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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 KNIGHT DASH! *(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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KNIGHT DASH

- **Supplies:** Tape to mark the starting and finish lines.
- **Live Host:** Victory Kids, it's time for KNIGHT DASH! I need 6 contestants to come up and join me on-stage! (Choose 6 contestants and have them stand behind the starting line. Host stands at the finish line.) Here's how the game works. When I shout "GREEN LIGHT!" you will race toward me as fast as you can. But the moment I shout "RED LIGHT!" you must STOP and FREEZE! If I catch you moving after I say "RED LIGHT," you have to take three big steps backward before we continue. Keep listening carefully because I may switch from green light to red light at any moment! The first contestant to cross the finish line wins a Bible Buck!

ROYAL RING TOSS

- **Supplies:** Ring Toss Game, tape to mark throwing line
- **Live Host**: Victory Kids, it's time to see who has the best aim in the kingdom! Get ready for ROYAL RING TOSS! I need two contestants to join me onstage! (Choose two contestants and position them behind the designated throwing line.) Here's how the game works. Each contestant will get the same number of rings. When it's your turn, toss your rings and try to land as many as you can on the pegs. Each ring that lands on a peg earns you one point. Once all the rings have been tossed, we'll count the points. The contestant with the most points wins a Bible Buck!

  Victory Kids, let's cheer on our contestants! Players, get ready to toss! 3... 2... 1... GO!

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 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 Helping Others, through the life of Esther. There were three main points: 1. Keep Doing What is Right; 2. Keep Using Your Influence for the Kingdom; 3. Keep Living for the King. 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! All month long, we have been learning what it looks like to live for God, our King.

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego showed us what it looks like to worship God only. Daniel showed us what it looks like to live for God every day. And Esther showed us that God can use us right where we are when we say yes to His way and use what He has given us to help others.

Their stories were different, but each one showed us that living for the King is more than something we say. It is shown through the choices we make and the way we live. Today, we're going back through everything we learned this month and discovering how we can put it into practice in our own lives.

So, Victory Kids, get ready to enter Heaven's Kingdom as we look back at what we've learned this month about what it means to **LIVE FOR THE KING!**

Key Scripture: Today's key scripture is Colossians 3:17, "Everything you say and everything you do should all be done for Jesus your Lord. And in all you do, give thanks to God the Father through Jesus."

LESSON VIDEO

2-3 MINS

(Found in the media file)

MINISTRY LESSON

10 MINS

Supplies: 3 signs that read: WORSHIP GOD, LIVE FOR GOD, HELP OTHERS

Live Host Hook: Victory Kids, I need three volunteers! Each of you is going to hold one of these signs. *(Give each volunteer a sign.)*

Let's read them together: **WORSHIP GOD! LIVE FOR GOD! HELP OTHERS!**

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Do those ideas sound familiar? (Allow responses.) They should! Each one reminds us of something we've learned during Heaven's Kingdom: Living for the King!

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego showed us what it looks like to worship God only. Daniel showed us what it looks like to live for God every day. And Esther showed us how God can use us to help others. Three different stories, but they all showed us the same thing: our choices can show that God is our King!

Today, we're putting everything we've learned together as we discover three important ways we can LIVE FOR THE KING!

- **Live For the King By Worshiping God Only**

Victory Kids, let's go back to Week 1. King Nebuchadnezzar commanded everyone to bow down and worship a golden statue. That statue was an idol, something people put in God's place or treat as more important than God. When everyone else bowed, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refused because they knew only God deserved their worship. Even when threatened with the fiery furnace, they chose God, and God rescued them.

Victory Kids, we may not bow to golden statues, but anything we put before God can become too important in our lives. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego remind us that living for the King means putting God first, worshiping Him only, and choosing His way.

