

VICTORY KIDS ELEMENTARY

THEME: Wild West Faith

"THE GRASS DIES, AND THE FLOWERS FALL. BUT THE WORD OF OUR GOD WILL LIVE FOREVER!"

ISAIAH 40:8 (ICB)

AFTER WORSHIP:

BIBLE PRESENTATION:

Live Host:

"Alright Victory Kids — now I need everyone's attention, because this moment is super special!" (Pauses for effect) "Here at Victory Kids, we love when friends come to visit... but we REALLY love when they come back again... and again... and again!" (Smiles big)

"So today, if this is your third time hanging out with us here at Victory Kids, we've got something AWESOME just for you!" "If that's you — go ahead and raise your hand nice and high so our team can spot you. Come to the stage because we want to celebrate you BIG TIME!" We have something really special that we want to give you..." (Team members hand out Bibles) "A brand-new Bible just for YOU! Because we believe God's Word is the best gift ever — it's full of hope, adventure, truth, and it reminds us every day who we are and how much God loves us!"

Can we clap it up and make some noise for our third-time friends getting their Bibles today?!" (Claps hands, and waits for applause, celebrates big). And if you're sitting there thinking, 'Hey, I want a Bible like that!' — no worries! Keep coming, keep learning, and we'll have something for you too!"

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!

Are you ready for a game? Shout YES! I can't hear you! Let's get ready to play DRESS LIKE A COWBOY!

(Note for Live Host: make sure to give commentary during the game, and encourage the audience to cheer throughout the game).

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DRESS LIKE A COWBOY

- **Items Needed:** Cowboy-themed clothing and some random clothing
- **Live Host:** I need 2 contestants to join me on stage. There will be an assortment of things on a table to create the best western look and a few things that don't fit. Each contestant will have 1min to create the best cowboy look. The audience will pick which student puts together the best look! Both students will receive a Bible Buck.

WOULD YOU RATHER?

- **Items Needed:** Would you rather questions
- **Live Host:** It is time to play Would You Rather! This is a game everyone can play! I will read you two options. If you would "rather" the first option, you will stand up. If you would "rather" the second option, you will sit down.

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 month, we're learning what it means to have Wild West Faith! That kind of faith doesn't just sit still, it moves when God says move, trusts even when the trail gets tough, and stands strong when the world around us gets shaky. Out here on God's frontier, we don't follow the crowd, we follow the voice of our Good Shepherd. We don't just guess where to go, we trust God's Word to guide us every step of the way. His truth never fades, never fails, and never changes. .

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 Victory Kids! How's everybody doing today? We are kicking off our brand-new series called Wild West Faith. Over the next few weeks, we're going to learn what faith really is, where it comes from, how it grows, and where it leads. This whole month is about discovering how to trust God, not just with our words, but with our whole lives.

Today, we're laying the foundation. We're asking the big question: What is faith? And we are going straight to God's Word to find the answer. By the end of this lesson, you'll see that faith isn't just about feelings, it's about being confident in who God is and learning to trust Him every day, no matter what!

Key Scripture: Our key scripture for this lesson comes from 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."

(At this point, you can decide to play the lesson video or act out September Week 1 of Frontier Faith Skit)

LESSON VIDEO OR VICTORY VEE SKIT

2-3 MINS

(Both are found in the media file)

MINISTRY LESSON

10 MINS

Supplies needed: Supplies: N/A

Live Host Hook: : Good morning, everyone! Hey Victory Kids! Let me ask you a question, have you ever done or seen a trust fall? Wait for responses. (Live Host and volunteer act out the trust fall) You know, when you stand in front of someone, close your eyes, and fall straight back, trusting they'll catch you before you hit the ground? It can feel a little scary, right? You can't see what's behind you. You must believe that the person catching you will do what they promised, they'll be there for you.

That's a lot like what faith is. You can't always see how things will turn out, but you choose to believe it will turn out good. You choose to believe that God is with you, that He's good, and that He keeps His promises, every single time. So today, we are going to learn what faith really means from the story of the Roman centurion, and how he had to believe Jesus' word even though he didn't see it yet.

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- **Faith Believes Before Seeing**

How many of you have been on a rollercoaster ride? Wait for answers. When you get on you believe you are safe and it's going to take you to the end. That's kind of like what faith is, it means believing before you see everything worked out.

In today's story, a Roman centurion came to see Jesus, he wasn't a Jewish teacher or one of Jesus' disciples. He was a Roman soldier! He had a big problem: his servant was very sick and about to die. He had heard about Jesus, and he believed that Jesus could heal his servant. He also believed that Jesus didn't even have to be in the same room to heal his servant. All Jesus had to do was say the word, and the servant would be healed.

