

VICTORY KIDS ELEMENTARY

ALOHA: KEEPING COOL WHEN THINGS GET HOT

"LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, SOUL, AND STRENGTH."

DEUTERONOMY 6:5 (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 ALOHA HULA HOOP CHALLENGE! *(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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ALOHA HULA HOOP CHALLENGE

- **Supplies:** 4 Hula hoops
- **Live Host:** Alright, Victory Kids, I need 4 contestants with the best hula hooping skills to come up on stage! It's time for Aloha Hula Hoop Challenge. Each contestant will receive a hula hoop, and on the count of 3, all contestants will start hula-hooping. The contestant who keeps their hula hoop in motion the longest receives 3 Bible Bucks!

ALOHA BEACH BALL BLAST

- **Supplies:** Large beach ball and music
- **Live Host:** Alright, Victory Kids! Are you ready for the next game shout, YES? Yes! I need 5 contestants to join me on stage. While the music is playing, you must quickly pass the beach ball around. You can toss it, roll it, or hand it off, but don't hold onto it too long because when the music stops... whoever is holding the beach ball is out! The last contestant standing receives 2 Bible Bucks!

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, welcome back to **Aloha: Keeping Cool When Things Get Hot!** This month, we are finishing our journey through the Ten Commandments. We're going to learn that God's commandments are not just rules to follow; they teach us how to love God and love others. Sometimes we focus only on what we want or feel, but God wants our hearts focused on Him. Our memory verse reminds us that God wants not just part of our hearts, He wants all of our hearts!

(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 island adventure called **Aloha: Keeping Cool When Things Get Hot!** All summer long, we've been learning that God's commandments help teach us how to live, how to treat others, and how to make choices that honor Him. The Ten Commandments are not just rules to memorize; they help guide our hearts and actions every day.

Today, we're going to talk about something we all use every single day, our words! Our words can encourage people, help people, and show kindness. But words can also hurt. God cares about the things we say because our words affect the people around us. So, grab your surfboard, ride the waves, and get ready for our lesson about the **Ninth Commandment: "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor!"**

Key Scripture: Today's key scripture is Exodus 20:16, "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor."

LESSON VIDEO

2-3 MINS

(Found in the media file)

MINISTRY LESSON

10 MINS

Supplies: None

Live Host Hook: I need 5 volunteers to join me! We are going to play a quick game. I'm going to whisper a sentence to the first person, and they can only whisper it one time to the next person. We will keep going until the last person. The very last person will say the sentence out loud, and let's see what happens by the end! Remember you can only whisper the sentence one time.

(Whisper the following sentence: The praying penguin brought pineapple punch to the praise party.)

Wow! That changed fast, didn't it? Sometimes stories change when people repeat things without checking if they are true. One wrong word can spread confusion really quickly. Today, we're going to learn why God wants us to be careful with our words.

- **Words Matter to God**

Today, we are continuing our journey through the Ten Commandments with Commandment 9:

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You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor." When God first gave this commandment, it was connected to telling the truth about other people. In Bible times, people often had to speak as witnesses in important situations, especially when someone was accused of doing something wrong. A false witness was someone who lied, twisted the truth, or accused someone unfairly. Those lies could seriously damage a person's life, reputation, relationships, and future. God wanted His people to understand that truth matters and that our words carry responsibility.

Even though most of us are not standing in a courtroom today, this commandment still matters because God cares about how we speak about others in everyday life. Bearing false witness is not only about big lies, it can also happen in small, everyday choices with our words. It can look like spreading rumors, repeating gossip, blaming someone else for something we did, exaggerating stories, leaving out important details, sharing information we have not checked to see if it is true, or staying silent when we should speak up for truth. Even a small rumor can spread quickly and end up hurting someone in a big way.

- **Words Can Build or Break**

Words are powerful. The things we say can encourage someone, help someone, and make people feel included and cared for. But words can also tear people down, embarrass others, and spread confusion when they are not true. One small untrue story can quickly travel from person to person and grow into something much bigger. Have you ever heard someone repeat something without knowing if it was true? Maybe someone says, "I heard they did this," and suddenly everyone starts believing it.

When we pass along words without checking them, it can hurt people and create problems that didn't need to happen. That is why God teaches us to pause and think before we speak. Are my words true? Are they helpful? Are they kind? Or could they hurt someone? God wants us to use our words carefully because they are powerful. We can use them to build people up instead of tearing them down. What we say about others can either help them feel valued and loved or make them feel hurt and misunderstood. Even small comments can change how others are seen, so God calls us to choose words that bring life.

- **Words Leave a Lasting Impact**

Sometimes people think once words leave their mouths, there is nothing they can do about it. But our words have consequences. When we lie, spread rumors, or say something untrue, it can create problems that affect other people. Let me ask you this. Have you ever had to apologize for something you said? Maybe you repeated something that wasn't true, blamed someone unfairly, or said something hurtful when you were upset.

