

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 CONSTRUCTION CREW CLEAN-UP ! *(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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CONSTRUCTION CREW CLEAN-UP

- **Supplies:** Toy tools, blocks, cones, buckets
- **Live Host:** Alright, Victory Kids, I need 3 contestants to join me on stage!

Every construction crew has to keep its worksite clean and organized, but somebody left our building supplies scattered everywhere! We need three speedy construction workers to help us clean up this mess! Here's how it works! You'll compete one at a time. When I say, "GO!" the timer will start, and you must gather all the toy tools, blocks, and cones and place them inside the buckets as quickly as you can. As soon as the last item is in a bucket, the timer stops, and we'll record your time.

After each contestant finishes, our team will need a few moments to reset the construction site, placing all the supplies back in their starting positions for the next contestant. Once all three contestants have completed the challenge, we'll compare your times. The construction worker with the shortest clean-up time wins the challenge and earns 1 Bible Buck!

BUILDER'S BALANCE RELAY

- **Supplies:** Tape to mark the starting and finish lines, 2 beanbags, cups
- **Live Host:** Alright, Victory Kids, now I need 4 contestants to join me on stage. This game is called Builder's Balance Relay! You'll be split into 2 teams of 2, with one teammate at the starting line and the other at the finish line. The first player will balance a beanbag, our "building supply," on their head and race to their teammate without dropping it. Once you reach your teammate, pass the building supply to them. They'll balance it on their head, race to the starting line, and then race all the way back to the finish line. Once they reach the finish line, the team will work together to build a cup tower. The first construction crew to complete this relay wins and receives 2 Bible Bucks. Remember, if you drop your building supply, stop, put it back on your head, and keep going.

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. *(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!** Can you believe we've made it to our final month of this series? This month we are learning that God builds our courage through the life of Joshua. Every faithful choice that Joshua made helped God build a strong foundation of courage in Joshua's heart. This week, Joshua's story continues. Many years have passed, and now Joshua is about to face a brand-new challenge. Moses is no longer leading God's people, and God has chosen Joshua to lead the Israelites into the Promised Land. That's a big responsibility! But God didn't expect Joshua to face it alone. He promised to be with Joshua every step of the way and gave him the courage to move forward.

Today, we'll discover how **God Builds Us to Be Courageous for New Challenges!**

Key Scripture: Today's key scripture is Joshua 1:9, "Remember that I commanded you to be strong and brave. So don't be afraid. The Lord your God will be with you everywhere you go."

LESSON VIDEO

2-3 MINS

(Found in the media file)

MINISTRY LESSON

10 MINS

Supplies: A pair of oversized boots or shoes

Live Host Hook: I need a volunteer! (Bring a child on stage.) I have a challenge for you. Put on these shoes and walk across the stage. (Allow them to try.) Were those shoes easy to walk in? Why not? Wait for responses. Sometimes we have to step into something that feels much bigger than we are. That's exactly how Joshua may have felt when God asked him to lead His people. Today we'll learn that when God gives us a new challenge, He also gives us the courage to take the next step.

- **God Gives Us New Challenges**

Last week, we learned that Joshua believed God's promises and stood for what was right, even when almost everyone else chose fear. Joshua remained faithful to God, but his story wasn't over. Many years passed, and Moses continued leading the Israelites through the wilderness.

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During those years, Joshua stayed by Moses' side, learning from him and watching God work. Then one day, everything changed. Moses died, and God's people needed a new leader. God chose Joshua to lead the Israelites into the Promised Land. If you were Joshua, how do you think you would feel when you found out you were going to lead all of God's people? *(Allow kids to respond: nervous, scared, excited, unsure.)*

Joshua may have felt some of those same things too. Sometimes we face new challenges, so imagine how Joshua felt. Moses had led God's people for many years, and now Joshua was being asked to do something he had never done before. It was a huge responsibility. Sometimes we face new challenges too. Maybe you're starting a new grade, joining a new team, making new friends, or trying something you've never done before. New challenges can make us feel unsure, but God already knows what lies ahead. Just as the Master Builder had been preparing Joshua all along, He is preparing us too.

- **God Promises to Be With Us**

Imagine you are about to do something really big, but you have no idea exactly what will happen. Maybe you feel nervous, scared, or wonder, "What if I can't do this?" That may have been how Joshua felt when God told him he would lead all of Israel. Before Joshua took this huge step, God gave him a promise: "I will be with you. I will never leave you or abandon you." God didn't tell Joshua, "You can do this because you're the strongest!" Instead, God reminded Joshua, "You don't have to do this alone because I am with you!" Then God told Joshua three times, "Be strong and courageous." Joshua didn't need to have all the answers because God would be with him every step of the way.

