

# 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 HORSESHOE HOPE!**  
(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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### HORSESHOE HOPE

- **Items Needed:** Indoor horseshoe game
- **Live Host:** I need 2 contestants to join me on stage. Each contestant will take turns tossing their horseshoes. The contestant whose horseshoe(s) land closest receives 4 Bible Bucks. .

### COWBOY SHOWDOWN

- **Items Needed:** Cowboy hats or bandanas
- **Live Host:** It is time to play Cowboy showdown! I need 5 contestants to join me onstage. This is a take on the game "rock, paper, scissors." Two contestants will come to the center of the stage and battle each other! The winner of each match will receive one Bible Buck.

## 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 so far, we've been 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. We've learned that 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 continuing our series of Wild West Faith. We are learning over these weeks 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 learned about **How does Faith Grow through the life of Samuel**

Today, we are answering the question of **What Happens When Faith Is Tested** – Through a man named Daniel.

So, this month, we 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 Daniel 6:23, He trusted in his God.

(At this point, you can decide to play the lesson video or act out September Week 3 of Frontier Faith Skit)

### LESSON VIDEO OR FRONTIER FAITH SKIT

2-3 MINS

(Both are found in the media file)

### MINISTRY LESSON

10 MINS

**Supplies needed: Supplies: Lion costume**

**Live Host Hook:** Good morning, everyone! Hey Victory Kids! Ever heard of a showdown? In the Wild West, sometimes there were moments where someone had to stand their ground, even when it was tough. Well today, we're not talking about cowboy showdowns, but about a person in the bible who had wild west faith named Daniel, who faced a showdown of his own... with a whole den of lions! Daniel didn't have a lasso, a hat, or a horse. But he had something way more powerful; faith in God.

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- **Faith That Does not Give Up**

Raise your hand if you have ever heard of Daniel and the Lion's Den? Daniel who believed in God had been taken to a place called Babylon, where people didn't believe in God. Daniel believed and kept obeying God and doing what was right. The people started to talk about how good of a job Daniel was doing. Even the king saw how great of a job he was doing, and he put Daniel in charge of the whole kingdom! But not everyone liked that idea. Some other leaders got jealous of Daniel. So, they came up with a sneaky plan to get Daniel in trouble. They tricked the king into making a law that said no one could pray to anyone except him for 30 days. And if they did? They'd be thrown into a den filled with hungry lions!

- **Faith Trusts God with Whatever Happens**

Does anyone want to guess what Daniel did? Come on, I want to hear from you (pick a few kids to tell what they think Daniel did). He went home, opened his windows, and got down on his knees to pray, just like he always did. He didn't let fear change his faith. That is the kind of Wild West Faith that does not give up. Daniel got caught praying to God, and the king was sad, but he had to follow the law and throw Daniel into a den full of hungry lions. (Have the lion come out in the suit, a roaring sound will play, and the lion should just hold up their hands and let the sound play, while the live host narrates the next part). That could've been terrifying—but Daniel didn't run or panic. He trusted God, even though he didn't know what would happen next.

The king stayed up all night worrying. But Daniel? He was safe and calm because his faith was in God. And guess what happened? The next morning, the king rushed to the lion's den and called out, "Daniel! Did your God save you?" And from inside the den came Daniel's voice: "Yes, my God sent His angel and shut the lions' mouths!" .

- **Faith Shines Through Hard Times**

Wow! God protected Daniel because Daniel trusted Him, even when it didn't make sense. That's what real faith looks like. It means saying, "God, I don't know how this will turn out—but I believe You're with me, and I trust You no matter what." The king had seen something amazing— Daniel's God was real, powerful, and trustworthy. The king immediately took Daniel out of the lion's den and gave an order that the men who had tried to trap Daniel were to be punished instead.

But that's not all. The king also made a new law. He told everyone in his kingdom to respect and honor the God of Daniel. Why? Because Daniel's faith had shown everyone how great God truly is! That's what happens when our faith shines during tough times. When you trust God and stay faithful, your life becomes like a light that helps others see God. Just like Daniel, your faith can show the world who God really is.

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### 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 HAPPENS WHEN FAITH IS TESTED?**

- **Faith That Does Not Give Up**
- **Faith Trusts God with Whatever Happens**
- **Faith Shines Through Hard Times**

Daniel's story teaches us that real faith doesn't give up when things get hard. He didn't hide what he believed Daniel had Wild West Faith because he had the courage to stay strong because he knew that God was worth trusting, no matter what. .

#### Call to Action

If you are faced with the hard choice of which friends to hang with, cheating on a test that you did not study for, or starting rumors this week, ask yourself, will my faith have the courage to do what is right?

Write down the difficult choice and spend some time praying to ask God to help you make the right choice. Faith doesn't mean we never feel nervous, it means we talk to God anyway, and trust that God is with you through it all.

**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. Did Daniel stop praying because of the new law? **No, Daniel kept praying to God just like he always did.**

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3. What was the punishment for breaking the law? **Anyone who prayed to someone other than the king would be thrown into a den of lions.**
4. Why did the king make a new law after Daniel was saved? **Because he saw that Daniel's God was real and powerful, and he wanted everyone to respect Him, or follow God.**
5. What does this story teach us about faith? **Possible answers – Faith give us courage, Faith means trusting God even when it's scary or hard, and staying faithful helps others see how great God is.**

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

### Closing Prayer

Dear Lord, Thank You for always being with us, just like You were with Daniel. Help us to be brave and trust You, even when things feel scary or hard. Give us the courage to do what's right, no matter what. Let our faith stand tall, so others can see how great You are! We love You, and we want to follow You every day. In Jesus' name, amen.



# ELEMENTARY SMALL GROUP LESSON

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**ISAIAH 40:8 (ICB)**

**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 Happens When Faith Is Tested?**

### 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:

### 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.

### 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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**For your call to action 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

"He trusted in his God."

**Daniel 6:23**

Name:

Grade:

Date:

# S.O.A.P

“...Daniel had trusted in his  
God.”

Daniel 6:23b

**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!

