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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 LION'S DEN ESCAPE!
(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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LION'S DEN ESCAPE

- **Supplies:** 8 hula hoops, cones, stuffed or inflatable lions
- **Live Host:** Alright, Victory Kids, I need 2 contestants to join me on stage. This game is called Lion's Den Escape! Your goal is to make it safely through the lion's den and reach the other side as fast as you can! Each contestant will have a path made of 4 hula hoops with lions placed around the path. When I say, "GO," you'll move from hoop to hoop until you reach the other side. But be careful! You cannot step outside of the hoops or touch any of the lions. If you do, you must go back to the previous hoop before continuing.

  Here's the challenge! Listen carefully because I'll call out how you have to move. When I say "HOP," hop to the next hoop. When I say "TIPTOE," tiptoe to the next hoop. When I say "FREEZE," stop exactly where you are until I say "GO!" The first contestant to make it safely through all 4 hoops and cross the finish line wins 1 Bible Buck!

PIN THE TAIL ON THE LION

- **Supplies:** Pin the Tail on the Lion game poster, lion tails, blindfold
- **Live Host**:Alright, Victory Kids, I need 4 contestants to join me on stage. Get ready because this game is called Pin the Tail on the Lion! Each contestant will get one lion tail. When it's your turn, we'll put on your blindfold and gently spin you around 3 times. Then you'll have to find your way to the lion and try to place your tail where you think it belongs. But here's the challenge: no peeking! Once you place your tail on the lion, it stays right where you put it. Victory Kids in the audience, you can cheer for our contestants, but don't tell them which direction to go!

  After all 4 contestants have taken a turn, we'll see whose tail is closest to the correct spot on the lion. The contestant who gets the closest wins 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, hear ye, hear ye! Welcome to our brand-new series, **Heaven's Kingdom: Living for the King!** This month, we're learning what it looks like to live for God, our King. Living for the King means trusting Him, following His ways, and having courage to do what is right, even when it feels hard or scary. Our memory verse reminds us why we can live with courage. We don't have to be afraid because God, our King, is with us wherever we go! *(Pick a student to come and say the MV.)*

Now, if you're ready to trust God and live for the King, shout, "Be strong and courageous!" ...Cue the memory verse video!

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LESSON RECAP VIDEO

1 MIN

Script for video: Our theme for the month is Heaven's Kingdom: Living for the King. Last week we learned to Live for the King by Choosing God's Way, through the life of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. There were three main points: 1. Worship God, not Idols; 2. Worship God by Choosing Him No Matter What; 3. Worship God and Know He Is With You. This month's memory verse is from 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." Victory Kids, let's get ready for today's lesson.

LIVE HOST'S INTRO TO LESSON

5-7 MINS

Live Host: Victory Kids, hear ye, hear ye! Welcome back to **Heaven's Kingdom: Living for the King!** Last week, we learned that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego chose to worship God and remain faithful to Him no matter what. They showed us that living for the King means choosing God's way even when others choose differently. But living for the King isn't just about the choices we make in big moments. It's how we live every day. The way we treat people, the choices we make, and the things we do when no one is watching can all show that we belong to God. Today, we're going to learn about Daniel, whose life showed what it looks like to faithfully follow God day after day.

So, Victory Kids, get ready to enter Heaven's Kingdom and discover what it means to live **A LIFE THAT HONORS THE KING!**

Key Scripture: Today's key scripture is Galatians 6:9, "Let us not become tired of doing good. We will receive our harvest of eternal life at the right time. We must not give up!"

LESSON VIDEO

2-3 MINS

(Found in the media file)

MINISTRY LESSON

10 MINS

Supplies: toothbrush, Bible, schoolbook, and a basketball

Live Host Hook: Victory Kids, I have a question. What would happen if I brushed my teeth one time and said, 'Great! I never have to brush them again!' Would that work? What if I practiced basketball one time and expected to become an amazing player? What if I studied one time and decided I never needed to study again? *Allow responses.*

Some things only make a difference when we keep doing them. Today we're going to discover that following God is like that too. It's not something we choose one time and forget about.

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God wants us to keep following Him day after day.

Victory Kids, last week we saw what happened when Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego chose to live for the King, even when everyone around them was doing something different. But here is something important: living for the King is not just about what we do in one big moment. It is about the choices we make every single day. Today, we are going to meet their friend Daniel and see how he kept living God's way long after the crowd stopped watching.

- **Keep Living God's Way**

Daniel was a young man from Judah who was taken to Babylon when Jerusalem was conquered. Even though he lived in a place where many people did not worship God, Daniel continued to follow God and live for Him. Years passed, Daniel grew older, and different kings came to power. By Daniel 6, King Darius was ruling. He chose 120 leaders to help manage his kingdom and placed three officials over them. Daniel was one of those officials. Daniel did his work so well that King Darius planned to put him in charge of the whole kingdom. Some of the other leaders became jealous and began looking for something Daniel was doing wrong. But they couldn't find anything. Daniel 6:4 tells us that Daniel was trustworthy and was not lazy or dishonest. Being trustworthy means people can depend on you to do what is right, tell the truth, and do what you say you will do. Daniel lived in a way that showed others they could trust him.

