

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 MEASURE UP

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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MEASURE UP CHALLENGE

- **Supplies:** Pre-measure the following items: pool noodle, toy hammer or real hammer, jump rope, safety cone, bucket, paintbrush, shovel, foam brick, measuring tape
- **Live Host:** Alright, Victory Kids, I need 3 contestants to join me on stage! Builders measure carefully before they build. Now it's your turn! I'll show you a building item, and each contestant will guess how long they think it is in inches. Then we'll use the tape measure to find the actual length. The contestant with the closest guess wins 2 Bible Bucks! Remember, builders measure carefully before they build, and God carefully prepares us for His Kingdom. Let's see who can Measure Up!

BUILDER'S ENDURANCE CHALLENGE

- **Supplies:** Jump ropes
- **Live Host:** On the count of three, shout YES! One... Two... Three... YES! Alright, Victory Kids, I need 3 contestants to join me on stage! Builders know that great things are built one step at a time. In this challenge, you'll show your endurance! When I say Go, start jumping rope and keep going for 20 seconds. If the rope gets stuck or you miss a jump, your turn is over. We'll count your successful jumps, and the builder with the most jumps wins 1 Bible Buck! Ready... build!

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! *(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!** 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 are following the life of Peter and discovering 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 Teaching Us to Trust Him!**

Key Scripture: Today's key scripture is Psalm 56:3, "When I am afraid. I will trust you."

LESSON VIDEO

2-3 MINS

(Found in the media file)

MINISTRY LESSON

10 MINS

Supplies: None

Live Host Hook: *(Invite one volunteer to the front.)* "Victory Kids, I need a volunteer for a quick challenge! Close your eyes and take three steps toward me. Do you think you can trust me to tell you when to stop?" *(Stand close and safely guide the volunteer.)*

Ask the class: "Was that easy or hard? Why?" *(Allow a few responses.)* When our volunteer closed their eyes, they couldn't see where they were going. They had to trust someone else to guide them.

Today, we'll discover what happened when Jesus invited Peter to step out of a boat and onto the water. Peter learned that faith means trusting Jesus even when we're afraid because Jesus is always bigger than our fears.

- **Jesus Invites Us to Step Out on Faith**

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Last week, we learned that Jesus called Peter to follow Him. Peter left his fishing nets behind and began a new journey with Jesus. But following Jesus was not always easy. Do you all remember back in December when we talked about Peter walking on the water? Peter had to learn something important: following Jesus means trusting Him, even when He asks us to do things that feel scary or difficult. After Peter began following Jesus, he spent time learning from Him and watching Him do amazing things. One day, Jesus sent His disciples ahead in a boat while He stayed behind to pray. During the night, a storm came, and the waves began crashing against the boat. The disciples were afraid. Then they saw something they had never seen before, Jesus was walking on the water! Peter called out, "Lord, if it's You, tell me to come to You on the water." Jesus said, "Come." So, Peter stepped out of the boat and walked toward Jesus. Peter had a choice. He could stay in the boat where he felt safe, or he could trust Jesus and step out in faith.

Have you ever had to do something that felt a little scary because you knew it was the right thing to do? Maybe it was, standing up for someone who was being treated unfairly, inviting a friend to church, admitting when you made a mistake, or choosing to do what God says even when others are making different choices. Following Jesus does not always mean choosing the easiest path. Sometimes it means taking a step of faith because we trust that Jesus is with us.

- **Jesus Is Bigger Than What Scares Me**

I need everyone to do something with me. Close your eyes, hold out one hand, now imagine you walking on water like Peter. You have never walked on water; you cannot see what is ahead of you, but you know Jesus is there. How would you feel? At first, Peter was able to walk on the water because his eyes were focused on Jesus. But then when Peter took his eyes off Jesus, he became afraid of the strong wind and the waves. Fear took over, and he began to sink. Peter's problem wasn't that the waves were too big. His problem was that he took His eyes off Jesus, the one who is much bigger than the waves or any situation that we may face. JESUS IS BIGGER!

