

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 SCREWS, NUTS, & BOLTS! *(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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SCREWS, NUTS, & BOLTS

- **Supplies:** Mixed screws, nuts, or bolts; 2 empty sorting trays or bowls
- **Live Host:** I need 2 contestants to join me on stage! Today we're playing "Screws, Nuts, & Bolts!" Here's how the game works. In front of each of you is a cup filled with screws, nuts, and bolts, all mixed together. When I say "Go!" you'll dump out your cup and race to sort the pieces into two separate groups. The first player to correctly sort all of their pieces wins 1 Bible Buck! Now, everyone in the audience, let's cheer our contestants on! Ready... Set... GO!

SKYSCRAPE!

- **Supplies:** 40 wooden popsicle sticks and 40 wooden clothespins
- **Live Host:** Alright, Victory Kids, I need 2 contestants to join me on stage. Each contestant will have 20 popsicle sticks and 20 clothespins to try and build the tallest skyscraper. You have 2 minutes and once the time is up the contestant with the tallest skyscraper will receive 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 to **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 **Under Construction: God at Work!** All month long, we've learned that when we follow Jesus, God is building something amazing inside of us. Just like a builder carefully constructs a building one step at a time, God is shaping our hearts to become more like Him. As we've followed Joseph's life, we've seen God build his character through dreams, waiting, hard times, integrity, and forgiveness. Looking back, we can see that none of those moments were wasted. God used every challenge and every choice to shape Joseph into the man He wanted him to be. The same is true for us. God uses every season of our lives to help us grow and become more like Jesus. Today, we're going to review everything we've learned and discover one big truth: **God Builds Our Character**. So grab your hard hat one more time, and let's celebrate everything God has been building in us this month!

Key Scripture: Today's key scripture is Psalm 138:8, "Lord, you will finish what you have started for me. Your love continues forever. Do not leave us, whom you made."

LESSON VIDEO

2-3 MINS

(Found in the media file)

MINISTRY LESSON

10 MINS

Supplies: A toolbox filled with a hammer, tape measure, level, screwdriver, and wrench.

Live Host Hook: *(Open the toolbox and pull out each tool.)* Could a builder build an entire house with only a hammer? *(Wait for responses.)* Of course not! Every tool has a different job, but they all work together to build something strong. In Joseph's life, God used different 'tools' too. He used waiting, hard times, integrity, and forgiveness to shape Joseph's heart. Each experience helped build the character God wanted him to have.

Today, we're going to review Joseph's story and see how God uses every part of our lives to build us too.

- **God Builds Our Character One Step at a Time**

At the beginning of this month, we met Joseph as a seventeen-year-old young man living with his family. God gave him two special dreams that pointed to His future plan, but Joseph had no idea how those dreams would come true.

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Instead of immediately seeing God's promises fulfilled, Joseph entered a long season of waiting filled with unexpected hardships. His brothers became jealous, threw him into a pit, sold him into slavery, and he was taken far from everything he had ever known. Looking back, we can see that God was shaping Joseph's character every step of the way. The waiting taught him patience. The unfair treatment taught him to trust God even when life didn't make sense. The hard times helped him depend on God instead of himself.

It was like God was building Joseph's life one piece at a time, like a builder carefully putting bricks together. God didn't rush the process because He was building something strong that would last. God works the same way in our lives. Sometimes we want God to answer our prayers right away or fix our problems quickly. But God knows what He is doing. Every hard moment, every wait, and every challenge is part of how He is shaping us. Even when we can't see the whole picture, we can trust God because He is a masterful builder and He always knows what is best.

- **God Builds Our Character Through Our Choices**

As Joseph's story continued, he was serving in Potiphar's house in Egypt. Even though life had not been fair to him, Joseph chose to honor God in the small things. He worked hard, was trustworthy, and did the right thing every day. When Potiphar's wife tried to get him to make a wrong choice, Joseph refused and ran away because pleasing God mattered more than taking the easy way out.

Joseph reminds us that character is not only built in big moments; it is built in everyday choices. Every time we tell the truth, obey our parents, keep our promises, show kindness, or walk away from something wrong, God is helping us grow stronger on the inside. These small choices build the foundation of a life that honors Him. Just like a strong building needs a strong foundation, our lives are built through the choices we make each day. When we choose what is right because we love God, He shapes us into people who reflect Him wherever we go.

- **God Builds Our Character to Reflect His Love**

By the end of Joseph's story, we see what God had been building in his heart all along. After years of waiting and hard times, Joseph became a leader in Egypt. When a famine came, his brothers went to Egypt for food, not realizing they were standing in front of the brother they had hurt years before. Joseph had every reason to get even, but instead he chose forgiveness. He welcomed his brothers, showed them mercy, and helped restore his family. The boy who was once thrown into a pit had become a man whose life showed God's love.

This is what God wants to do in our lives too. He doesn't just want us to do the right things sometimes; He wants our lives to show His love, kindness, mercy, and forgiveness to others. As God builds our character, people should be able to see Him through the way we live. Joseph's story reminds us that God uses every season, every choice, and every challenge of our lives to shape us to reflect His love, so our lives point others to Him.

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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 recapped **God Builds Our Character!**

- **God Builds Our Character One Step at a Time**
- **God Builds Our Character Through Our Choices**
- **God Builds Our Character to Reflect His Love**

Today, we learned that through this lesson series, God uses hard times, integrity, and forgiveness to build our character. Joseph's life reminds us that God uses every challenge and every choice to shape us into someone who reflects His love. No matter what you go through, trust that God is always working and the Master Builder is not finished with you, yet!

Call to Action

Put It Into Practice

For your call to action this week:

Joseph didn't just hear God's truth; he lived it. This week, choose one way to live out what you've learned. You might trust God during a hard time, tell the truth when it's difficult, or forgive someone who hurt you.

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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 name of the Bible character we have talked about this month? **Joseph**
2. How old was Joseph at the beginning of our story? **He was seventeen**
3. Did Joseph immediately see God's plan come true? **No, Joseph went through many years of waiting and hard times.**
4. What did Joseph's brothers do because they were jealous? **They threw him into a pit and sold him into slavery.**
5. What are one of the three ways God built Joseph's character throughout this series? **Through waiting and hard times, through his choices and integrity, and through forgiveness.**

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 everything we have learned through the life of Joseph. Thank You for being faithful through every season and for building our character one step at a time. Help us to trust You during hard times, choose integrity in our everyday decisions, and show forgiveness and love to others. Continue shaping our hearts to become more like Jesus so that our lives bring glory to You. 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 reviewed Joseph's life and saw how God built his character through waiting, hard times, wise choices, and forgiveness. We learned that God is building our character too, helping us become more like Jesus.

Let's see who remembers! What book of the Bible tells Joseph's story? (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 37–45**. Remember to talk to your family about all that you have learned about God building our Character through the story 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)*

Pray for Someone Who Hurt You

For your call to action this week: Think of someone who has disappointed or hurt you. Instead of talking badly about them, spend one minute praying that God would bless them and help both of you grow closer to Him.

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

Today, we recapped our series of **Joseph's story and how God Builds Our Character**.

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Don't forget we will share next week and receive Bible Bucks!

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)

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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

"Lord, you will finish what you have started for me. Your love continues forever. Do not leave us, whom you made."

PSALM 138:8

Name:

Grade:

Date:

S.O.A.P

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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)

SCAN ME