Victory Kids, what do you think someone would notice if they watched the choices you made every day? (Allow responses.) Would they see you telling the truth, being kind, doing your best, and following directions? Daniel's faith wasn't something he showed only during important moments. It could be seen in the way he lived and worked every day. Following God works the same way for us. We can honor Him in our ordinary choices at home, at school, and with our friends. Following God becomes a way of life when we keep living His way every day.

- **Keep Following God Every Day**

they knew Daniel did regularly: he prayed to God. They convinced King Darius to make a law that for 30 days, no one could pray to any god or person except the king. Anyone who broke the law would be thrown into a den of lions. King Darius agreed and signed the law. Daniel learned that the law had been signed. Then Daniel 6:10 tells us something important. He went home, knelt down, and prayed three times that day just as he had always done. Daniel didn't suddenly begin praying because there was a problem. Prayer was already part of his everyday life. Day after day, Daniel had made time to talk with God, and the new law didn't change that habit. Think about something you know is good for you, like brushing your teeth, practicing a sport, or studying for school. Does doing it one time make much difference? (Allow responses.) Usually, we grow when we keep doing it.

Our relationship with God grows that way too. We don't pray only when we have a problem or read the Bible only when we're at church. We can make time for God again and again. Some days we may be tired, busy, or feel like doing something else, but we can still choose to pray, learn God's Word, and obey Him. The leaders found Daniel praying and reported him to King Darius. The king tried to save Daniel, but the law could not be changed. Daniel was taken to the lions' den, and a stone was placed over the entrance. Daniel's circumstances had changed, but his pattern of following God had not. Like Daniel, we can keep following God every day.

- **Keep Letting Your Life Point to God**

King Darius returned to his palace that night, but he couldn't eat or sleep because he was worried about Daniel. Early the next morning, he hurried to the lions' den and called out to see if Daniel was alive. Daniel answered! God had sent His angel to shut the lions' mouths, and Daniel had not been hurt. The king was overjoyed and ordered Daniel to be lifted out of the den. But Daniel's story didn't end when he came out of the lions' den.

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Something had changed in King Darius. What do you think the king had learned about Daniel's God by watching Daniel's life? (Allow responses.) He had seen that Daniel faithfully served God day after day, and now he had seen God's power for himself.

King Darius sent a message throughout his kingdom declaring that Daniel's God is the living God, that His kingdom will never end, and that He rescues and saves. Daniel's faithful life pointed the king toward God, and now the king was telling others about Him. Our lives can point people toward God too. When people see us being honest, showing kindness, praying, obeying God's Word, and living what we believe, they can see that following Jesus makes a difference in our lives. We don't make good choices just so people will notice us. We live for God, and the way we live can help others see Him. Victory Kids, Daniel shows us that faithfulness is something we live out day after day. Keep living God's way. Keep following God every day. Keep letting your life point to God.

MINISTRY MOMENT

10 MINS

Raise your hand and tell me something you learned today. I am giving away Bible bucks!

Today, we learned to about **A LIFE THAT HONORS THE KING!**

- **Keep Living God's Way**
- **Keep Following God Every Day**
- **Keep Letting Your Life Point to God**

Daniel had lived for God, his King, for many years. His loyalty to God could be seen in the way he worked, prayed, and made choices every day. Even when following God became difficult, Daniel did not change who he served. In the end, the way Daniel lived helped King Darius recognize how great God is. Victory Kids, when we live for the King, our words, choices, and actions can show others that we belong to Him.

Call to Action

The 7-Day Prayer Challenge

For your call to action this week:

Choose one time each day this week to pray. It could be when you wake up, before school, at dinner, or before bed. Daniel made prayer part of his everyday life, and you can too. Your challenge is to talk to God every day 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. Who was the main person in today's Bible lesson? **Daniel.**
2. What kind of person was Daniel known for being? **Trustworthy, honest, and faithful.**
3. What new law did King Darius sign? **No one could pray to anyone except the king for 30 days.**
4. What did Daniel do after he heard about the new law? **He continued praying to God.**
5. What are some ways we can keep following God every day? **Pray, read God's Word, obey Him, and live His way.**

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 Daniel what it means to live for the King. Help us choose Your way every day, make time for You, and stay faithful to You even when it is hard. Let the way we live show others that we belong to You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

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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 about Daniel and how he faithfully followed God. Daniel was known for being trustworthy; he continued praying to God just as he had always done, and the way he lived helped King Darius see how great God is.

Let's see what you remember! What are the three things we learned from Daniel? *(Pause for responses.)* That's right! Keep living God's way, keep following God every day, and keep letting your life point to God. Great job, Victory Kids!

Today, we learned about Daniel from the book of Daniel. Is Daniel 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 **Daniel 6:10** 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:

What Has First Place?

Write down what gets most of your attention, time, and excitement. Ask yourself, "Am I putting anything before God?" Choose one way to put God first this week through prayer, worship, reading His Word, or obeying Him. 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

Today, we learned about **A LIFE THAT HONORS THE KING!**

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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, Observatin, Applicatin 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: Observatin

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: Applicatin

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

"Let us not become tired of doing good. We will receive our harvest of eternal life at the right time. We must not give up!"

Galatians 6:9

Name:	Grade:	Date:

S.O.A.P

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Galatians 6:9

SCRIPTURE

What did you read?

OBSERVATION

What is God saying?

What does this look like in my life?

APPLICATION

PRAYER

Dear God...

SCAN ME

Check out this month’s Memory Verse Song!

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