

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 THE FOREMAN SAYS! *(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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THE FOREMAN SAYS

- **Supplies:** Commands for game (come up with commands to give. Example: jump on one leg, wave your arms..etc.)
- **Live Host:** I need four contestants to join me on stage. This game is played like Simon Says, except the Foreman will replace Simon. The Foreman must say "Foreman Says" for the contestants to perform the action. If a contestant performs an action without hearing "Foreman Says," they are out. The last contestant left in the game receives 1 Bible Buck.

WOULD YOU RATHER

- **Supplies:** Options on the screen
- **Live Host:** Alright, Victory Kids, here is a game we all can play. I'm going to give you two choices. When I call out the first option, if that's the one you would rather choose, stand up! If you'd rather choose the second option, stay seated until I read it. Remember, you have to make your choice quickly! No changing your answer halfway through!

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 our 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. (Pick a student to come and say the MV.)

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 back to our 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 are following the life of Joseph and discovering 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 Character Through Hard Times!**

Key Scripture: Today's key scripture is Romans 8:28, We know that in everything God works for the good of those who love him. They are the people God called, because that was his plan.

LESSON VIDEO

2-3 MINS

(Found in the media file)

MINISTRY LESSON

10 MINS

Supplies: A slide with a picture of a strong brick and a picture of a cracked or broken brick

Live Host Hook: *(Show the slide with the strong and broken/cracked brick)*

Take a look at these two bricks. If you were building a tall building, which brick would you choose? *(wait for responses)* That's right! Most builders would choose the strong brick because they want the building to stand firm and last a long time. But did you know that bricks become strong by going through very hot fire? The heat doesn't ruin the brick; it helps make it stronger and ready for the builder to use. Sometimes we go through hard times that we don't understand. They may feel uncomfortable or unfair, but God can use those difficult moments to make us stronger on the inside. Just like the fire helps strengthen a brick, God uses hard times to build our character. In our lesson today, we will discover how God used hard times to shape Joseph's life.

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- **Hard Times May Seem Unfair**

Last week, we learned that God gave Joseph dreams that revealed a small part of His plan for his life, and Joseph's brothers were jealous of him. No one understood Joseph's dreams yet, but God was already building his character. This week, Joseph's story takes a sudden and difficult turn. Genesis 37 tells us that Jacob asked Joseph to check on his brothers while they were caring for the family's flocks. Joseph immediately obeyed his father and went looking for them. Joseph continued searching until he found them. But before Joseph reached his brothers, they saw him coming from a distance. They said, "Here comes that dreamer!" (Genesis 37:19). Still with jealousy in their hearts, they made a plan to harm him.

When Joseph arrived, his brothers grabbed him, stripped off his beautiful robe, and threw him into an empty pit. Imagine how confused and afraid Joseph must have been. He had simply obeyed his father, yet everything in his life changed in a single day. Sometimes our lives change in ways we don't expect. A friend moves away, a family member gets sick, or we have to leave a school we love. During those moments, it can feel like everything is falling apart. But even when our circumstances change, God does not, God does not stop building. He is always with us and at work in our lives.

- **Hard Times Shape Us**

As Joseph sat alone in the pit, his brothers saw a caravan of traders traveling toward Egypt and his brother Judah suggested that they should sell him. So, the brothers pulled Joseph out of the pit and sold him to the caravan of traders for twenty pieces of silver. Suddenly, Joseph was being taken far away from his home and his family without knowing what would happen next. Joseph had done nothing wrong, yet he was facing one hard situation after another. He could have felt abandoned, forgotten, or wondered if God still had a plan for his life. But even in the middle of the pain, God was still working.

The pit was not the end of Joseph's story. It was part of God's process. Sometimes we think hard times are just problems we have to get through, but God can actually use them to help us grow. Hard times can teach us to trust God even when we don't understand what's happening or don't have all the answers. Following Jesus doesn't mean life will always be easy. In fact, we will all go through difficult and unfair moments at some point.

But the good news is this: God never leaves us in those moments. He stays with us, even when things feel really hard. The Bible reminds us in Romans 8:28, We know that in everything God works for the good of those who love him. They are the people God called, because that was his plan.

- **Hard Times Can't Stop God's Plan**

After Joseph's brothers sold him to the traders, they dipped his coat of many colors in goat's blood and took it back to their father. When their father, Jacob, saw the robe, he believed that Joseph had been killed by a wild animal, and he mourned the loss of his son for a very long time. Joseph's life had changed in an instant. He was leaving his home and family behind, not knowing where he was going or what would happen next. Neither Joseph nor his family could see God's plan. All he knew was that life had become very hard.

But even in the middle of the unknown, Joseph's story reminds us that God never loses sight of His people. When life feels confusing or painful, it doesn't mean God has left or stopped working. It means He is often doing His deepest work in ways we cannot see yet. What looks like the end of the story is often just the beginning of what God is building in us and through us. Hard times don't stop God's plan; they become part of the story He is writing. Joseph's story isn't over yet! God is still working, and there's so much more to discover. Come back next week to find out what happens next!

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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 how **God Builds Our Character in Hard Times!**

- Hard Times May Seem Unfair
- Hard Times Shape Us
- Hard Times Can't Stop God's Plan

Joseph's story shows us that even when life feels unfair and everything changes suddenly; God is still at work behind the scenes. What looked like rejection, pain, and loss was actually part of God shaping Joseph for something greater. Hard times don't stop God's plan; they become part of the story He is still writing.

Call to Action

Pause and Pray

For your call to action this week:

Are you facing hard times right now, or is someone you know facing hard times? This week, take a moment to pause and pray each day to ask God for strength while He is shaping your character and the character of others.

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 did Jacob, Joseph's father, ask Joseph to do? **Go check on his brothers and see how they were doing**
2. What did Joseph's brothers do when he arrived? **They grabbed him, took off his robe, and threw him into an empty pit (or any combination of this answer).**
3. How much was Joseph sold for? **Twenty pieces of silver**
4. Where was Joseph taken after he was sold? **Toward Egypt**
5. What is one truth you can remember when hard times come? **All things work together for my good; God is still working, and hard times can't stop His plan, 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 being with us, even when life is hard. Just as You never left Joseph, thank You for promising that You will never leave us. Help us trust You when things seem unfair or when we don't understand what is happening. Use every challenge to build our character and make us more like You. Remind us that You are always at work and that nothing can stop Your good plan for our lives. We love You and thank You for always being faithful. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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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 even when life feels unfair, God is still at work. He used Joseph's hard times to build his character, and nothing could stop His plan. Just like Joseph, we can trust that God is building us too.

Let's see who remembers! What book of the Bible tells the story of Joseph being thrown into the pit and sold by his brothers? *(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 37:12-36**. Remember today to share with your family what you learned about in Joseph's story.

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:

Read and Memorize

Read and memorize Jeremiah 29:11 each day.

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 being with us, even when life is hard. Just as You never left Joseph, thank You for promising that You will never leave us. Help us trust You when things seem unfair or when we don't understand what is happening. Use every challenge to build our character and make us more like You. Remind us that You are always at work and that nothing can stop Your good plan for our lives. We love You and thank You for always being faithful. 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

"We know that in everything God works for the good of those who love him. They are the people God called, because that was his plan."

ROMANS 8:28

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)

