

VICTORY KIDS ELEMENTARY

UNDER CONSTRUCTION: GOD AT WORK

GOD DID NOT GIVE US A SPIRIT THAT MAKES US AFRAID. HE GAVE US A SPIRIT OF POWER AND LOVE AND SELF-CONTROL. 2 TIMOTHY 1:7 (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 FIX THE BLUEPRINT! *(Note for Live Host: make sure to give commentary during the game, and encourage the audience to cheer throughout the game).*

VICTORY KIDS ELEMENTARY

UNDER CONSTRUCTION: GOD AT WORK

**"THE THINGS HE HAS DONE ARE GREAT. HIS MIRACLES ARE MIGHTY. HIS KINGDOM CONTINUES FOREVER.
HIS RULE WILL CONTINUE FOR ALL TIME." DANIEL 4:3 (ICB)**

FIX THE BLUEPRINT

- **Supplies:** blueprint slides for screens
- **Live Host:** Alright, Victory Kids, I need one contestant to join me on stage!

Builders use blueprints to make sure everything is in the right place before construction begins. But somebody made a BIG mistake on our blueprint, and we need you to find it! Here's how it works! A construction blueprint will appear on the screen, but something in the picture is completely wrong. Once the blueprint appears, you'll have 5 seconds to look carefully and figure out what doesn't belong or what needs to be fixed. If you correctly identify the mistake before time runs out, you'll earn 1 Bible Buck!

Think you have the eyes of a Master Builder? Get ready, take a close look, and let's see if you can Fix the Blueprint!

CONSTRUCTION CONE RING TOSS

- **Supplies:** 6 cones, 10 rings, floor tape
- **Live Host:** Alright, Victory Kids, I need 2 contestants to join me on stage!

Every construction site needs cones to help keep the work zone organized and safe. Today, those cones are turning into targets for our Construction Cone Ring Toss! Here's how it works! Each contestant will get 5 rings and stand behind the marked construction line. One at a time, you'll toss your rings and try to land them around the cones. The cones closest to you are worth 1 point, the middle cones are worth 2 points, and the farthest cones are worth 3 points.

After all 5 rings have been tossed, we'll add up the points. The contestant with the highest score wins the challenge and earns 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 **Under Construction: God at Work!** Every day, God is shaping our hearts to become more like Jesus. Our memory verse this month reminds us that God is building us and we don't have to be afraid. When we follow Jesus, God gives us His Spirit to fill us with power, love, and self-control so we can live courageously every day.

(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!

VICTORY KIDS ELEMENTARY

UNDER CONSTRUCTION: GOD AT WORK

"THE THINGS HE HAS DONE ARE GREAT. HIS MIRACLES ARE MIGHTY. HIS KINGDOM CONTINUES FOREVER.
HIS RULE WILL CONTINUE FOR ALL TIME." DANIEL 4:3 (ICB)

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!** Can you believe we've made it to our final month of this series? Over the last two months, we've discovered that God is the Master Builder! He has been building our character through Joseph's story, and He has been building us for His Kingdom through Peter's story.

This month, we're going to discover something else God wants to build in us: courage! Sometimes doing the right thing isn't easy. It can be hard to stand for what's right, face new challenges, or obey God when others choose a different path. But the good news is that we don't have to be courageous on our own. God is at work in us, helping us grow stronger every day.

Today, we'll meet a man named Joshua. Before Joshua became a great leader, he chose to stand for what was right even when almost everyone else disagreed. Let's discover how **God Builds Us to Be Courageous by Standing for What Is Right!**

Key Scripture: Today's key scripture is Romans 8:31, "So what should we say about this? If God is for us, then no one can defeat us."

LESSON VIDEO

2-3 MINS

(Found in the media file)

MINISTRY LESSON

10 MINS

Supplies: None

Live Host Hook: This month, we're learning that God Builds Us to Be Courageous. When you hear the word courage, you might think of someone doing something brave, like someone climbing a tall mountain or rescuing another person. But the kind of courage we're talking about today is different. Biblical courage is more than being brave; it is choosing to obey God and stand for what is right, even when it's difficult or when others choose a different path. We'll see this through the life of Joshua. Before Joshua became the leader who led God's people into the Promised Land, he faithfully served under Moses while God prepared him for what was ahead. Just like a builder doesn't finish a building in one day, God built Joshua's courage over time. Let's begin by looking at a time when Joshua chose to stand for what was right because he believed God's promises.

