

ALOHA: KEEPING COOL WHEN THINGS GET HOT

"ALL OF YOU TOGETHER ARE THE BODY OF CHRIST. EACH ONE OF YOU IS A PART OF THAT BODY." 1 CORINTHIANS 12:27 (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 WHO'S COMING IN FIRST 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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WHO'S COMING IN FIRST RELAY

- **Supplies:** Painter's tape or cones and 2 inflatable surfboards
- **Live Host:** Alright, Victory Kids, I need **4 contestants** up here with me (**2 teams of 2**)! One member from each team will stand at the starting line with their surfboard, and the other teammate will stand at the midpoint. When I say go, the first player from each team will run to the midpoint, passing the surfboard to their teammate, and then that teammate will race with the surfboard to the finish line. The first team to make it across the finish line wins 2 Bible Bucks each!

ALOHA OVER AND UNDER

- **Supplies:** 12 beanbags (6 per team), and 2 buckets (one for each team)
- **Live Host:** On the count of three, I want you to shout YES for the next game! One...Two...Three... YES!!! Alright, Victory Kids, I need **6 contestants** up here with me (**2 teams of 3**)! Each team will stand in a straight line. The first person in each line will have a pile of beanbags, and the last person in each line will have an empty bucket. When I say go, the first player will pass a beanbag over their head to the next teammate, then that teammate will pass it under their legs to the last teammate. The last teammate will drop the beanbag into the bucket, then get ready for the next one. Keep going over, under, over, under until all of your team's beanbags are in the bucket. The first team to fill their bucket wins 1 Bible Buck each!

FLOW: WELCOME, FIRST-TIME VISITORS, WORSHIP & OFFERING

25 MINS

Live Host: (Note: invite a child up to pray for offering and today's service). 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: Victory Kids, this month, we're starting a brand-new series called **Aloha: Keeping Cool When Things Get Hot!** We experience all kinds of feelings and emotions. You may feel joy when something amazing happens. Maybe you feel angry when something is unfair, or frustrated when things don't go your way. But God doesn't leave us alone to figure those feelings out. He gives us His Word, and He gives us each other. Our memory verse this month reminds us that every one of us matters and that we all belong to something special: God's family.

(Invite a child to recite the memory verse before the memory verse video is played, this will be a new memory verse so use the slide that is provided).

Now, if you're ready to learn this month's memory verse, shout, "**ALOHA!**" ...Cue the memory verse video!

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LESSON RECAP VIDEO

1 MIN

LIVE HOST'S INTRO TO LESSON

5-7 MINS

Live Host: Alooooohaaa, Victory Kids! Welcome to our brand-new island adventure called **Aloha: Keeping Cool When Things Get Hot!** So, since our theme has to do with a beach or island, who here has seen big waves? (*Wait for Answers*) Sometimes life feels like that. One minute everything is fine, and the next minute you've got choices, problems, and pressure coming at you from everywhere. And if you don't have something solid to guide you, it's easy to wipe out.

That's why God gave His people something called The Ten Commandments. They weren't rules to make life hard; they were instructions to help people live the right way and keep God first. Over the next few weeks, we're going to learn how God's commands help us stay steady no matter how big the waves get. So, get ready, Victory Kids... grab your surfboard, ride the waves, and let's learn how to Put God's Commandments First!

Key Scripture: Today's key scripture is Exodus 20:3, You shall have no other gods before me.

LESSON VIDEO

2-3 MINS

(Found in the media file)

MINISTRY LESSON

10 MINS

Supplies: Surfboard and moving waves on the screen and beach/wave sounds

Live Host Hook: Have you ever tried surfing or riding a big wave? If you don't stay balanced, the waves will throw you off fast. The bigger the waves, the more you need something steady to keep you going in the right direction.

Life can feel like that too. Every day we face different waves: choices, problems, friendships, school, and things that try to pull our attention in different directions. If we don't have something strong guiding us, it's easy to lose our balance. God knew His people would need help staying on the right path, so He gave them **The Ten Commandments**. Can we say that together? **The Ten Commandments**. Today we will learn about what a commandment means and what the first commandment is.

- **God Gave The Ten Commandments**

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God knew His people would need help staying on the right path, so He gave them something called The Ten Commandments. Can we say that together? The Ten Commandments! A commandment is a rule or instruction that God gives to help people know the right way to live. These weren't rules to make life harder. They were instructions to help people live the best way possible and to keep God first in their lives.

A long time ago, God's people, the Israelites, were living in Egypt, but they were not free. They were slaves, and life was very hard for them. God loved His people, so He chose a man named Moses to lead them out of Egypt. Does anyone remember when we talked about Moses (wait for responses) Well God used Moses to help rescue the Israelites and he brought them safely into the wilderness. After God saved them, He led them to a mountain called Mount Sinai. Can we say Mount Sinai? There, God spoke to Moses and gave His people the Ten Commandments. The very first commandment was the most important one because it sets the direction for everything else.

