

VICTORY KIDS ELEMENTARY

THEME: WILD WEST FAITH

"ACCEPT MY WORK AND LEARN FROM ME. I AM GENTLE AND HUMBLE IN SPIRIT. AND YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS." MATTHEW 11:29 (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 WILD WEST RELAY!

(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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WILD WEST DELAY

- **Supplies:** gold coins, 2 plastic spoons, and 2 buckets, and tape marking finish line
- **Live Host:** I need 2 contestants to join me on stage. You have 30 seconds to gather as many gold coins as you can using a spoon and placing them into your bucket. When I call time, you will race to the finish line. The contestant who reaches the finish line with the most coins receives 3 Bible Bucks.

FAITH SQUARED

- **Supplies:** Word signs labeled "Trust", "Obey", "Wait", "Go" and music (to keep the suspense, place these words into a basket and draw them out when the music stops), bucket, Words on cards for drawing
- **Live Host:** Are you ready for the next game? Shout Yes! I need 4 contestants to join me onstage. This game is called Faith Squared. This is like musical chairs with a twist. Once the music starts the contestants will walk or gallop around the squares placed on the floor with words like "Trust", "Obey", "Wait", "Go" on them. Once the music stops each contestant will stand on a word square. I will randomly draw a word from the bucket that is one of the words on a square, and the word that I call, is out. The last contestant standing will receive 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 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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LESSON RECAP VIDEO

1 MIN

LIVE HOST'S INTRO TO LESSON

5-7 MINS

Live Host:

Hey Victory Kids! How's everybody doing today? We're continuing our Wild West Faith adventure. In this month's series, we are taking a look at what **Faith in Action** looks like through the life of Abraham.

Last week we learned that Abraham showed **Faith in Action**.

Today, we're learning that faith in action is **Trusting God's Promises**. Over the next few weeks, we're learning what faith looks like when we live a life of faith.

Key Scripture: Our key scripture for this lesson comes from Genesis 15:5-6 (ICB): Then God led Abram outside. God said, "Look at the sky. There are so many stars you cannot count them. And your descendants will be too many to count." Abram believed the Lord. And the Lord accepted Abram's faith, and that faith made him right with God.

(At this point, you can decide to play the lesson video or act out October Week 2 of Frontier Faith Skit)

LESSON VIDEO OR FRONTIER FAITH

2-3 MINS

(Both are found in the media file)

MINISTRY LESSON

10 MINS

Supplies: Timer

Live Host Hook: Let's try something. Everyone stay completely silent and still for 15 seconds, no talking, no moving, and no peeking at a neighbor.

(Use a timer. Make it feel long.)

Waiting is hard, isn't it? Abraham had to wait for God's promise, and it wasn't easy, but what he learned during the waiting time changed everything.

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- **Our Problems are Smaller Than God's Promises**

Last week, we learned how Abraham showed faith by obeying quickly when God told him to leave his home. Even though Abraham trusted God and obeyed Him before, he has a big problem, and this new problem seemed too big to fix. Raise your hand if you have ever had something that was difficult to solve, like a puzzle or a math problem. (wait for responses). That is where we find Abraham in our story. He and his wife, Sarah, did not have any children, and they really wanted to have children.

God had made a promise to Abraham that He would bless him with a son. But by this time in his life, he and his wife, Sarah, were getting older in age. Raise your hands if you have grandparents (wait for responses). What about Great-Grandparents? Abraham and Sarah were the age of many of your grandparents and even great grandparents. God had already promised to make Abraham into a great nation, but he was older in age and didn't even have one child. Abraham had to remember the words that God had spoken to him. In Genesis 15:5-6 God told Abraham to step outside and look up. God said, "Count the stars, if you can." Then God promised again, "Your children will be as many as the stars." God was not just promising Abraham one baby, He promised him a GREAT BIG FAMILY!

- **Our Faith Trusts GOD Before We See It**

Does anyone have a smaller brother or sister? (wait for responses) When your mom was pregnant with your brother or sister, or even you. They went to the doctor and got something called an ultrasound, and those were pictures of the baby. This was proof that your parents were going to have a baby. Maybe when your parents were pregnant with you or your sibling, they fixed up a baby's room and had a crib built. They did things to prepare for the baby.

Abraham did not have proof that he would have a child, he did not have a baby, an ultrasound, a crib to rock; but Abraham believed God. Now, that sounds like Wild West Faith! To believe in something that seemed so impossible against all odds is the faith that Abraham had, and that's why the Bible says his faith was counted as righteousness. Wild West Faith doesn't wait until everything is visible, it trusts because the One speaking, God, is good and true. When you trust God and have Wild West Faith before it happens, you're walking in the footsteps of Abraham.