- **Live for the King Every Day**

Now, how many of you have ever started something but had trouble sticking with it? Maybe you started practicing something, cleaning your room, reading a book, or learning a new skill. (Allow responses.) Daniel shows us that living for God isn't something we do once and then stop. Daniel had followed God for many years. He was known for being trustworthy and faithful, and prayer was already part of his everyday life. Then King Darius signed a law saying that for 30 days no one could pray to anyone except the king. Anyone who disobeyed would be thrown into a den of lions.

Did Daniel stop praying? No! Daniel went home and prayed to God just as he had always done. He was thrown into the lions' den, but God sent an angel and shut the lions' mouths. When King Darius saw what happened, Daniel's life helped him recognize how great God is. Victory Kids, Daniel didn't start following God when trouble came. He was already living for the King every day. We can do the same by praying, obeying God's Word, making choices that honor Him, and letting the way we live show that we belong to Him.

- **Live for the King by Using What He Has Given You**

Our final story takes us to the palace. Who remembers the name of the queen we learned about for the last two weeks? (Allow responses.) That's right, Esther! Through Esther, we learned that God has a purpose for where we are and can use us right where He has placed us. Esther said yes when she had an opportunity to help her people. Then she used her position, her voice, and her influence to make a difference, and she kept doing what was right until her people were able to defend themselves.

Victory Kids, God can use you right where you are too. You can use your words to encourage someone, your influence to set a good example, your voice to speak up when someone needs help, and the opportunities God gives you to do what is right. You don't have to be a queen or wait until you are older for God to use you. Living for the King means recognizing that God can use you where you are, saying yes to His way, and using what He has given you to make a difference. So remember what we've learned this month: worship God only, live for Him every day, and use what God has given you for His purposes. That's what it means to LIVE FOR THE KING!

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MINISTRY MOMENT

10 MINS

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

Today, we learned to **LIVE FOR THE KING!**

- **Live For the King By Worshiping God Only**
- **Live for the King Every Day**
- **Live for the King by Using What He Has Given You**

This month, we have learned what it means to live for the King. We can worship God only, follow Him faithfully every day, and use the words, abilities, and opportunities He gives us to help others. No matter where we are or what we face, we can choose God's way and live in a way that shows He is our King.

Call to Action

Living for the King in Action

For your call to action this week:

Don't just remember what you learned this month. Live it out! Choose one way you will live for the King this week. You can put God first, spend time praying or reading His Word, or use something God has given you to help someone else. Ask God to help you choose, then put it into action! 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 wouldn't Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego bow to the golden statue? **They knew only God deserved their worship.**
2. What happened when Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were thrown into the fiery furnace? **God was with them, and they came out unharmed.**
3. How did God protect Daniel in the lions' den? **God sent an angel and shut the lions' mouths.**
4. What did Esther do after she learned her people were in danger? **She prayed and fasted, went before the king, and spoke up for her people.**
5. When might it be hard to choose God's way? **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 being our King. Help us put You first, follow You every day, and use what You have given us to help others. Teach us to make choices that honor You and show others that we belong to You. Help us live for the King wherever we go. 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 looked back at everything we learned this month about living for the King. We learned that we can worship God only, live for Him every day, and use what God has given us to help others. What is one thing you learned this month about living for the King? *(Allow responses.)*

This month, we learned about Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego, Daniel, and Esther. Are their stories found in the Old Testament or New Testament? *(Allow responses.)* That's right, the Old Testament! Grab your Bible and see who can find Joshua 1:9, our monthly Memory Verse, 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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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: Put Their Name in Your Prayers

Choose one person you know who needs encouragement or help. Pray for them by name every day this week. Ask God to help them and to show you if there is a way you can encourage them. 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 that God gives us the ability to **LIVE FOR 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

"Everything you say and everything you do should all be done for Jesus your Lord. And in all you do, give thanks to God the Father through Jesus."

Colossians 3:17

Name:	Grade:	Date:

S.O.A.P

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SCRIPTURE

What did you read?

OBSERVATION

What is God saying?

APPLICATION

What does this look like in my life?

PRAYER

Dear God...

SCAN ME

Check out this month's Memory Verse Song!

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