



## Remember When?

What are your plans for Labor Day weekend in September? This year, our Victory homes will have a fantastic opportunity to start a new tradition with their families. Creating lasting memories should be an essential part in the legacy of every family and can often be relived with the words 'Remember When?'

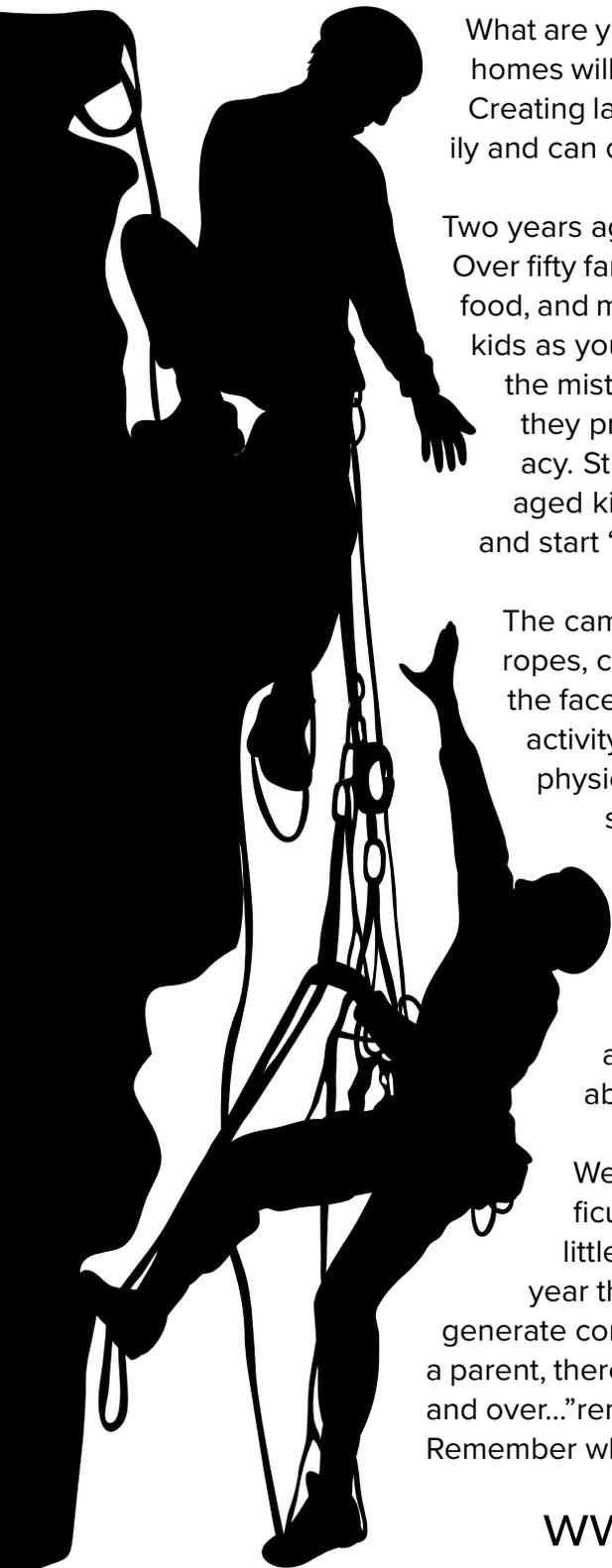
Two years ago, Family Life Ministries launched our very first Victory Family Camp. Over fifty families headed to the mountains of north Georgia for a weekend of fun, food, and memories. For many, this was the first time going to camp. Families with kids as young as five years old who never saw the thick green trees of a forest, the misty calmness of a lake in the early morning or the smell of a campfire as they prepped for 'Smoes', made a choice to start a new aspect of their legacy. Still, other families prepared this time to connect with their high school aged kids before they headed off to college or getting ready to leave home and start 'adulthood' in the not too distant future.

The camp had many physical activities available for all to try. High ropes, low ropes, climbing tower, zip lines and water sports (The Blob!!) to name a few. In the face of age-appropriate elements, our families could now participate in an activity that they would remember forever. Testing their limits of courage and physicality (it wasn't that challenging was it?), everyone got to experience something they had only dreamed of before.

