

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 BUILDER'S BALANCE 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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BUILDER'S BALANCE CHALLENGE

- **Supplies:** Painter's tape, 2 empty water bottles
- **Live Host:** Alright, Victory Kids, I need 2 contestants to join me on stage! Builders know they can't rush a construction project. They must move carefully and carry their building supplies safely. Here's how the Builder's Balance Challenge works. Balance your building supply (hold up the water bottle) with your hand open; balance the water bottle while walking along the construction path. No grabbing the bottle or running! If it falls, return to the starting line and try again. The first builder to safely reach the end of the path wins 1 Bible Buck! Ready... build!

BLUEPRINT TIC-TAC-TOE

- **Supplies:** Tic-Tac-Toe game
- **Live Host:** Alright, Victory Kids, I need 2 contestants to join me on stage! It's time for Blueprint Tic-Tac-Toe! Every builder follows a blueprint one step at a time, and that's exactly what you'll do. Take turns placing your game pieces to complete three in a row: across, down, or diagonally. The first builder to complete the blueprint with tic-tac-toe wins 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!** Just like a builder works on a building one step at a time, God is at work in our lives every day. He is building us, helping us grow, and showing us how to live for Him. Our memory verse this month reminds us that God is great! His miracles are mighty, His kingdom lasts forever, and He is always in control. When we remember how powerful and faithful God is, we can trust Him to keep working in our lives because God is never finished building what He starts!

(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!

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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!** Have you ever watched a builder follow a blueprint? Before a building is finished, every wall, window, and doorway has an important job. Nothing is added by accident because the builder has a plan for the whole building. God works the same way in our lives! When we choose to follow Jesus, God is always at work in us. Day by day, He helps us grow, teaches us to follow Him, and prepares us to be part of His kingdom. God's kingdom will last forever, and He invites each of us to serve Him and help others know His love.

This month, we'll follow the life of Peter and discover how **God Builds Us for His Kingdom**. We'll see how Jesus called Peter, restored him when he failed, and used him to share the good news with others. Peter's story reminds us that God loves using ordinary people to do extraordinary things for His kingdom.

So grab your hard hat, get ready to build, and let's discover how **God Builds Us for His Kingdom** by **Calling Us to Follow Him!**

Key Scripture: Today's key scripture is John 15:16, "You did not choose me. I chose you. And I gave you this work; to go and produce fruit."

LESSON VIDEO

2-3 MINS

(Found in the media file)

MINISTRY LESSON

10 MINS

Supplies: N/A

Live Host Hook: "Stand up if you can whistle." (Pause.) "Sit down."

"Stand up if you've ever built something with LEGOs." (Pause.) "Sit down."

"Stand up if you like to help people."

"Stand up if you like to sing."

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"Stand up if you enjoy solving puzzles." Look around! We're all different. Some of you are creative. Some are helpers. Some are leaders. Some are thinkers. That's not an accident; God designed each one of you with unique gifts and abilities.

This month, we'll discover how God Builds Us for His Kingdom through the life of a man named Peter. Peter wasn't a king, a priest, or a famous teacher. He was an ordinary fisherman who had a lot to learn. Yet Jesus chose Peter, patiently taught him, and prepared him to help others know God. As we follow Peter's story, we'll discover that God still works the same way today. He takes ordinary people, builds them step by step, and uses them to do His work so that others can know and follow Jesus.

- **God Calls Each of Us**

Before Jesus called Peter to follow Him, Peter had already met Jesus. His brother Andrew had introduced him to Jesus after learning that Jesus was the Messiah. Jesus even gave Simon a new name, Peter, which means "rock." Peter probably didn't understand what that meant yet, but Jesus knew the kind of person Peter would become. Jesus already knew Peter before He called Peter. He saw beyond Peter's current abilities, mistakes, and doubts and saw the person God was shaping him to be.

The same is true for us today. Just like Jesus knew Peter before He called him, Jesus knows us completely. He knows our strengths, our struggles, and the gifts He has placed inside of us. Peter's story reminds us that God doesn't wait until we are perfect or have everything figured out before He uses us. When we choose to follow Jesus, He begins working in our lives, helping us grow into the people He created us to be. God knows us, sees our potential, and calls each of us for a purpose.

- **God Invites Us to Follow Him**

In Matthew 4:19, Jesus invited Peter into a new purpose when He said, "Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of people." Peter had a choice to make. Would he stay with what was familiar, or would he trust Jesus and follow Him into something new? Peter and his brother Andrew were having a normal day, working as fishermen on the Sea of Galilee and throwing their nets into the water. Let's pretend we're Peter and Andrew! Okay, everyone stand up. (allow time to stand) Reach back and throw your fishing net! (Demonstrate if needed.) Now pull it back in! (Pause and then invite everyone to take their seats.) Peter probably thought it was just another day at work, but Jesus was about to change his life forever. When Jesus called Peter to follow Him, Peter could have stayed with his fishing nets, but instead, he chose to trust Jesus and begin a new journey.

