

# VICTORY KIDS ELEMENTARY

## ALL ABOARD: LET JESUS LEAD THE WAY

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### 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 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!

If you are ready for the first game, shout YES! Let's get ready to play Heart Check Musical Chairs!  
*(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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### HEART CHECK MUSICAL CHAIRS

**Supplies:** 5 Colored hearts

**Live Host:** Alright Victory Kids, I need **6 contestants** to join me on stage! Today, we are playing heart check musical chairs. Once the music starts, the contestants will march in a circle around the colored hearts. Once the music stops, the contestants have to stand on a heart; the contestant that is not on a heart is out. Each round, a heart will be removed just like musical chairs. The last contestant standing on a heart will receive 2 Bible Bucks.

### BLESSING BEAN BAG TOSS

**Supplies:** Corn Hole Game

**Live Host:** Alright Victory Kids, who's ready for our next game? On the count of three, I want you to shout a big, loud YES! Ready? One... Two... Three... YES!!! This game is called **Blessing Bean Bag Toss!** I need **4 contestants (2 teams of 2)** to join me on stage! The goal is to see which team can get the most blessing bean bags into the holes. The team with the most points at the end receives 1 Bible Buck each.

## 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!

## INTRO: MEMORY VERSE

### 5 MINS

**Live Host:**

Hey, Victory Kids! Are you ready? This month, we're staying on the tracks for one last ride on our All Aboard adventure: Let Jesus Lead the Way!

We've learned that Jesus is our guide, and now it's time to follow Him wherever He leads. All month long, we'll discover what it means to be a true disciple—someone who listens to Jesus, learns from Him, and lives like Him every day! When we follow Jesus, He helps us stay on the right track and share His love with others along the way.

Now, if you're ready to learn this month's memory verse, shout, "**All Aboard! Let Jesus Lead the Way.....**" Cue the memory verse video!

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### LESSON RECAP VIDEO

1 MIN

Script for video: Good morning, Victory Kids. We are excited about worship today. My name is \_\_\_\_\_, from \_\_\_\_\_ Campus. We are continuing our theme All Aboard: Let Jesus Lead the Way. Last week, our lesson was Jesus Calls Us. We learned three things: **1. Jesus Finds Us Where We Are; 2. Jesus Calls Us to Follow, Not to Watch; and 3. Jesus Gives Us a Mission.** Our memory verse is from John 14:6, Jesus answered, "I am the way. And I am the truth and the life. The only way to the Father is through me. Victory Kids let's get ready for today's lesson!

### LIVE HOST'S INTRO TO LESSON

5-7 MINS

**Live Host:** Hey Victory Kids! How's everybody doing today? Welcome aboard! It's a brand-new year, and we're kicking it off with one last ride on our theme: All Aboard: Let Jesus Lead the Way!

This month, we're continuing on the final part of our journey, which is all about **following Jesus**. When we follow Him, we become His disciples: people who listen to His voice, learn from His Word, and live out His love every single day!

Just like a train stays on track to reach its destination, Jesus helps guide us in the right direction. When we trust Him and follow where He leads, we can be confident that His way is always the best way.

Last week, we learned that **Jesus Calls Us**. But not only does Jesus Call Us today, we will also learn about how Jesus teaches us through the first four **Beatitudes** in Matthew 5.

So, get ready, Victory Kids! This month, we'll discover what it means to follow Jesus, learn from Jesus, and be sent out by Jesus to share His love with the world. It's time to hop aboard, open your hearts, and let Jesus lead the way!

**Key Scripture:** Our key scripture for this lesson comes from Matthew 5:6 (ICB). *Those who want to do right more than anything else are happy, because God will fully satisfy them.*

(At this point, you can decide to play the lesson video or act out January week 2 of Conductor Casey Skit)

### LESSON VIDEO OR CONDUCTOR CASEY SKIT

2-3 MINS

(Both are found in the media file)

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### MINISTRY LESSON

10 MINS

**Supplies needed:** n/a

**Live Host Hook:** We are in the All Aboard Theme, and everywhere you have looked on campus there are trains and train tracks.

**(At this point a recording of a train starts playing).**

Can you imagine a train going to its destination and then all of a sudden, the train starts going off track. None of us would want to imagine the harm and the damage that something like that would cause.

*(stop the sound).*

When Jesus began teaching people about God's kingdom, huge crowds started following Him. One day, He went up on a mountainside, sat down, and began to teach. What He said that day is known as the **Beatitudes**.

You could think of the Beatitudes like train tracks for our hearts. When we follow Jesus' teaching, He helps us stay on the right track and lead others to Him. The Beatitudes are special lessons Jesus gave to help us understand what it means to live God's way and have hearts that please Him. The word "Beatitudes" simply means " **blessings.**" Are you ready for today's lesson?

- **Blessed are the Poor in Spirit**

Matthew 5:3 says, "." When Jesus said this, He wasn't talking about people who didn't have money. He meant people who know they need God's help every day. A humble heart is one that says, "I can't do this on my own; I need Jesus to guide me." So, this means if you are an athlete, maybe a soccer player and you want to score goals and win games, which is great, but you want to pray and ask Jesus to help you stay humble, play fairly, and be kind to your teammates, and the other team, knowing you can't do it all on your own.

Maybe you love STEM or Science and you are a student who, and you are a student who loves doing experiments and learning new things, which is great, s doing experiments and learning new things, which is great but you can pray and ask Jesus to guide you. Even if you make mistakes, you can use what you learn to help others, knowing you need God's help every day. So, being poor in spirit means even if you're talented, you know you need Jesus' help and guidance. Jesus blesses the humble heart. And Jesus doesn't stop there. He not only blesses those who are humble, but He also comforts the hearts that are hurting.

