

VICTORY KIDS ELEMENTARY

UNDER CONSTRUCTION: GOD AT WORK

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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 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 EXCAVATOR ! *(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 EXCAVATOR!

- **Supplies:** Pin the excavator game
- **Live Host:** I need five contestants to join me on stage for Pin the excavator. Each contestant will be blindfolded and will take turns to pin the excavator on the construction equipment. The closest contestant to the target wins and receives two Bible Bucks.

TOSS THE ROCKS

- **Supplies:** Dump truck and bean bags
- **Live Host:** Alright, Victory Kids, I need 2 contestants to join me on stage. Each contestant will take a turn tossing a rock (bean bag) into the back of the dump truck. The contestant who gets the most "rocks" into the back of the dump truck receives 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, welcome to a brand-new series called **Under Construction: God at Work!** Just like a builder carefully works on a building, God is at work in our lives, helping us grow to become more like Him. Our memory verse this month reminds us to think about things that are true, honorable, right, pure, beautiful, and worthy of praise. When we fill our minds with God's truth, He helps build strong character in our hearts.

Live Host: *(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 start building God's Word into your heart, shout, **"Under Construction!"** ...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: Victory Kids, welcome to a brand-new series, **Under Construction: God at Work!**

Have you ever driven past a construction site? You might see giant machines, workers wearing hard hats, and lots of activity. It may look messy or unfinished, but the builder knows exactly what he is creating. The Bible tells us that when we choose to follow Jesus, God begins a good work in us. We become His construction project! Day by day, God is building something amazing in our hearts, helping us grow to become more like Him.

This month, we'll follow the life of Joseph and discover how God builds our character. Through dreams, difficult times, waiting, and forgiveness, Joseph learned that God was working even when he couldn't see it. His story reminds us that God uses every part of our lives to shape us into the people He created us to be.

So grab your hard hat, get ready to build, and let's discover how **God Builds Our Character!**

Key Scripture: Today's key scripture is Jeremiah 29:11, "I say this because I know what I have planned for you," says the Lord. "I have good plans for you. I don't plan to hurt you. I plan to give you hope and a good future."

LESSON VIDEO

2-3 MINS

(Found in the media file)

MINISTRY LESSON

10 MINS

Supplies: A small pile of random LEGO pieces and a complete LEGO model.

Live Host Hook: *(Hold up the loose LEGO pieces)* Ask, What do you think this is? *(wait for responses)*

Right now it just looks like a pile of pieces. But if I follow the instructions, these same pieces can become something amazing.

Now hold up the completed model.

God works the same way in our lives. Sometimes our lives may feel like a pile of random pieces, but God knows exactly what He's building. He puts every piece in the right place at the right time. Today we'll learn how God began building Joseph's character, even when Joseph couldn't see the finished picture.

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This month, we're learning that God Builds Our Character. You may have heard the word character used to describe a person in a movie or a book. But today we're talking about a different kind of character. Character is who you are on the inside. It's the choices you make, the way you treat others, and your desire to do what is right, even when it's hard. Beginning in Genesis 37, we will discover how God builds strong character in the hearts of those who follow Him through the life of a young man named Joseph.

- **God Sees the Bigger Picture**

Joseph's story begins with a promise God made many years before Joseph was born. Last year we talked about the promise that God gave Abraham and how He would bless his family and use them for His plan. That promise was passed down through Isaac, then Jacob, until it reached Joseph. Even though Joseph was only seventeen years old, God was already at work in his life. Joseph's father Jacob loved him very much and gave him a beautiful robe or a coat of many colors, and when his brothers saw that he got a coat and they did not, they became jealous. Have you ever prayed for something and not gotten what you wanted? Maybe you wanted to make the team, win a game, get a certain gift, or have something someone else had. Joseph's brothers felt that way. They saw Joseph get a special coat and thought, "That's not fair! Why did he get it and not us?"

The truth is that Joseph's brothers could only see the coat. They couldn't see the plan. What they didn't know was that God had a purpose for Joseph's life that was much bigger than a colorful robe. God was already working behind the scenes, preparing Joseph for something incredible. Like Joseph's brothers, sometimes we focus on what we don't have, what someone else has, or the prayer God didn't answer the way we hoped. But God sees the whole picture when we can only see a small part of it. Jeremiah 29:11 reminds us, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord. God knows the plans He has for our lives, and how the Master Builder is building our character along the way.