Live Host: *(Take a piece of paper and crumple it up tightly in your hand.)*

Live Host: "Let's say this paper represents someone's heart." *(Now slowly unfold it and try to make it flat again.)*

Live Host: "Even after we try to fix what we said with an apology, you can still see the wrinkles. That's what words can do, they leave marks."

God doesn't want us to ignore our wrong words or act like they don't matter. He calls us to take responsibility for what we say by telling the truth, apologizing when needed, and making things right when our words have hurt others.

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Our words don't just disappear after we say them, they can stay in someone's heart and mind for a long time. That is why God teaches us to use our words carefully. The Ninth Commandment reminds us that words matter, and when we choose truthful, kind, and responsible words, we reflect God's love to the people around us.

MINISTRY MOMENT

10 MINS

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

Today, we learned about **Commandment 9: You Shall Not Bear False Witness against Your Neighbor!**

- **Words Matter to God**
- **Words Can Build or Break**
- **Words Leave a Lasting Impact**

The things we say matter more than we sometimes realize. A single sentence can encourage someone or leave a hurt that lasts long after the moment is over. God wants our mouths to reflect His heart by speaking truthfully, treating others with care, and using words that bring life instead of damage.

Call to Action

For your call to action this week:

9 Commandments Memory Challenge

This week, let's practice -

Commandment 1: You shall have no other gods before Me;

Commandment 2: You shall not make for yourself a carved image;

Commandment 3: You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain;

Commandment 4: Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy;

Commandment 5: Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God is giving you;

Commandment 6: You shall not murder;

Commandment 7: You shall not commit adultery;

Commandment 8: You shall not steal;

Commandment 9: You Shall Not Bear False Witness against Your Neighbor.

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 the Ninth Commandment? **You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.**
2. Why do words matter to God? **Because our words affect other people and reflect what is in our hearts.**
3. What are some examples of untruthful words? **Blaming others, exaggerating stories, gossiping, or saying things that are not true.**
4. What can happen when people spread rumors? **Rumors can hurt people and create confusion and problems.**
5. What are some situations where it can be difficult to tell the truth? **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 teaching us that our words matter. Help us to speak truth, use kind words, and think carefully before we speak. Teach us to encourage others, take responsibility for our words, and honor You with the things we say every day. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



ELEMENTARY SMALL GROUP LESSON

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**"THINK ONLY ABOUT THE THINGS IN HEAVEN, NOT THE THINGS
ON EARTH" COLOSSIANS 3:2 (ICB)**

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)*

Lesson Recap: Today, we learned about the Ninth Commandment and discovered that God cares about the words we use. We talked about how truth matters to God, how words can either build people up or tear them down, and how our words can leave a lasting impact on others. We also learned that when we say something wrong, God wants us to take responsibility, tell the truth, and work to make things right.

Let's see who remembers! What book of the Bible have we been using to find the Ten Commandments? *(Pause for responses.)* The Book of Exodus! Awesome job! Let's open our Bibles together. The first person to get there gets a Bible Buck!

Everyone, open your Bible to Exodus 20:16.

This week, when you talk with your family about what you learned, open your Bible to Exodus 20:16 and see if you can explain why God wants us to speak truthfully and use our words carefully.

ICEBREAKER

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

1. What is the Ninth Commandment? *You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.*
2. Why do words matter to God? **Because our words affect other people and reflect what is in our hearts.**
3. What are some examples of untruthful words? **Blaming others, exaggerating stories, gossiping, or saying things that are not true.**
4. What can happen when people spread rumors? **Rumors can hurt people and create confusion and problems.**
5. What are some situations where it can be difficult to tell the truth? **Various Answers.**

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:

Helpful Heart Challenge

In this week's challenge, we want to honor this commandment by not taking from others but being a blessing to others. This week, find one way to help or bless someone else.

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 about the **9th Commandment: You Shall Not Bear False Witness Against Your Neighbor!**

9 Commandments Memory Challenge

This week, let's practice

Commandment 1: You shall have no other gods before Me; **Commandment 2:** You shall not make for yourself a carved image; **Commandment 3:** You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain; **Commandment 4:** Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy; **Commandment 5:** Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God is giving you; **Commandment 6:** You shall not murder; **Commandment 7:** You shall not commit adultery. **Commandment 8:** You shall not steal. **Commandment 9:** You Shall Not Bear False Witness against Your Neighbor.

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 teaching us that our words matter. Help us to speak truth, use kind words, and think carefully before we speak. Teach us to encourage others, take responsibility for our words, and honor You with the things we say every 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 not bear false witness against your neighbor."

EXODUS 20:16

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

"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor." Exodus 20:16

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!

"Think only about the things in heaven, not the things on earth" Colossians 3:2 (ICB)

SCAN ME