Following Jesus meant more than just walking behind Him—it meant learning from Him every day. Peter watched Jesus teach people, perform miracles, show kindness, and help others. Peter didn't become a perfect follower overnight. He made mistakes, asked questions, and continued to grow. Following Jesus is a journey we take one step at a time. Just like learning a new skill takes practice, growing closer to Jesus takes time. As we pray, read God's Word, obey Him, and love others, God continues to shape us into the people He created us to be.

- **God Gives Every Person a Purpose**

When Jesus called Peter, He also gave him a promise: "I will make you become fishers of people." Peter probably didn't understand everything Jesus meant yet, and maybe you don't understand it all either; that is ok, because just like Peter, Jesus already knew the purpose He had for Peter's life, and he has one for yours too. Peter wasn't going to become a great leader overnight. He needed time to walk with Jesus, learn from Him, make mistakes, and grow. The same is true for us. God helps us grow and prepares us one step at a time. As we follow Jesus at home, at school, at church, and with our friends, God is shaping us into the people He created us to be.

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Think about creating a building. A builder doesn't rush a construction project by putting up an entire building in one day. Every beam, wall, and brick is added at just the right time until the building matches the blueprint. In the same way, God was building Peter's life step by step, and He is building ours as well. He is building our character, teaching us, and helping us discover how He can use us. As we continue following Jesus, He faithfully prepares us to serve Him and help others know His love.

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 for His Kingdom by Calling Us to Follow Him!**

- **God Calls Each of Us**
- **God Invites Us to Follow Him**
- **God Gives Every Person a Purpose**

Today we learned that God's call is just the beginning of an amazing journey. When we choose to follow Jesus, the Master Builder keeps working in our lives, helping us grow, learn, and become the people He created us to be. Just like Peter, God is building us one step at a time for His Kingdom.

Call to Action

Follow Jesus Every Day

For your call to action this week:

Choose one way to follow Jesus every day. Spend a few minutes praying, read John 15:16, "You did not choose me. I chose you. And I gave you this work; to go and produce fruit.

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 job did Peter have before Jesus called him? **Fisherman**
2. What did Jesus say to Peter and Andrew? **Follow me. I will make you become fishers of people.**
3. What kind of journey did Peter begin when he followed Jesus? **A lifelong journey of learning from Jesus.**
4. Does Jesus expect us to know everything the moment we begin following Him? **No. He helps us learn and grow one step at a time**
5. Name two ways we can follow Jesus today. **Possible answers: Pray, read the Bible, obey God's Word, come to church, worship God, love others, tell the truth, or obey our parents.**

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 loving us and calling each one of us to follow You. Thank You for reminding us through Peter's story that You can use ordinary people to do extraordinary things for Your kingdom. Help us to say "yes" to You each day by listening to Your Word, obeying You, and following where You lead. Thank You for continuing to build our lives one step at a time and for giving each of us a purpose. We love You, and we ask You to help us follow You this week. 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 Jesus called Peter, invited him to follow Him, and gave him a purpose. We also discovered that God calls each of us, teaches us as we follow Him, and prepares us to make a difference for His kingdom.

Let's see what you remember! Who can tell me what Peter's job was before Jesus called him? (Pause for responses.) That's right, he was a fisherman! Great job, Victory Kids! This part of Peter's story is found in the book of Matthew. Who can tell me what testament the book of Matthew is found in: Old or New Testament? Great job! Now grab your Bible and see who can be the first to find **Matthew chapter 4** for a Bible Buck!

Remember to share with your family who you learned about today (Peter) and how Jesus built his purpose.

ICEBREAKER

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

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5. Name two ways we can follow Jesus today. Possible answers: **Pray, read the Bible, obey God's Word, come to church, worship God, love others, tell the truth, or obey our parents.**

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:

Live Out What You Have Learned

For your call to action 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.

Remember, whoever shares receives Bible Bucks.

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

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Choose one way to follow Jesus every day. Spend a few minutes praying, read John 15:16, "You did not choose me. I chose you. And I gave you this work; to go and produce fruit. 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 loving us and calling each one of us to follow You. Thank You for reminding us through Peter's story that You can use ordinary people to do extraordinary things for Your kingdom. Help us to say "yes" to You each day by listening to Your Word, obeying You, and following where You lead. Thank You for continuing to build our lives one step at a time and for giving each of us a purpose. We love You, and we ask You to help us follow You this week. 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

"You did not choose me. I chose you. And I gave you this work; to go and produce fruit."

JOHN 15:16

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

"You did not choose me. I chose you. And I gave you this work; to go and produce fruit."
John 15:16

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!

"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)

SCAN ME