- **God Gave His First Commandment**

God said in Exodus 20:3, **"You shall have no other gods before me."**

This means God should come first in our lives. Nothing and no one should take His place.

Putting God first means loving Him, trusting Him, and choosing to follow Him above anything else. This means that:

- God first = He matters most
- Other gods = anything we care about more than God

This happens in real life, not just Bible times. Sometimes we put other things first when we care more about what we want than what God says. It could be wanting to win so badly that we cheat. It could be caring more about video games than spending time with God. It could be wanting friends to like us so much that we make wrong choices.

And listen, God didn't give this commandment to be mean or to ruin our fun.

He gave it because He loves us, and He knows life works best when He is first. So, the first commandment teaches us this big truth, Put God first... and everything else starts to fall into the right place.

- **God Wants to Be First in Our Lives**

The first commandment is not just something to memorize. It is something to live. God wants to be first at church, at home, at school, and in the choices we make every day. When we choose honesty because it pleases God, that is putting God first. When we obey even when we do not feel like it, that is putting God first. When we pray, trust Him, and care more about what He says than what other people think, that is putting God first.

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Every day we decide what comes first in our life. And every time we choose God's way, we are living out the very first commandment. When we put God first, He helps us stay steady, He helps us make wise choices, and He keeps us going the right direction no matter how big the waves get. So, remember this today: Put God first because the first Commandment is what? (Wait for Responses) You must not have any other gods except me!

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 First Commandment and what it means to **Put God First!**

- **God Gave the Ten Commandments**
- **God Gave the First Commandment**
- **God Wants to Be First in Our Lives**

When people put other things before God, it can lead them in the wrong direction. But when God has the first place in our hearts, He guides our choices and helps us stand strong.

Call to Action

For your call to action this week:

Put God First in Your Day

One way to put God first is to start your day with Him. This week, start your day by reading your Bible, or praying to God, and ask Him to help guide your choices each day.

Don't forget we will share next week 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 is a commandment? **An instruction from God that teaches us the right way to live.**
2. What does the first commandment say? **"You shall have no other gods before me." (Exodus 20:3).**
3. What does the first commandment teach us? **God should come first in our lives.**
4. Where can the first commandment be found in the Bible? **Exodus 20:3.**
5. What are some ways we can put God first in our lives? **Various answers**

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

Closing Prayer

(Please feel free to encourage the children to lead)

Dear Jesus, Thank You for loving us and for giving us Your Word to guide our lives. Thank You for the Ten Commandments and that we should not have any other gods except you. Thank you for reminding us that You should always come first. Help us to trust You and honor You in the choices we make each day. 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)*

Put God First

Today, we learned about the **First Commandment**, the very first instruction God gave His people. God told them that they should not have any other gods before Him. That means God should always come first in our lives.

Every day we make choices about what matters most to us. The question is not whether we will follow something. The question is **who or what will come first in our lives.**

Our Scripture today came from **Exodus 20:3**. Can anyone tell me if Exodus is in the Old Testament or the New Testament? *(Pause for responses)* Yes, Exodus is found in the *Old Testament*. Great! Can anyone tell me what book of the Bible comes before Exodus and what book comes after Exodus? *(Pause for responses)* Let's open our Bibles together. Everyone open your Bible to the Old Testament. The first person to find Exodus 20:3 gets a Bible Buck!

(Briefly show the kids where Exodus is located and explain the verse to them.)

Now here's your challenge for the week:

This week, take a few minutes at home and read Exodus 20:3 with your family. Talk about what it means to put God first in your life. Think about one way you can show that God comes first; by praying, thanking God for what He has given you, or choosing to do what is right even when others are doing something different.

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)*

Our Call to action for last week:

Check Your Foundation

Ask yourself one important question: What am I building my life on?

When you make a choice: At school. With friends. At home. Pause and ask: *Am I doing this Jesus' way... or my way?* Building on rock starts with small daily decisions. Choose truth. Choose kindness. Choose obedience. That's how you anchor your life to Jesus.

Share and receive some 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 Jesus, Thank You for loving us and for giving us Your Word to guide our lives. Thank You for the Ten Commandments and that we should not have any other gods except you. Thank you for reminding us that You should always come first. Help us to trust You and honor You in the choices we make each day. 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

"You shall have no other gods before me."

EXODUS 20:3

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

“You shall have no other gods before me.” Exodus 20:3

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!

“All of you together are the body of Christ. Each one of you is a part of that body.” 1 Corinthians 12:27 (ICB)

