

VICTORY KIDS ELEMENTARY

UNDER CONSTRUCTION: GOD AT WORK

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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 CONSTRUCTION CRANE CHALLENGE! *(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 CRANE CHALLENGE

- **Supplies:** 2 pairs of kitchen tongs, LEGO blocks, 2 buckets
- **Live Host:** Alright, Victory Kids, I need 2 contestants to join me on stage. This game is called Construction Crane Challenge! On a construction site, cranes are used to pick up and move heavy building materials, and today you get to become the crane! Each contestant will receive a pair of kitchen tongs, and when the timer starts, you'll have 30 seconds to use your tongs to pick up the LEGO blocks and move them into your bucket. But here's the challenge: you cannot touch the LEGO blocks with your hands! You can only use your tongs.

When time runs out, we'll count the LEGO blocks in each bucket. The contestant who moved the most blocks wins the Construction Crane Challenge and receives 1 Bible Buck!

CONSTRUCTION WORKER RELAY

- **Supplies:** 2 hard hats, 2 safety vests, 2 pairs of work gloves, 2 sets of 24-piece construction puzzles, 2 tables, tape to mark starting and finish lines
- **Live Host:** Alright, Victory Kids, I need 2 contestants to join me on stage. Get ready because this game is called the Construction Worker Relay! Each of you will start at the starting line, and when I say, "GO!" you'll race to your first construction station. At Station 1, you'll put on your hard hat, safety vest, and work gloves. Once you're completely dressed like a construction worker, race to Station 2, where you'll find a 24-piece construction puzzle waiting for you.

You must put the entire puzzle together correctly before you can leave the station. Once your construction puzzle is complete, race as fast as you can to the finish line! The first construction worker to complete both stations and cross the finish line wins the Construction Worker Relay and receives 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. (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've followed Joshua's life and discovered how God built courage in him one step at a time. We've seen Joshua stand for what was right, face a new challenge, and courageously obey God's instructions.

Today, we're putting all the pieces together and looking back at what Joshua's story has taught us about courage. Just like God worked in Joshua's life, the Master Builder is still at work building courage in us too!

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

Key Scripture: Today's key scripture is Deuteronomy 31:6, "Be strong and brave. Don't be afraid of them. Don't be frightened. The Lord your God will go with you. He will not leave you or forget you."

LESSON VIDEO

2-3 MINS

(Found in the media file)

MINISTRY LESSON

10 MINS

Supplies: None

Live Host Hook: Victory Kids, I'm going to give you three situations and two choices for each one. I want everyone to decide which choice shows courage. Hold up one finger for Choice 1 or two fingers for Choice 2. Ready?

Situation 1: You see some kids making fun of another student at school. What do you do?

Choice 1: Join in because you don't want your friends to make fun of you too.

Choice 2: Refuse to join in and show kindness to the student. ✓

Situation 2: It's your first day at a new school, and you feel nervous because you don't know anyone. What do you do?

Choice 1: Ask God to help you be courageous and introduce yourself to someone. ✓

Choice 2: Decide you won't talk to anyone because you're nervous.

Situation 3: Your parent asks you to clean your room, but you're having fun playing your favorite game. What do you do?

Choice 1: Pretend you didn't hear and keep playing.

Choice 2: Stop your game and do what your parent asked. ✓

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Great job, Victory Kids! Courage looked different in each situation. Sometimes courage means standing for what is right, sometimes it means facing something new, and sometimes it means obeying even when we don't want to. Today, we're going to look back at how God built each of these kinds of courage in Joshua and how He builds courage in us too!

- **Choosing What Is Right Takes Courage**

This month, we met Joshua before he became the leader of God's people. Moses sent twelve spies, including Joshua and Caleb, to explore the land God had promised the Israelites. For forty days, they saw rich fields, beautiful fruit, cities surrounded by tall walls, and people they described as giants. When the spies returned, ten of them were convinced the Israelites could not take the land.

Joshua and Caleb made different choices. While almost everyone around them became afraid, they remembered what God had promised. They encouraged the people to trust God and refused to simply follow the crowd. Joshua showed us that courage isn't doing what everyone else is doing; courage is choosing God's way even when others don't. We face choices like that too. We may have to tell the truth when a lie would be easier, including when someone is being left out, or refuse to participate when friends are doing something wrong. God builds courage in us as we choose to stand for what is right.

- **Choosing Courage When We Feel Afraid**

Years after Joshua stood for what was right, his life changed in a big way. Moses, the leader Joshua had served alongside for many years, had died, and now God chose Joshua to lead the Israelites into the Promised Land. Joshua was stepping into a role he had never had before, with an entire nation depending on his leadership. God knew what Joshua was facing, and He gave him the encouragement he needed. Joshua 1:9 says, "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 didn't have to face this new challenge by himself. God promised to be with him as he moved forward.