- **God Builds Our Character While We Wait**

Soon after receiving the special coat, God gave Joseph two dreams. In one dream, his brothers' bundles of grain bowed down to his bundle. In the other, the sun, the moon, and eleven stars bowed down to him. Joseph didn't fully understand what the dreams meant, but he knew God was showing him something about his future. After sharing the dreams, Joseph may have expected everything to happen right away. Instead, nothing changed. He was still the same seventeen-year-old shepherd helping care for his father's flocks. Days passed, and Joseph had to wait.

Joseph's waiting was not wasted. Before God could trust Joseph with great responsibility, He was preparing his heart. During the years ahead, Joseph would learn patience, humility, wisdom, and trust. All those things build Godly character. God was building Joseph's character long before anyone could see the results. Sometimes you may pray and wonder why God hasn't answered your prayer yet, or sometimes you may hope something will happen sooner than it does. But while you are waiting, just know that God is still working. He uses those times in your life to strengthen your faith, shape your character, and prepare you for what He has planned next.

- **God Is Building Something Bigger Than We Can See**

When Joseph told his brothers about his dreams, instead of believing that God might be at work in Joseph, they became angry with Joseph. Genesis 37:8 says they hated him even more because of his dreams and what he had said. After Joseph shared his second dream, even his father questioned him, asking if the whole family would really bow down to him. Joseph was at the very beginning of God's plan, but the people around him could not understand what God was doing. They only saw a teenager with unusual dreams. God saw a future leader who would one day save many lives.

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The same thing can happen to us. Sometimes people may not understand why we choose to obey God, tell the truth, or treat others with kindness. They may not see the work God is doing in our hearts. But just because others cannot see God's plan doesn't mean He has stopped working. Think about a construction site. If you drive by on the first day, all you may see is dirt, equipment, and workers digging holes. It doesn't look like much yet. But the builder knows exactly what the finished building will become. In the same way, God sees who we are becoming even while we are still growing. He is building our character step by step, and He never stops working, even when others cannot see what He is doing.

MINISTRY MOMENT

10 MINS

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

Today, we learned how **God Builds Our Character!**

- **God Sees the Bigger Picture**
- **God Builds Our Character While We Wait**
- **God Is Building Something Bigger Than We Can See**

Today we learned that God was building Joseph's character long before Joseph understood His plan. In the same way, God is at work in our lives too. Sometimes we only see what we don't have, but God sees the plans He has for our lives. When we trust God instead of comparing ourselves to others, when we have to wait or don't understand what's happening, God is building our character and helping us grow into the person He created us to be.

Call to Action

Read and Memorize

For your call to action this week:

Read and memorize Jeremiah 29:11 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. Who is the main person in today's lesson? **Joseph**
2. What special gift did Joseph's father, Jacob, give him? **A beautiful robe (coat of many colors)**
3. Does anyone know what character means? **Who you are on the inside**
4. How did Joseph's brothers feel when they saw his coat and heard about his dreams? **They became jealous**
5. Why didn't Joseph's dreams come true right away? **Because God was using the waiting to help Joseph grow in character, or 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 having a good plan for our lives. Just as You were at work in Joseph's life, help us trust that You are at work in ours. When we have to wait or don't understand what You are doing, remind us that You are the Master Builder and that You never stop working. Help us grow in patience, wisdom, and trust as You build our character day by day. Teach us to follow You and believe that Your plans are always good. We love You and thank You for always being with us. 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)*

Lesson Recap: Today, we learned that God knew His plan for Joseph's life long before Joseph understood it. We discovered that God helps us grow while we wait and that He is still working even when others don't understand what He is doing. Just like Joseph, God is building our character one step at a time.

Let's see who knows which book of the Bible tells the story of Joseph's dreams? *(Pause for responses.)* That's right: **Genesis!** Great job, Victory Kids! Grab your Bible and see who can find it first for a Bible Buck!

Everyone, turn to **Genesis 37:1-11**. Remember to Share with your family about what you learned about Character and the life of Joseph.

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:

10 Commandment Memory Challenge

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. **Commandment 10:** You Shall Not Covet.

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 having a good plan for our lives. Just as You were at work in Joseph's life, help us trust that You are at work in ours. When we have to wait or don't understand what You are doing, remind us that You are the Master Builder and that You never stop working. Help us grow in patience, wisdom, and trust as You build our character day by day. Teach us to follow You and believe that Your plans are always. 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

"I say this because I know what I have planned for you," says the Lord. "I have good plans for you. I don't plan to hurt you. I plan to give you hope and a good future."

JEREMIAH 29:11

Name:	Grade:	Date:
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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!

"Brothers, continue to think about the things that are good and worthy of praise. Think about the things that are true and honorable and right and pure and beautiful and respected." Philippians 4:8 (ICB)

