

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 MYSTERY

BLUEPRINT! *(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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MYSTERY BLUEPRINT

- **Supplies:** 2 whiteboards, markers, 2 of each Mystery Blueprint prompt cards, timer
- **Live Host:** Alright, Victory Kids, I need 4 contestants to join me on stage!

Every builder needs a blueprint, but a blueprint only works if the team communicates and listens carefully. Today, we're putting your teamwork to the test with Mystery Blueprint!

Here's how it works! You'll be split into 2 teams of 2. One teammate will be the Blueprint Caller, and the other will be the Builder. The Blueprint Caller will receive a mystery picture and must describe how to draw it without saying what the picture is. The Builder must listen carefully and draw exactly what their teammate describes.

When the timer starts, each team will have 60 seconds to complete their Mystery Blueprint. When time is up, we'll reveal the original pictures and see which Builder's drawing matches their blueprint the closest. The winning team earns 2 Bible Bucks each!

HARD HAT STACK

- **Supplies:** 2 plastic hard hats, 2 sets of plastic cups, 2 tables, timer
- **Live Host:** Alright, Victory Kids, I need 2 contestants to join me on stage. This game is called Hard Hat Stack! Each contestant will have an upside-down hard hat and a stack of plastic cups. When the timer starts, you'll have 30 seconds to stack as many cups as you can on top of your hard hat without letting them fall. When time runs out, hands up! We'll count only the cups that are still standing on your hard hat. The contestant with the most cups still stacked wins and 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 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!** This month, we're following Joshua's life and discovering how God builds courage in us. So far, we've seen Joshua stand for what was right and face a new challenge knowing God was with him.

Today, Joshua faces the city of Jericho and receives some unexpected instructions from God. Joshua will discover that courage isn't just about being brave; it also means listening to God and doing what He says.

So, grab your hard hat, get ready to build, and let's discover how **God Builds Us to Be Courageous Through Obedience!**

Key Scripture: Today's key scripture is John 14:15, "If you love me, you will do the things I command."

LESSON VIDEO

2-3 MINS

(Found in the media file)

MINISTRY LESSON

10 MINS

Supplies: Simple recipe card and a few safe ingredient containers/props, slides with flour, sugar, eggs, butter, and chocolate chips, then a slide with ketchup only

Live Host Hook: Victory Kids, imagine I'm making chocolate chip cookies. The recipe says I need flour, sugar, eggs, butter, and chocolate chips. But I don't feel like following the recipe.

What if I use ketchup instead of butter? *Allow reactions.*

What if the recipe says bake them for 10 minutes, but I decide 60 minutes sounds better? *Allow responses.*

Would you eat the cookies I just baked? *(wait for responses)*

A recipe gives instructions for a reason. If I ignore the instructions and do everything my own way, I shouldn't expect the same result. Sometimes we want to do things our way instead of following God's way. Today we're going to learn why courageous followers of God listen to what He says.

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- **Following God's Instructions Takes Courage**

Last week, we learned that God gave Joshua a big responsibility: to lead the Israelites into the Promised Land. God promised to be with him and told him to be strong and courageous. Joshua obeyed, and the Israelites crossed the Jordan River. But their journey wasn't over! One of the first cities they came to was Jericho, a city surrounded by huge, strong walls. The gates were tightly shut because the people of Jericho were afraid. They had heard about the powerful things God had done for Israel, Joshua 5:1 says the kings of the land lost courage because they were afraid of Israel, so they closed the gates to keep the Israelites out. What do you think Joshua was thinking when he saw those giant walls? (Allow responses.) Joshua probably wondered how they could ever get past them, but God already had a plan!

God gave Joshua some very unusual instructions. Instead of telling the Israelites to attack the walls, God told them to march around Jericho once a day for six days. Seven priests would carry trumpets as they marched. On the seventh day, they would march around the city seven times, then the priests would blow their trumpets, the people would shout, and God would do what they could not do on their own. Would that be the plan you expected? (Allow responses.) It probably wasn't what Joshua expected either! But Joshua didn't need to come up with his own plan. He needed to listen to God and obey. Sometimes God asks us to do things we don't completely understand, too. We can choose courageous obedience by listening to God's Word and following what He says, even when His way is different from what we expected.