We face new challenges, too. Starting a new school, joining a new team, making new friends, or taking on a new responsibility can make us feel nervous or unsure. But Joshua's story reminds us that we don't have to let those feelings stop us. When something new comes our way, we can remember that God is with us. The Master Builder builds courage in our hearts and helps us move forward, even when we have never been that way before.

- **Choosing to Obey God Takes Courage**

Joshua's courage was tested again when the Israelites came to Jericho. The city was surrounded by huge walls, and there didn't seem to be an easy way inside. But God already had a plan. He told Joshua exactly what the Israelites were to do: march around the city once a day for six days, march around it seven times on the seventh day, have the priests blow their trumpets, and then have all the people shout. These were unusual instructions for conquering a city, but Joshua didn't replace God's plan with his own. He chose to obey. Joshua 6:20 tells us that when the people shouted and the priests blew the trumpets, "the walls fell." Joshua and the Israelites followed God's instructions, but God was the One who brought the victory. Joshua's responsibility wasn't to figure out how to make the walls fall. His responsibility was to do what God told him to do.

That's what courageous obedience looks like for us too. Sometimes we know exactly what God's Word says, but doing it can be hard.

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It takes courage to forgive when we're still hurt, tell the truth when there may be consequences, show kindness to someone who hasn't been kind to us, or choose God's way when we'd rather do things our own way. Courage isn't only standing up or moving forward; sometimes the most courageous thing we can do is simply obey God. Every time we choose to do what God says, the Master Builder is building a heart in us that is ready to follow Him wherever He leads.

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, the Recap!**

- **Choosing What Is Right Takes Courage**
- **Choosing Courage When We Feel Afraid**
- **Choosing to Obey God Takes Courage**

Throughout Joshua's story, courage looked different at different times. Sometimes courage meant standing for what was right. Sometimes it meant facing something new, and sometimes it meant obeying God's instructions. Joshua didn't become courageous in one moment; God continued building courage in his life along the way. The same Master Builder is still at work in us, helping us grow into courageous followers of Jesus.

Call to Action

Pass the Courage

For your call to action this week:

Tell someone what you learned about Joshua. Share one way God helped Joshua be courageous and one way God is helping you grow in courage too. Then encourage that person to choose courage with you! 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 Joshua and Caleb remember when the other ten men were afraid? **God had promised to give them the land.**
2. What new challenge did Joshua face after Moses died? **Leading the Israelites.**
3. What did God tell Joshua when he faced his new challenge? **Be strong and courageous.**
4. What promise did God give Joshua as he became the new leader? **I will be with you.**
5. What are some ways kids can show courage? **Tell the truth, be kind, obey God, include others, or try 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 showing us through Joshua's life what it means to be courageous. Help us stand for what is right, face new challenges knowing You are with us, and obey what You say. When we feel afraid or unsure, remind us that we don't have to face anything alone. Keep building courage in our hearts and help us become faithful followers of 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 how God built courage in Joshua throughout his life. Joshua learned to stand for what was right, face new challenges knowing God was with him, and courageously obey God's instructions. Just like Joshua, God is building courage in us too!

Let's see what you remember! What are the three ways God built courage in Joshua? (Pause for responses.) That's right! God built courage to stand for what is right, face new challenges, and obey Him. Great job, Victory Kids!

This month, we learned about Joshua from Numbers and Joshua. Are these books 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 Deuteronomy 31:6 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 did Joshua and Caleb choose to do when the other spies were afraid? **Stand for what was right.**
2. What new challenge did Joshua face after Moses died? **Leading the Israelites.**
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5. What are some ways kids can show courage? **Tell the truth, be kind, obey God, include others, or try something new.**

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 Joshua 6:1–20 together, then have each person share one way they can obey God this week. 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)

Dear Jesus, thank You for showing us through Joshua's life what it means to be courageous. Help us stand for what is right, face new challenges knowing You are with us, and obey what You say. When we feel afraid or unsure, remind us that we don't have to face anything alone. Keep building courage in our hearts and help us become faithful followers of You. 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

"Be strong and brave. Don't be afraid of them. Don't be frightened. The Lord your God will go with you. He will not leave you or forget you."

DEUTERONOMY 31:6

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

"Be strong and brave. Don't be afraid of them. Don't be frightened. The Lord your God will go with you. He will not leave you or forget you."
Deuteronomy 31:6

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

