

VICTORY KIDS ELEMENTARY

ALL ABOARD: LET JESUS LEAD THE WAY

**"THE LORD GIVES STRENGTH TO HIS PEOPLE. THE LORD BLESSES HIS PEOPLE
WITH PEACE." PSALM 29:11 (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 NOAH'S ARK PUZZLE RACE! *(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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NOAH'S ARK PUZZLE RACE

- **Supplies:** 2 Noah's Ark Puzzle Kits
- **Live Host:** I need 4 contestants to join me on stage (2 teams of 2). At GO... I need each team to open their puzzle and work together to assemble it. The first team to complete their Noah's Ark puzzle first wins. The winning team receives 2 Bible Bucks. 1...2...3...GO

TUNNEL TOSS

- **Supplies:** Corn hole game, bean bags, tape for the toss line
- **Live Host:** On the count of three, I want you to shout YES for the next game! One...Two...Three... YES!!! I need 4 contestants to join me on stage (2 teams of 2). One player from each team will step up to the toss line and try to land their bean bag on the board or in the hole. The contestants will take turns. At the end of the round, the team with the most points receives 2 Bible Bucks.

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 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 starting a brand-new adventure, All Aboard: Let Jesus Lead the Way! Just like a train moves forward on its tracks, we move forward when we let Jesus lead our lives. On this trip we don't drive our own train, we follow our Conductor, Jesus! He knows every turn, every stop, and the very best destination for us.

Now, if you're ready to learn this month's memory verse, shout, "All Aboard!" ... Cue the 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? Welcome aboard! This month's theme is All Aboard: Jesus Leads the Way! Just like trains follow the tracks to reach their destination, we are learning how to follow Jesus, because He is the one who knows the way.

Last week, in the story of Noah our lesson was about God Keeps His Promises.

Noah lived in a time when almost everyone else had turned away from God, but Noah chose to listen, trust, and obey. Because he followed God's directions, he and his family were saved from the great flood.

In today's lesson, we are learning to be Thankful for New Beginnings. So, grab your ticket, take your seat, and get ready, because this train is leaving the station!

Key Scripture: Our key scripture for this lesson comes from Genesis 8:20 (ICB): *Then Noah built an altar to the Lord... and offered burnt offerings on the altar.*

(At this point, you can decide to play the lesson video or act out November Week 4 of Conductor Casey Skit)

LESSON VIDEO OR CONDUCTOR CASEY

2-3 MINS

(Both are found in the media file)

MINISTRY LESSON

10 MINS

Supplies needed: N/A

Live Host Hook: Thanksgiving is almost here! When you think of Thanksgiving, what comes to mind first? (Wait for responses: food, family, turkey, football, pie). Those are fun things, but the real heart of Thanksgiving is stopping to say, 'Thank You, God, for Your goodness.'

This week, while people are getting ready to celebrate Thanksgiving, we're going to see how Noah teaches us to do the same: to notice what God has done and respond with thankfulness.

Last week, we learned that **God keeps His promises**. After the flood, God made a covenant with Noah and every living creature. This week, we pick up the very next moment in the story: Noah and his family step out of the ark onto dry ground for the first time in over a year. What will they do first?

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- **Thankfulness Is Our Response to God's Goodness**

Now imagine this: if you just got off the Ark after a big storm and waited for months for the ground to dry, what would you want to do first? (Pause for answers.) Run? Jump? Explore?

When Noah finally got off the big boat (the ark), he didn't run around, build a house, or plant a garden. Do you know what he did first? He built an altar to thank God! (Genesis 8:20). An altar is a special place people in the Bible made to worship God. long time ago, they would build it with rocks and sometimes put an animal on it as a gift to say "Thank You" or "I'm sorry" to God.

Before the flood, God told Noah to bring extra animals, so Noah could give a special gift to God after the flood was over. It was Noah's way of saying, "Thank You, God, for keeping us safe!" He didn't try to pay God back, he just stopped and said, "Thank You." That's what a thankful heart does. It remembers what God has done and says, "Wow, God, you are so good!" We can do that too! When we wake up, eat a meal, ride safely in a car, or play with a friend; we can stop and say, "Thank You, God!"

- **Thankfulness Helps Us See We are Blessed**

Think about all Noah had just gone through: the storm, the wait, the work ahead. He could have focused on what was missing or the mess around him. Instead, he looked to God first and thanked Him. That changed how he saw everything. The Lord accepted Noah's offering (Genesis 8:21). Noah's gratitude didn't change the storm that he went through, but it placed God at the center of Noah's thoughts.