Sometimes we can be like Peter. We can focus so much on our problems, worries, or fears that we forget Jesus is right there with us. What are some things that can make us feel afraid? (Wait for responses). Why do you think it is easy to focus on our problems instead of trusting Jesus? (Wait for responses). That is what Peter had to learn. Following Jesus means we don't always know what will happen next, but we can trust that Jesus is with us. When we focus only on what scares us, fear can feel bigger. But when we remember who Jesus is, we can have confidence that He is stronger than anything we face.

- **Jesus Helps Me When I Fail**

When Peter looked at the wind and the waves and began to sink, he didn't have to figure out how to save himself. He cried out, "Lord, save me!" and immediately, Jesus reached out His hand and grabbed him. Jesus didn't wait for Peter to fix his mistake or swim back to the boat on his own. The moment Peter needed help, Jesus was there. Peter learned that following Jesus doesn't mean we will always feel brave or get everything right. There will be times when we feel afraid, overwhelmed, or unsure of what to do. But just like Jesus reached out and rescued Peter, Jesus is always ready to help us.

We can trust Him because He sees us, hears us, and comes close when we need Him most. When we call out to Jesus, we can know that He is with us and He will never leave us. Peter had to trust Jesus when he stepped out of the boat. We all have moments when we need to trust Jesus too. Let's take a moment right now. Think about a time when you feel like you need Jesus' help. Maybe you're worried about something, facing a hard choice, trying something new, or need help showing kindness."(Pause.) Right now, in this moment, let's quietly ask Jesus. Say Jesus, help me trust you. Just like Jesus reached out His hand to Peter, Jesus is always there for us. We can trust Him because He will never leave us. Just like a builder doesn't stop building because one brick isn't perfect, Jesus doesn't stop building our lives when we make mistakes.

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He patiently keeps working in us, helping our faith grow and teaching us to follow Him. The Master Builder isn't finished with us yet!

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 Teaching Us to Trust Him!**

- **Jesus Invites Us to Step Out on Faith**
- **Jesus Is Bigger Than What Scares Me**
- **Jesus Helps Me When I Fail**

Today we learned that Jesus invites us to trust Him, even when we face situations that feel impossible or uncertain. Just like Jesus reached out His hand to Peter, we can trust that He is always at work He is with us, ready to help us, guide us, and He never leaves us.

Call to Action

Faith Challenge

For your call to action this week:

Every morning before school, pray this simple prayer: "Jesus, help me trust You today."

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. Why did Peter decide to step out of the boat? **Jesus said, "Come."**
2. What happened when Peter stopped looking at Jesus and focused on the wind and waves? **Peter became afraid and began to sink.**
3. What did Peter do when he started sinking? **Peter cried out, "Lord, save me!"**
4. What did Jesus do when Peter cried out, "Lord, save me!"? **Jesus immediately reached out His hand and caught him.**
5. How can we trust Jesus when we face difficult situations? **Various Answers.**

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. Help us trust You when things feel scary, difficult, or uncertain. When we feel like we are sinking, remind us that You are near and ready to help us. Teach us to keep our eyes on You and follow You 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 following Jesus means trusting Him, even when life feels scary. Peter stepped out in faith, kept his eyes on Jesus, and discovered that even when he began to sink, Jesus was there to help him. God was building Peter's faith, and He is building ours too.

Let's test your Bible memory! When Peter began to sink, what did he cry out? *(Pause for responses.)* That's right, "Lord, save me!" Great job! Who remembers where we find today's story? *(Wait for responses)* Matthew chapter 14! Is Matthew in the Old Testament or the New Testament? *(wait for responses)* Correct, the New Testament! Now, open your Bible to Matthew 14 and let's see who can find it first 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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5. How can we trust Jesus when we face difficult situations? **Various Answers.**

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:

Follow Jesus Every Day

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.

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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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Faith Challenge

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Every morning before school, pray this simple prayer: **"Jesus, help me trust You today."** 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 always being with us. Help us trust You when things feel scary, difficult, or uncertain. When we feel like we are sinking, remind us that You are near and ready to help us. Teach us to keep our eyes on You and follow You 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

"When I am afraid. I will trust you."

PSALM 56:3

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

"When I am afraid. I will trust you."
Psalm 56:3

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!

"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