UNDER CONSTRUCTION: GOD AT WORK

**"THE THINGS HE HAS DONE ARE GREAT. HIS MIRACLES ARE MIGHTY. HIS KINGDOM CONTINUES FOREVER.
HIS RULE WILL CONTINUE FOR ALL TIME." DANIEL 4:3 (ICB)**

- **God Helps Us Believe His Promise**

Do you remember when we learned about Moses and how God parted the Red Sea so the Israelites could escape from Egypt? It was one of the greatest miracles in the Bible! Well, there was someone else there that day who watched God make a path through the sea; His name was Joshua. Joshua saw God provide food from heaven, bring water from a rock, and care for His people in the wilderness. Think of the wilderness as a huge, wild place far away from cities and stores, where it might be hard to find food, water, or a safe place to sleep. In the wilderness, Joshua learned something very important: God always keeps His promises. One day, God told Moses to send twelve men, one from each tribe of Israel, to explore the land He had promised to give His people.

God wanted them to see the land He was giving them and learn what it was like. The twelve men were to check out the land, the cities, the people, and the food that grew there so they could bring back a report to the rest of Israel. They saw rich fields, beautiful fruit, and a land with everything God's people would need. But they also saw large cities with tall walls and people who were much bigger than they were; they called them giants. When the men returned, 10 of the men talked only about the giants and the cities, and how they believed the land was too difficult to conquer. Joshua on the other hand remembered God's promise and believed that if God said He would give His people the land, then God would do what He said. Sometimes we can be like the ten men. We may focus on a problem at school, a difficult situation at home, or something that makes us nervous. But when we remember God's promises instead of our problems, He builds courage in our hearts. The Master Builder helps us trust that He always keeps His Word.

- **God Helps Us Stand for What Is Right**

Have you ever had to make a hard choice; that would make you go against the crowd? *(wait for responses)*

Joshua believed God's promise, but now he had to decide what he would do because of what he believed. Ten of the men had given a fearful report, and soon their fear spread throughout the Israelite camp. The people cried and complained and even talked about going back to Egypt! Joshua and Caleb could have stayed quiet when they saw how upset everyone was, but they didn't. Numbers 14:6–9 tells us that they spoke up and urged the people not to turn away from God or be afraid. Even though the crowd didn't want to hear it, Joshua and Caleb stood up and spoke what was true.

That took courage. Standing for what is right means choosing God's way even when the people around us are choosing something different. We may face moments when friends want us to laugh at someone, leave someone out, break a rule, or tell a lie. Going along with everyone else may seem easier, but God can give us courage to make a different choice. Like Joshua and Caleb, we can stand for what is right even when we have to stand apart from the crowd.

- **God Honors Courageous Faithfulness**

Every time Joshua chose God's way instead of following the crowd, God was building courage in his heart. Joshua chose to stand for what was right, even when it wasn't the popular choice. While many people chose fear, Joshua remained faithful to God. Although the people didn't listen to Joshua, God saw his faithful heart. Sometimes we may wonder if doing the right thing really matters, especially when no one else seems to notice. But God always sees our faithful choices. Every time we choose God's way instead of following the crowd, God is building courage in our hearts.

UNDER CONSTRUCTION: GOD AT WORK

**"THE THINGS HE HAS DONE ARE GREAT. HIS MIRACLES ARE MIGHTY. HIS KINGDOM CONTINUES FOREVER.
HIS RULE WILL CONTINUE FOR ALL TIME." DANIEL 4:3 (ICB)**

Think about a building under construction. Before anyone notices the finished building, workers spend time making sure the foundation is strong. Most people never see that important work, but without it, the building couldn't stand. In the same way, God was building a strong foundation of courage in Joshua through every choice he made. And just like Joshua, God is building courage in us one faithful choice at a time.

MINISTRY MOMENT

10 MINS

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

Today, we learned that **God Builds Us to Be Courageous by Standing for What Is Right!**

- **God Helps Us Believe His Promise**
- **God Helps Us Stand for What Is Right**
- **God Honors Courageous Faithfulness**

Think about a building under construction. A building needs strong support beams to keep it standing when strong winds blow. In the same way, God builds courage in our hearts so we can stand strong for Him, even when others choose a different path.

Call to Action

Pray for Courage

For your call to action this week:

Every morning this week, pray, "God, help me be courageous today." Then look for opportunities to obey Him, be kind, tell the truth, and stand for what is right.