- **Our Faith is a Big Deal**

Abraham had big faith in God. That means he really trusted God and obeyed Him, even when things seemed impossible. We mention that Abraham's faith was counted as righteousness. Now this is a big deal because God said this about Abraham and saying that his faith was "counted as righteousness" is just a fancy way of saying God looked at Abraham and said, "You are doing the right thing because you trust me." It is like getting a gold star for obeying and believing in God, not because you are perfect, but because you trust Him with your heart.

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So, when we have faith like Abraham, our faith is a big deal. God sees it, and it shows Him that we really believe and trust Him. That means that God is not looking for perfect people; He's looking for people who will trust Him.

When we believe what God says, even when it is hard or we have to wait, God notices our faith. He does not ignore it. He says, "I am proud of you for trusting me." He accepts it, and says, "That's the kind of heart I'm looking for." And just like Abraham, our Wild West Faith connects us to God in a special way. And not because we've done everything right, but because we believe in God, who always does right.

MINISTRY MOMENT

10 MINS

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

Today, we learned that **Faith in Action is Trusting God's Promises.**

- **Our Problems are Smaller Than God's Promises**
- **Our Faith Trusts GOD Before We See It**
- **Our Faith is a Big Deal**

God's promises are bigger than any problem. Abraham saw an empty home, but God saw many children. Abraham saw his age, but God saw the future. Sometimes we may pray, and we think that nothing seems to happen. That is when we remember: faith focuses on how big God is, not how big the problem is. God's promises are never too small or too late. When we trust God like Abraham did, even before we see results, God sees our faith, and it is a big deal to Him.

Call to Action

For your call to action this week:

This week, we want you to say a faith prayer. Each day this week, pray this prayer by finishing this sentence: "God, I trust You even when _____."

We will share in our small groups next week and receive some 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 big problem did Abraham face? **He didn't have any children, he was older in age, he was waiting on God's promise to make him a big family.**
2. What did God tell Abraham to look at when reminding him of His promise? **The stars in the sky.**
3. What did Abraham do when God made the big promise again? **He believed God.**
4. What did God do when Abraham trusted Him? **He accepted Abraham's faith as righteousness, which means God saw it as good and right.**

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

Closing Prayer

Dear Lord, Thank You for always keeping Your promises, even when we have to wait. Help us to trust You like Abraham did, even when things feel big or impossible. Remind us that faith means saying, "I believe You, God." We love You and want to follow You with all our hearts. In Jesus' name, Amen



ELEMENTARY SMALL GROUP LESSON

THEME: I AM A VICTORY KID!

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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)* **Faith in Action is Trusting God's Promises**

Our scripture came from 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)

1. What big problem did Abraham face? **He didn't have any children, even though God had promised to make him a great nation.**
2. What did God tell Abraham to look at when reminding him of His promise? **The stars in the sky.**
3. What did Abraham do when God made the big promise again? **He believed God.**
4. What did God do when Abraham trusted Him? **He counted Abraham's faith as righteousness, which means God saw it as good and right.**

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:

You were to listen to God by choosing a quiet spot, maybe in your room, outside, or even in the car, to read or listen to this month's memory verse.

Accept my work and learn from me. I am gentle and humble in spirit. And you will find rest for your souls. Matthew 11:29 (ICB). Try and memorize it.

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

Today, we learned that **Faith in Action is Trusting God's Promises.**

This week, we want you to say a faith prayer. Each day this week, pray this prayer by finishing this sentence: "God, I trust You even when _____."

Next Sunday, we will share in our small groups and receive some Bible Bucks!

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

Dear Lord, Thank You for always keeping Your promises, even when we have to wait. Help us to trust You like Abraham did, even when things feel big or impossible. Remind us that faith means saying, "I believe You, God." We love You and want to follow You with all our hearts. 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 God led Abram outside. God said, "Look at the sky. There are so many stars you cannot count them. And your descendants will be too many to count." Abram believed the Lord. And the Lord accepted Abram's faith, and that faith made him right with God."

GENESIS 15:5-6

Name:

Grade:

Date:

S.O.A.P

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Genesis 15:5-6

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!

“Accept my work and learn from me. I am gentle and humble in spirit.
And you will find rest for your souls.” Matthew 11:29

SCAN ME