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- **Blessed are those who Mourn and Blessed are the Meek**

Was there ever a time when you felt sad and someone made you feel better? What did they do? (*allow a few students to respond*). When someone listens, gives a hug, or sits with us while we cry, that comfort reminds us we're not alone. That's exactly what God does for us. In Matthew 5:4-5, Jesus teaches us about two ways our hearts can be tender. Matthew 5:4 says, "*Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.*" Jesus knows that sometimes life feels heavy. There are moments when our hearts hurt: when we're sad, disappointed, or see something unfair happening around us. Jesus said that when we feel that kind of sadness, God promises to bring comfort.

Then Jesus added something else that might surprise us. He said in Matthew 5:5 God blesses the "meek", the gentle and kind-hearted. Remember we learned the word meek when we learned about the fruits of the spirit. Jesus teaches that true strength is shown when we are gentle, patient, and willing to let God lead instead of forcing our own way. Having a tender heart means caring for others, choosing kindness, and being gentle like Jesus. When our hearts stay soft before God, He fills us with a strong desire to do what's right, and when you are hurting just know, that Jesus sees every tear and cares about every hurt. When our hearts ache, Jesus draws close to remind us that He's with us and that His love never leaves us.

- **Blessed are Those Who Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness**

Have you ever heard the word Hangry? It's like when you are hungry and mad because you are hungry. Everyone knows what it's like to feel hungry or thirsty. When you're really hungry, all you can think about is food. When you're thirsty, you want water more than anything else. Jesus used that illustration to paint a picture to help us understand something important: He wants our hearts to search for Him and do what's right just as much as we want to eat when we are hungry.

Matthew 5:6 says, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. To "hunger and thirst for righteousness" means to want to seek God, know Him, learn His ways and do what He wants. Sometimes it's hard to make the right choice when others don't. Maybe everyone around you is joking about someone, or someone telling you to do something you know isn't right. In those moments, as you look to Jesus, your heart gets to ask: will you follow what's easy or what's right? Jesus promises that when we truly want to live His way, He will fill our hearts with everything we need.

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### MINISTRY MOMENT

#### 10 MINS

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

Today, we learned about the **Beatitudes**. Now lets say that together! The Beatitudes

- **Blessed are the Poor in Spirit**
- **Blessed are those who Mourn and Blessed are the Meek**
- **Blessed are Those Who Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness**

When our hearts are humble, tender, and curious, we begin to see what true blessing really looks like. That's how Jesus helps us stay on track and live as part of His kingdom every single day.

#### Call to Action

For your call to action this week:

A Humble Heart at Home

This week, ask God for help with something instead of trying to do it all by yourself. It could be a school assignment, a tough situation, or a friendship. Each time you ask for help, say, "Jesus, I need You." Talk with your family about one thing you asked God to help you with this week.

Next week, we will share during Small Groups and receive 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)

1. What is the first Beatitude we learned today? **Blessed are the Poor in Spirit**
2. What are the next two Beatitudes we learned? **Blessed are those who Mourn and Blessed are the Meek**
3. What is the last Beatitude we learned today? **Blessed are those who Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness**
4. What does Jesus mean when He says be poor in spirit? **Possible answers: He wasn't talking about people who didn't have money. He meant people who know they need God's help every day.**
5. What does Jesus say about people who are sad or hurting? **He says they are blessed because God will comfort them.**

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

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**Closing Prayer** *(Please feel free to encourage the children to lead)*

Dear Lord, thank You for teaching us what it really means to be blessed. Help us have humble hearts that trust You, tender hearts that care for others, and curious hearts that want to do what's right. When life feels hard or our hearts get sad, remind us that You are close and that Your love never changes. Lead us this week as we follow You and guide our hearts every step of the way. 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)*

### The Beatitudes

Today, we learned about some of Jesus' most important teachings, the Beatitudes. One place we can find the Beatitudes is Matthew 5:1-6. Can anyone tell me where to find the book of Matthew? *(wait for responses)*

Great! Let's do it together! Let's open our Bibles to the New Testament.

First person to get there gets a bible buck!

*(Demonstrate how to find Matthew, and a bible verse in the bible)*

Now that we've found it, just a reminder: this week, when you talk about what we learned with your parents, open your Bible to Matthew, to 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. What does Jesus mean when He says be poor in spirit? **Possible answers: He wasn't talking about people who didn't have money. He meant people who know they need God's help every day.**
5. What does Jesus say about people who are sad or hurting? **He says they are blessed because God will comfort them.**

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:

Fish for Friends

Think of one friend, classmate, or neighbor who doesn't know Jesus or might need encouragement. Pray for that person every day this week and find one simple way to show kindness to them. Ask your family to pray with you for that friend.

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

Dear Lord, thank You for finding us right where we are. Thank You for loving us and inviting us to follow You. Help us listen to Your voice, trust Your plans, and take steps to follow You every day. Show us how to share Your love with others so they can know You, too. 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

"Those who want to do right more than anything else are happy, because God will fully satisfy them."

**MATTHEW 5:6**

Name:

Grade:

Date:

# S.O.A.P

"Those who want to do right more than anything else are happy, because God will fully satisfy them."

Matthew 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!

Jesus answered, "I am the way. And I am the truth and the life. The only way to the Father is through me. John 14:6 (ICB)

SCAN ME