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

UNDER CONSTRUCTION: GOD AT WORK

**"THE THINGS HE HAS DONE ARE GREAT. HIS MIRACLES ARE MIGHTY. HIS KINGDOM CONTINUES FOREVER.
HIS RULE WILL CONTINUE FOR ALL TIME." DANIEL 4:3 (ICB)**

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 biblical courage? **Choosing God's way, even when you're the only one.**
2. What did Joshua learn after seeing God care for His people? **God always keeps His promises.**
3. What did the ten men focus on? **The giants and the strong cities.**
4. Who stood with Joshua and believed God? **Caleb.**
5. What choice did Joshua have to make? **Stand for what is right or follow the crowd**

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 always keeping Your promises. Thank You for showing us through Joshua that true courage comes from trusting You and choosing to do what is right. Please help us remember Your promises when we face difficult situations. Give us the courage to tell the truth, be kind, obey You, and stand for what is right, even when others choose a different path. Continue building our hearts to become more like Jesus each day. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



ELEMENTARY SMALL GROUP LESSON

UNDER CONSTRUCTION: GOD AT WORK

GOD DID NOT GIVE US A SPIRIT THAT MAKES US AFRAID. HE GAVE US A SPIRIT OF POWER AND LOVE AND SELF-CONTROL.

2 TIMOTHY 1:7 (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 how God began building courage in Joshua's life. Joshua believed God's promises, stood for what was right, and remained faithful even when others chose fear. Just as God was building courage in Joshua, He is building courage in each of us too!

Let's see what you remember! What are the three ways God was building courage in Joshua? (Pause for responses.) That's right! God helped Joshua believe His promises, stand for what was right, and honored his courageous faithfulness. Great job, Victory Kids!

Our lesson from today is found in the book of Numbers. Is Numbers in the Old Testament or the New Testament? (Pause for responses.) That's right, the Old Testament! Now grab your Bible and see who can be the first to find Numbers chapter 13 for a Bible Buck! .

ICEBREAKER

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

1. What is biblical courage? **Choosing God's way, even when you're the only one.**
2. What did Joshua learn after seeing God care for His people? **God always keeps His promises.**
3. What did the ten spies focus on? **The giants and the strong cities.**
4. Who stood with Joshua and believed God? **Caleb.**
5. What choice did Joshua have to make? **Stand for what is right or follow the crowd**

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: **One Step This Week**

We have a Family Challenge! Read Matthew 14:22-33 with your family, talk about how Peter trusted Jesus, and pray together. Every small step is another way God is building you for His Kingdom. Remember whoever shares receives Bible Bucks!



ELEMENTARY SMALL GROUP LESSON

UNDER CONSTRUCTION: GOD AT WORK

GOD DID NOT GIVE US A SPIRIT THAT MAKES US AFRAID. HE GAVE US A SPIRIT OF POWER AND LOVE AND SELF-CONTROL.

2 TIMOTHY 1:7 (ICB)

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 that **God Builds Us To Be Courageous By Standing For What Is Right!**

Pray for Courage

For your call to action this week:

Every morning this week, pray, "God, help me be courageous today." Then look for opportunities to obey Him, be kind, tell the truth, and stand for what is right. 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)

Dear Jesus, thank You for everything You have taught us this month. Thank You for showing us through Peter's life that You are always at work, building us for Your Kingdom. Help us to follow Jesus with our whole hearts and boldly share the good news about You. Thank You for never giving up on us and for continuing to help us grow every day. Keep building our hearts so we become more like Jesus in everything we say and do. We love You, and we thank You for all You are doing in our lives. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



ELEMENTARY SMALL GROUP LESSON

UNDER CONSTRUCTION: GOD AT WORK

GOD DID NOT GIVE US A SPIRIT THAT MAKES US AFRAID. HE GAVE US A SPIRIT OF POWER AND LOVE AND SELF-CONTROL.

2 TIMOTHY 1:7 (ICB)

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

"So what should we say about this? If God is for us, then no one can defeat us."

ROMANS 8:31

Name:	Grade:	Date:
-------	--------	-------

S.O.A.P

“So what should we say about this? If God is for us, then no one can defeat us.” Romans 8:31

SCRIPTURE

What did you read?

OBSERVATION

What is God saying?

PRAYER

Dear God...

What does this look like in my life?

APPLICATION

Check out this month's Memory Verse Song!

“God did not give us a spirit that makes us afraid. He gave us a spirit of power and love and self-control.”
2 Timothy 1:7 (ICB)

SCAN ME