When we thank God, we start to notice His blessings all around us. We see the food we eat, the sun that rises, our friends and family, and even the strength He gives us to keep going. Gratitude helps our eyes find God's fingerprints in ordinary places. It moves our hearts from "I do not have..." to "Look what God has given me." Thankfulness helps us remember that God provides for us in every season, even after hard days, and His blessings are always with us.

- **Thankfulness Leads to Worship**

Noah wasn't silently thankful; he worshiped God so everyone could see. He built the altar and then listened as God spoke blessings over his family: "Be fruitful and increase... fill the earth" (Genesis 9:1). Noah worshiped God and was grateful for all He had done.

How can our thankfulness become worship this week? *(Wait for responses)*

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We may not build stone altars, but because Jesus gave Himself once for all, we can offer our whole lives to God, our words, our songs, our choices, our kindness, our obedience. Saying "thank You" in prayer, singing to God, having the right attitude when you ask your parents for something and they say no. Instead of complaining, think about all that you have and say thank you God. When you do that, your everyday gratitude becomes worship. True thankfulness doesn't stop at "thanks"; it keeps going until our lives honor God and encourage others. When our hearts are grateful, our actions praise Him, and the people around us can see His goodness, too.

MINISTRY MOMENT

10 MINS

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

Today, we learned to be Thankful for New Beginnings.

- **Thankfulness Is Our Response to God's Goodness**
- **Thankfulness Helps Us See We are Blessed**
- **Thankfulness Leads to Worship**

God is the One who saves and keeps us; after rescuing Noah and renewing the world, He remains faithful to care for His creation. Our right way to think of being thankful is that it doesn't earn His love but receives His grace and our thankfulness turns into worship and a life that follows His ways.

Call to Action

For your call to action this week:

This week, we are on a thankful hunt for God's blessings

Before bed, name three blessings that we can thank God for (examples: people, moments, things, etc.).
Next week, we will share; one blessing I thanked God for was_____.

Next week we will share and receive Bible Bucks.

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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 was the very first thing Noah did after leaving the ark? **He built an altar to the Lord (Genesis 8:20)**
2. How long had Noah's family been in the ark: a short time or a long time? **A long time—over a year.**
3. What does a thankful heart do first? **It puts God first and says, Thank You, or various answers.**
4. Name some everyday things we can thank God for. **Open-ended: Meals, safe rides, friends who care, family, a new day.**

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

Closing Prayer

Dear Lord, thank You for Your blessings, your goodness and for caring for us. Help me say 'Thank You' first, notice Your gifts every day, and let my thankfulness become worship, in my words, my thoughts, and my choices. When worries feel big, give me Your strength and peace. I love You. In Jesus' name, Amen..

Optional ask a child to lead prayer - they can use this repeat-after-me version:

"Dear God... thank You for Your goodness... help me say 'Thank You' first... help me see Your gifts... let my thanks become worship... give me strength and peace... 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)*

Thankful for New Beginnings

We've been talking about the story of Noah. Can anyone tell me what book in the Bible we can find Noah's story in? *(wait for responses)* Noah's story is found in the book of Genesis

Can anyone tell me where Genesis is? *(wait for responses)*

Great! Let's do it together! Let's open our bibles to the Old Testament.

First person to get there gets a bible buck! *(Demonstrate how to find Genesis, and bible verse in the bible)*

Now we found it, just a reminder: this week, when you talk about what we learned with your parents, open your Bible to Genesis as you recap what you've learned.

Okay, let's get a little deeper into what we learned today.

ICEBREAKER

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

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4. Name some everyday things we can thank God for. **Open-ended: Meals, safe rides, friends who care, family, a new day.**

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:

Ask your parents or grandparents: "Has God ever kept a promise to you?" Listen to their story. Then share your favorite promise of God as a family.

Next week, kids can share: My family told me about God's promise to _____.

Remember, whoever shares receives Bible Bucks.



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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.

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

(Optional - you can invite a child to pray)

Dear Lord, thank You for Your blessings, your goodness and for caring for us. Help me say 'Thank You' first, notice Your gifts every day, and let my thankfulness become worship, in my words, my thoughts, and my choices. When worries feel big, give me Your strength and peace. I love You. In Jesus' name, Amen.



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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

"Then Noah built an altar to the Lord... and offered burnt offerings on the altar."

GENESIS 8:20

Name:	Grade:	Date:
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S.O.A.P

“Then Noah built an altar to the Lord.
Noah took some of all the clean birds
and animals. And he burned them on
the altar as offerings to God.”
Genesis 8:20

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!

The Lord gives strength to his people. The Lord blesses his people with
people. Psalm 29:11 ICB

SCAN ME

