

VICTORY KIDS ELEMENTARY

AIOHA: 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 PIN THE COCONUT ON THE PALM TREE! *(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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PIN THE COCONUT ON THE PALM TREE

- **Supplies:** Pin the coconut on the palm tree game
- **Live Host:** Alright, Victory Kids, I need 2 contestants to join me on stage! Each contestant will take a turn being blindfolded and trying to pin their coconut on the palm tree. We will spin you around gently, point you toward the tree, and then you will try to place your coconut as close to the right spot as you can. The contestant who pins their coconut closest to the palm tree target wins 1 Bible Buck!

ALOHA CAN THROW GAME

- **Supplies:** Luau Party Games Tiki Can Toss Game
- **Live Host:** On the count of three, I want you to shout YES for the next game! One...Two...Three... YES!!! Let's get ready to play Aloha Can Toss Game. Alright, Victory Kids, I need 3 contestants to join me on stage! In front of you is a stack of 10 tiki cans, and each contestant will get 3 beanbags. When I say go, you will take turns tossing your beanbags and trying to knock down as many cans as you can in 20 seconds. The contestant who knocks down the most cans wins 1 Bible Buck!

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.

(Pick a student to come and say the Memory Verse).

Now, if you're ready to learn this month's memory verse, shout, "**ALOHA!**" ...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: 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. So, get ready, Victory Kids... grab your surfboard, ride the waves, and let's learn how the Third Commandment!

Key Scripture: Today's key scripture is *Exodus 20:7 NKJV*, "You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain."

LESSON VIDEO

2-3 MINS

(Found in the media file)

MINISTRY LESSON

10 MINS

Supplies: None

Live Host Hook: I have a question for you all: What do people call you? (*Allow a few kids to answer: nickname, full name, family name, etc.*)

Now let me ask everyone this: Does it matter how someone says your name?

What if they say it kindly? What if they say it in a rude way? What if they make a joke out of it? Wait for responses. Names matter because they are connected to who a person is. Today we're going to learn about God's name and why it should always be spoken with honor and respect.

Last week we learned about the **second commandment**, where God told His people "You shall not make for yourself a carved image" We saw what happened when the Israelites broke that commandment in the story of the golden calf. They stopped focusing on God.

- **God Gave the Third Commandment**

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Today we are learning about the third commandment, which teaches us how to speak about God. Exodus 20:7 says, "You shall not use the Lord's name in vain." This is a phrase I am sure many of you have not heard before. This basically means that God told His people not to misuse His name. That means God's name should not be used in a careless, disrespectful, or in a dishonest way. God's name is special because it is connected to who He is. He is holy, powerful, good, and true. The third commandment teaches us that God's name should be treated with honor and respect. This commandment was not just about avoiding wrong words. It was about having the right kind of heart toward God. When people understand who God is, it changes how they speak about Him.

- **God's Name is Holy**

The way we talk about God shows what's in our hearts, our thoughts, beliefs, and understanding of who He is. God is not just a name we say, He is real, powerful, and holy. When we say that God's name is holy, we mean it is set apart, perfect, special, and different from anything else. Every time we speak His name, it reflects what we truly believe about Him.

Think about it this way. If you really believed someone was the best coach, teacher, or superhero ever, you wouldn't make jokes about them, ignore them, or treat them like they don't matter. You'd talk about them with respect, admiration, and excitement! The same is true for God. When we use His name carelessly, we are showing that we might not fully realize His greatness or power. The words we say about God show everyone what we really believe in our hearts, so let's make them count.

- **God's Name Should Be Honored**

The third commandment says, "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain." This teaches us that God's name is special and should be treated with honor and respect because it is connected to who He is. When we understand that God is powerful, good, and holy, we won't treat His name like it is ordinary. That means we should not use God's name as a joke, say it carelessly, or use it when we are upset. Instead, we should speak God's name in ways that show we know Him, love Him, and trust Him. When our hearts truly recognize who God is, our words will reflect that and bring Him honor.

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 Third Commandment, **You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain!**

- **God Gave the Third Commandment**
- **God's Name is Holy**
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When we speak about God with honor, it shows that He matters to us. The way we use His name should reflect that He is holy, good, and worthy of respect.

Call to Action

For your call to action this week:

Let's Honor God's Name

God's name is special because it is connected to everything that is true about Him. This week, take a few minutes at home and write down some truths about God. For example, God is good, God is strong, God is loving. Think about who God is and has been to you, and write it down.

Don't forget we will share next week 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. Where do we find the third commandment? **Exodus 20:7**
2. What is the third commandment? **"You shall not use the Lord's name in vain."**
3. What does it mean to misuse God's name? **To use it in a careless, disrespectful, or dishonest way.**
4. Why should we honor God's Name? **Because His name is connected to His greatness**
5. What does it mean when we say God's name is Holy? **It means His name is set apart, perfect, special, and different from anything else.**

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 being holy, good, powerful, and true. Thank You for teaching us that Your name is special and should always be spoken with honor and respect. Help us to remember who You are and to use our words in a way that shows love and honor to You. Let our hearts and our words reflect that You are holy. 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 Third Commandment... You shall not use the Lord's name in vain.

Today, we learned about the Third Commandment, "You shall not use the Lord's name in vain." This commandment teaches us that God's name should be spoken with honor and respect. In **Exodus 20:7**, God told His people not to misuse His name because His name is connected to who He is. We can find this commandment in the Old Testament, in the book of Exodus. Can anyone tell me where Exodus is found in the Bible? *(Pause for responses.)* Great! Let's open our Bibles together.

Everyone, open your Bible to Exodus 20:7. The first person to get there gets a Bible Buck!

(Briefly show the kids where Exodus 20:7 is and explain that this is where God gives the Third Commandment.)

Now that we've found it, here's your challenge for the week:

When you talk with your family about what you learned today, open your Bible to Exodus 20:7 and explain why God's name matters.

ICEBREAKER

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

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5. What does it mean when we say God's name is Holy? **It means His name is set apart, perfect, special, and different from anything else.**

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:

Memorize the First Two Commandments *(Don't read the two commandments challenging the kids to recite the first two commandments from memory)*

This week, practice the first two commandments at home with your parents. Commandment 1: You shall have no other gods before Me. Commandment 2. You shall not make for yourself a carved image

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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 the **Third Commandment – You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain!**

Let's Honor God's Name

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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 being holy, good, powerful, and true. Thank You for teaching us that Your name is special and should always be spoken with honor and respect. Help us to remember who You are and to use our words in a way that shows love and honor to You. Let our hearts and our words reflect that You are holy. 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 not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain."

EXODUS 20:7

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S.O.A.P

“You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.”
Exodus 20:7

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)