- **Following God Means We Obey Completely**

Joshua had heard God's instructions, and now it was time to follow them. He gathered the priests and the people and told them what God had commanded. Then they began. On the first day, they marched around Jericho one time and returned to camp. The next day, they did it again. Day after day, for six days, they followed God's instructions exactly. Imagine walking around those enormous walls each day and seeing that nothing had changed. The walls were still standing, the gates were still closed, and Jericho still looked impossible to enter. The Israelites could have become impatient, changed the plan, or decided their own way would work better. But Joshua continued leading the people to do exactly what God had told them to do.

That's what obedience means. It's not enough to hear what God says; we must also do what He says! Sometimes obeying God is easy, but other times it may mean we have to be patient or choose His way instead of our own. We may not always understand why God tells us to do something, but we can know that His instructions are always good. God teaches us through His Word how He wants us to live. When the Bible tells us to forgive, we forgive. When it tells us to tell the truth, we are honest. When it tells us to love others, we show love even when it's difficult. Just as Joshua followed God's instructions one step at a time, God builds courageous obedience in us every time we hear His Word and choose to do what it says.

- **Following God Brings the Victory**

For six days, Joshua and the Israelites followed God's instructions exactly. Then came the seventh day. This time, they marched around Jericho seven times (Live Host start marching in place). After the seventh time around, the priests blew their trumpets (play trumpet sound here), and Joshua told the people to shout. The people gave a loud shout, now this is where you all come in. On the count of three we are all going to give a loud shout of praise! 1... 2... 3! SHOUT!, and suddenly the walls of Jericho came crashing down! The way into the city was open, just as God had promised. Joshua and the Israelites followed God's instructions, but marching, trumpets, and shouting weren't what made those huge walls fall. God did what they could never have done on their own. The victory belonged to Him. Their responsibility was to obey; God was responsible for the outcome.

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That's an important lesson for us, too. Obeying God means trusting Him enough to do what He says, even when we don't know what will happen next, we are responsible for our obedience what we always must remember is the results are up to God. Joshua and the Israelites didn't know exactly how the walls would fall. They simply knew God had given them instructions, and they chose to follow them. We may not always understand God's plan either. We might have to tell the truth when it's hard, forgive someone who hurt us, stand up for what is right, or be patient when we want things to happen right away. We don't have to figure everything out or control the outcome. Our job is to listen to God, obey what He says, and trust Him with the rest.

Joshua's story reminds us that courageous obedience means trusting God enough to take the next step, even when we can't see the whole plan. God is the Master Builder, and He sees what we cannot see. Every time we choose His way over our own, He is building our faith, courage, and obedience.

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 Through Obedience!**

- **Following God's Instructions Takes Courage**
- **Following God Means We Obey Completely**
- **Following God Brings the Victory**

God was building Joshua's courage every time he chose to follow His direction. Joshua didn't need to have all the answers or understand every part of God's plan; he simply needed to be willing to follow. Our obedience matters too. Each time we choose God's way over our own, the Master Builder is shaping our hearts and helping us become faithful followers of Him.

Call to Action

For your call to action this week: Read Joshua 6:1–20 together, then have each person share one way they can obey God this week 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 does obedience mean? **Doing what God says.**
2. Why was Jericho important for the Israelites? **It was in the Promised Land.**
3. What did Joshua need to do when God gave him instructions? **Listen and follow them.**
4. Where can we find God's instructions for how to live? **In the Bible.**
5. Name some ways you can obey God's Word? **Forgive, tell the truth, or show love.**

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 giving us Your Word to teach us how to live. Help us listen carefully to what You say and have the courage to obey, even when we don't understand everything. Teach us to choose Your way instead of our own and to follow You with our whole hearts. Keep building courage and obedience in us 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 built courage in Joshua through obedience. Joshua listened to God's instructions, followed them completely, and God brought the victory at Jericho. Just like Joshua, we can have courage to obey God and choose His way!

Let's see what you remember! What are the three things we learned today? (Pause for responses.) That's right! God gives us instructions to follow, God wants us to obey completely, and God brings the victory. 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 6 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: **Take The Next Step**

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!. 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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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

"If you love me, you will do the things I have commanded."

JOHN 14:15

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S.O.A.P

"If you love me, you will do the things I have commanded."
John 14:15

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