That's a bold kind of faith! The centurion didn't need proof. He didn't need to see the healing happen with his own eyes before he believed it could happen. He simply trusted who Jesus was, and that was enough.

And that's what real faith looks like. Hebrews 11:1 says, "Faith is being sure of the things we hope for. It is being certain of things we do not see." We can't always see God working, but we can trust that He is. Faith isn't about seeing first—it's about believing first, because we know who God is.

- **Faith Trusts Jesus' Power and Authority**

Being a Roman soldier, he was used to giving commands. He told his soldiers what to do, and they obeyed. So, he understood what authority looks like. And he recognized that Jesus had even greater authority. Jesus has authority over sickness, nature, and everything in creation!

The centurion said something amazing to Jesus: "Just say the word, and my servant will be healed." He didn't ask Jesus to come to his house or see the sick servant. He trusted that Jesus' word alone had power. And guess what? Jesus was amazed by his faith! In fact, Jesus said He hadn't seen that much faith even among the people of Israel!

The centurion didn't just believe Jesus could help, he believed Jesus had the power and authority to make it happen just by speaking. That's a big deal! .

- **Faith Pleases God**

When the centurion told Jesus, "Just say the word," he didn't need proof or a big show, he just believed. And do you know what happened next? Jesus was amazed! He turned to the crowd and said, "I haven't seen this much faith anywhere in Israel!" (Luke 7:9.) That tells us something really important faith makes God smile.

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The Bible says in Hebrews 11:6, "Without faith, no one can please God." That means trusting God is one of the most important things we can do! God doesn't need us to be perfect or have all the answers. What He's looking for is hearts that trust Him, hearts that believe His Word, even when we don't understand everything yet.

Think about it this way: if you've ever had a pet, you know how good it feels when that animal learns to trust you. They don't have to know the plan, they just follow because they trust you to lead them safely. That's the kind of trust God loves to see in us. When we choose to believe God's Word, obey Him, and trust His heart, it brings Him joy.

Faith isn't just something that helps us, it's something that honors God.

MINISTRY MOMENT

10 MINS

Raise your hand and tell me something you learned today. I am giving away Bible bucks!

When I believe in Jesus, I become part of God's forever family, and I can live with love, joy, and courage because I belong to Him. Today, we learned that **WHAT IS FAITH.**

- **Faith Believes Before Seeing**
- **Faith Trusts Jesus' Power and Authority**
- **Faith Pleases God**

Sometimes we forget how powerful Jesus really is. We might think, "Can God really help me with this problem?" But the truth is, Jesus still has that same power today. He can heal, help, lead, and provide. When we pray, we're not just talking to anyone, we're talking to the King of Kings! And when we have faith in His authority, we don't have to be afraid. Faith means trusting that Jesus can handle what we can't.

Call to Action

For your Call to Action this week: **Pick one verse from the Bible and believe it—really believe it.**

Here are a few bible verses to hold onto it when things get tough - Psalm 23, Luke 1:37, Proverbs 3:5, Philippians 4:13. And when you're facing something that makes you nervous, like a test, a hard conversation, or a new experience, pray and say, "Jesus, I trust You."

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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 is faith? **Faith means trusting God and His Word, even when we can't see how everything will work out.**
2. Who did we learn about today that had strong faith? **The Roman Centurion who asked Jesus to heal his servant.**
3. What made the Centurion's faith so special? **He believed Jesus could heal his servant with just a word. He didn't need to see it happen to believe.**
4. How does our faith grow stronger? **By reading God's Word, trusting Him, and choosing to believe, even when it's hard.**
5. What is one way you can live out your faith this week? **Various answers ("examples may include praying, helping someone, obeying parents, forgiving someone, reading the Bible.")**

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

Closing Prayer

Dear Lord, Thank You for teaching us what faith really means. We know that even when we can't see everything You're doing, we can still trust You because You are always good, and You always keep Your promises. Grow our faith as we read the Bible, pray, and choose to obey You every day. We love You. In Jesus' name, Amen.



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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)*

What is Faith?

ICEBREAKER

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

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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:

Each morning, we were to take 2 minutes to do these 2 things:

Put on your Armor! Say the 6 pieces of God's armor out loud and ask God to help you stand strong today. **Walk in Your Identity. Look in the mirror and say:** Ex. "I am protected. I am chosen by God. I have my identity in Christ. I am a Victory Kid!"

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

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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

"Faith means being sure of the things we hope for.
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HEBREWS 11:1

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...

Check out this month's Memory Verse Song!

SCAN ME