Let's try something together. Sometimes saying this helps me remember that God is with me. Everyone, hold up one finger. (Pause.) Now say, "God is with me!" (Have kids repeat it.) Think about a time when you felt nervous or afraid. Maybe you had to try something new, speak in front of people, take a test, or make a difficult choice. You may not know exactly what will happen, but you can remember what Joshua learned: God is with you. God is with us at school, at home, on the playground, and wherever we go. His presence is bigger than our fears, and because we know He is with us, we can have courage to trust Him and take the next step.

- **God Gives Us Courage to Move Forward**

Have you ever stood at the edge of something new and thought I don't know if I could do this? (wait for responses) Maybe it was your first day at a new school, trying out for a team, making a new friend, or doing something you knew was right even though it was hard. Joshua was standing at the beginning of something new, too. He had just been chosen to lead all of Israel! After God encouraged Joshua, Joshua had a big decision to make. He could let fear make him stop, or he could trust God and take the next step. He trusted God's promise and got ready to lead the Israelites into the land God had promised them. Joshua didn't know everything that would happen next, but he knew God would be with him. So instead of letting fear stop him, Joshua obeyed God and moved forward. Sometimes we want to stay where we feel comfortable because new things can seem scary.

Sometimes courage doesn't mean you aren't afraid. Courage means trusting God enough to do what He asks you to do, even when you feel afraid. God can help us take the next step. Think about a building under construction. A builder doesn't just look at the blueprint and say, "That looks great!" Then walk away. They start building, one step at a time! In the same way, God is building courage in us so we can keep moving forward and following Him. Joshua's journey wasn't over; it was just beginning. Next week, we'll see how Joshua trusted God when God gave him some very unusual instructions before an important battle!

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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 that **God Builds Us to Be Courageous for New Challenges!**

- **God Gives Us New Challenges**
- **God Promises to Be With Us**
- **God Gives Us Courage to Move Forward**

Joshua's story reminds us that new challenges don't mean God has left us. Even when something feels scary, new, or hard, God can use it to help our faith and courage grow. God never asks us to face challenges alone, He is with us, strengthens us, and continues building us for the plans He has ahead.

Call to Action

Take the Next Step

For your call to action this week:

Let's take the next step in building our courage through God's Word. Put this verse to memory and discuss it with your family. Joshua 1:9: Remember that I commanded you to be strong and brave. So don't be afraid. The Lord your God will be with you everywhere you go. 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 new job did God give Joshua? **To lead the Israelites.**
2. What promise did God make to Joshua? **I will be with you.**
3. How many times did God tell Joshua to "be strong and courageous"? **Three times.**
4. What should we remember when we face new challenges? **God is always with us.**
5. Name one challenge a kid might face? **Various answers or a new grade, a new friend, a new team, or trying something new.**

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 being with us. Just as You were with Joshua when he faced a new challenge, thank You for promising to be with us wherever we go. When we feel nervous or unsure, help us remember that we are never alone. Give us the courage to trust You, obey You, and take the next step You want us to take. Continue building our hearts to become more like Jesus every day. 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 gave Joshua the courage to face a new challenge. God promised to be with Joshua and encouraged him to be strong and courageous. Just as God was with Joshua, He is with us too! Let's see what you remember!

What are the three ways God helped Joshua face his new challenge? *(Pause for responses.)* That's right! God gave Joshua a new challenge, promised to be with him, and gave him the courage to move forward. Great job, Victory Kids!

Our lesson today came from the book of Joshua. Is Joshua 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 Joshua chapter 1 for a Bible Buck!

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: **Pray for Courage**

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. 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

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Take the Next Step

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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 always being with us. Just as You were with Joshua when he faced a new challenge, thank You for promising to be with us wherever we go. When we feel nervous or unsure, help us remember that we are never alone. Give us the courage to trust You, obey You, and take the next step You want us to take. Continue building our hearts to become more like Jesus 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

"Remember that I commanded you to be strong and brave. So don't be afraid. The Lord your God will be with you everywhere you go."

JOSHUA 1:9

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

"Remember that I commanded you to be strong and brave. So don't be afraid. The Lord your God will be with you everywhere you go." Joshua 1:9

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!

"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

