answering the questions. 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:

Think about friends or family that you can share the good news that Jesus defeated the darkness with. Who did you share the good news with? Remember, I'm giving out 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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RECAP CALL TO ACTION

5 MINS

- Today, we learned that God does not look at the outside, but He looks at what is in our hearts. As Victory Kids who are chosen by God, we must do everyday things God's way.
Your call to action for this week:

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S.O.A.P

10 MINS

Please use the S.O.A.P sheet.

ACTIVITY: (OPTIONAL)

This activity can be taken from the game station section if needed.

CLOSING 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

"People look at the outside of a person, but the Lord looks at the heart."

1 SAMUEL 16:7

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!

