

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 RIDE EM' 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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RIDE EM' COWBOY

- **Items Needed:** Inflatable horses/stick horses, tape to mark starting and finish line
- **Live Host:** I need 4 contestants to join me on stage. Each contestant will take their place on the starting line. On the count of 3 each contestant will ride the horse around the cones to the finish line. The contestant that crosses the finish line first wins and receives 5 Bible Bucks. One..Two..Three.

WANTED: THE VOICE OF GOD

- **Items Needed:** Voice Recordings
- **Live Host:** Are you ready for the next game? Shout YES! This next game called Wanted: The Voice of God. In the Wild West "Wanted" is usually a bad thing, but as followers of Jesus we "want!" to hear the voice of God so that we always know where to go. I need 2 contestants to join me onstage.

Contestants will hear 3 "voices" (pre-recorded), but only one voice says the things that God would say. The others may say some things that are like what God says but they are distractions, funny or confusing! After hearing all 3 voices, (which means they listen to the voices first), each Deputy picks which one they believe is the one voice that says the things that God would say by holding up a sign (1, 2, or 3) at the end of hearing all voices.

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

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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 continuing our series 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.

Last week, we started by answering the question, "What is faith? Through the story of the Roman Centurion.

Today, we continue the series with the question: **How Does Our Faith Grow?**

So, this month, we're going to find out exactly what faith is, where it comes from, and how we can live it out every day—at school, at home, and wherever God leads us!

Key Scripture: Our key scripture for this lesson comes from Romans 10:17, So faith comes from hearing the message. And the message that is heard is the Word of Christ."

(At this point, you can decide to play the lesson video or act out September Week 2 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: Small potted plant and a seed

Live Host Hook: : Good morning, everyone! Hey Victory Kids! Can someone tell me how I can get from this (point to seed) to this (point to plant)? (accept student answers). Yes! This tiny seed won't grow unless it gets sunlight, water, and good soil. Then point to the grown plant. "Faith is the same way, it starts small, but when we feed it by hearing and obeying God's Word, it grows strong and beautiful, just like this plant.

Just like this plant needs care to grow, our faith needs something to grow too, and it all starts with hearing God's Word.

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- **Faith Grows When We Hear God's Word**

Before Samuel ever heard God's voice, his story started with a woman named Hannah, his mom. Hannah had to have wild west faith as she prayed to God to bless her with a son. She made a promise: "If You give me a child, I'll give him back to You to serve You his whole life." And guess what? God answered her prayer! When Samuel was still very young, Hannah brought him to the temple, (this is what we call church) to live and learn under Eli the priest. Samuel grew up there, helping with chores and learning how to worship, follow, and hear the voice of God. That's where our story picks up.

One night, after Samuel had gone to bed, he heard a voice call out, "Samuel!" He jumped up and ran to Eli, thinking the old priest had called him. But Eli said, "I didn't call you, go back to bed." This happened again. And again. Finally, Eli realized something very important: it wasn't him calling Samuel, it was God!

So, Eli told Samuel, "Next time you hear the voice, say, 'Speak, Lord, I'm listening.'" And that's what Samuel did. When God called a fourth time, Samuel answered just like Eli said, and God gave him a message. Faith starts by tuning in to God's voice.

- **Faith Grows When We Obey What God Says**

Hearing God's voice was only the beginning for Samuel. Samuel heard God because he was in the right place, and he was ready to listen. That's how our faith starts, too. Romans 10:17 says, "Faith comes from hearing the message." The more we hear God's Word at church, at home, in songs or stories, the more we learn to trust and obey Him. God gave him a tough message to share with Eli, a message about what would happen to Eli's family. Samuel was scared at first. He didn't want to hurt Eli's feelings or get in trouble. But when Eli asked him what God said, Samuel told the truth.

Samuel obeyed God, even when it was hard. Have you ever had to tell the truth to your parents, be honest with a friend, admit you made a mistake at school, or maybe stand up for what's right? I know that can be hard, but remember, having Wild West faith means hearing the voice of God and obeying Him. That's a huge part of how faith grows. It's one thing to listen, but real faith shows up when we do what God says.

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

Samuel didn't stop listening to God after that one night. He kept honoring God, praying, learning, and obeying. And because he did, something amazing happened: the Bible says Samuel grew in wisdom, and God was with him. Now, what's wisdom? Wisdom isn't just knowing a lot of stuff, it's knowing how to make the right choices. It's listening to what God says, knowing what is right and doing it, even when it is hard. A wise person lives God's way.

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People all over Israel began to see that Samuel was someone who knew God. That didn't happen overnight. Faith doesn't just grow all at once. Just like this plant (show plant from hook), it grows slowly and steadily. Every time we read the Bible, pray, come to church, worship, and obey God it's like watering this plant. The more we stay connected to God, the stronger and deeper our faith becomes.

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 **HOW DOES FAITH GROW.**

- **Faith Grows When We Hear God's Word**
- **Faith Grows When We Obey What God Says**
- **Faith Grows as We Stay Close to God**

Faith begins when we hear God's Word, believe it, and obey. As we keep listening, following, and trusting Jesus, even in scary moments, our faith grows stronger one step at a time. .

Call to Action

Start Your Faith Routine!

This week, spend a few minutes each day reading a Bible verse or listening to a worship song. Ask God to help your faith grow stronger as you hear His Word.

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))

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2. What Bible verse tells us that faith comes from hearing? **Romans 10:17 – "Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ."**
3. What did Samuel hear one night while he was sleeping? **He heard God calling his name.**
4. What helps our faith grow stronger and braver? **Obeying what God says, even when it's hard.**
5. What happens when we stay close to God? **Our faith grows deeper and stronger.**

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

Closing Prayer

Dear Lord, Thank You for teaching us that faith starts when we hear Your Word and grows as we follow You. Help us to trust You, even when life feels scary or confusing. Help us say yes to You every day. Remind us that You are with us, guiding us and helping our faith grow stronger. In Jesus' name, 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)*

How Does Our Faith Grow?

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:

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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

"So faith comes from hearing the message.
And the message that is heard is the Word of Christ."

ROMANS 10:17

Name:

Grade:

Date:

S.O.A.P

“So faith comes from hearing the Good News. And people hear the Good News when someone tells them about Christ.”

Romans 10:17

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!