Our families also were given a unique opportunity to encounter and worship God together in a new and creative way. Without the distractions of technology and work, our parents were in a new and unexpected posture to hear the voice of God for themselves and their kids. It was life-changing, and those families are still talking about their 'encounter' with God to this day!

We know that making creative memories with your children may be difficult and the predictability of the 'weekly routine' can make life seem a little stale at times. If you are looking to do something with your kids this year that they will never forget and want to escape to an adventure that will generate conversations for years to come, please consider this your invitation. As a parent, there is nothing more gratifying than hearing your children say to you over and over..."remember when we went to camp? Remember when we did the zipline? Remember when we heard God together? Remember when...?"

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# I CAN OBEY GOD

## NURSERY & PRESCHOOL

### WEEK 1

## NOAH OBEYS GOD - GENESIS 6:5-22

**READ Genesis 6:5-22** This week in VicKids your child learns that “I Can Obey God.” Today we learned God told Noah to build an ark because there would be a flood, and Noah obeyed. Use the following ideas to involve your child in family time and learning opportunities, reinforcing simple biblical themes.

**EXPLORE TOGETHER** Play a game of “Simon Says” with your child. Be sure to include a lot of silly actions like making a funny face or hopping on one foot. Let your child have a turn being Simon. Talk about the different ways God wants us to obey Him. This is a simple and fun way to show your children what it means to obey God.

*Prayer Time - God, thank You for giving us the example of Noah and how he obeyed out of his love for you. Be with us this week as we work to obey. Help us to obey because we love you and we know it pleases you. In Jesus name, Amen!*

### WEEK 2

## THE RAIN CAME DOWN - GENESIS 7:1-20

**READ Genesis 7:1-20** This week in VicKids, we are continuing to learn about what it means to “Obey God”. Today, we learned that Noah, his family, and two of every kind of animal were on the ark before the whole earth was covered in water. Use the following ideas to involve your child in family time and learning opportunities, reinforcing simple biblical themes.

**EXPLORE TOGETHER** Talk with your child about all the different animals that were on the ark: birds, lions, elephants all creatures great and small. Talk about how God saved Noah, his family, and the animals. Look up different animals on the Internet or in a book and talk about the many differences between all of the animals.

*Prayer Time - God, thank You for giving us the example of Noah and how he obeyed You even though it was hard. Help us to show our love for you by obeying our parents this week. In Jesus name, Amen!*

### WEEK 3

## THE WATERS GOES DOWN - GENESIS 7:17 - 8:21

**READ Genesis 7:17-18:21** This week in VicKids, we are learning what happened after the water went away after The Flood. Noah sent out a dove to search for dry land. Use the following ideas to involve your child in family time and learning opportunities, reinforcing simple biblical themes.

**EXPLORE TOGETHER** Have your child pretend to be the dove that Noah sent out to find dry land. Have your child pretend to fly around. The first time, your child should come back to you. The second time, have you child bring back a twig or some grass. The third time, have your child pretend to fly away. Noah and his family were so happy to that God kept them safe on the ark and that they could finally go out on the dry land.

*Prayer Time - God, thank You for giving us the example of Noah and how he obeyed out of his love for You. Be with us this week as we work to obey. Help us to obey our parents the very first time they ask us to do something. In Jesus name, Amen!*

### WEEK 4

## GOD’S PROMISE TO NOAH - GENESIS 8:15 - 9:17

**READ Genesis 8:15-9:17** This week in VicKids, we are learning how God made a promise to never flood the whole earth again, and how the rainbow is a symbol of that promise. Use the following ideas to involve your child in family time and learning opportunities, reinforcing simple biblical themes.

**EXPLORE TOGETHER** Have craft time with your child. Get out some markers, paper, cotton balls, and glue. Encourage your child to color a rainbow. Then help your child glue cotton balls to the paper for clouds. Talk about how the rainbow represents God’s promise to never destroy the earth with a flood again. Talk about how God still keeps His promises today. Say the memory verse with your child: “I Can Obey God.”

*Prayer Time - God, thank You for giving us the example of Noah and how he obeyed out of his love for You. Help us to be obedient this week as we work hard to obey. Help us obey because we love You and we know it pleases You. In Jesus name, Amen!*

# HAVE FAITH

## ELEMENTARY

### **NOAH BUILT AN ARK - GENESIS 6:5-22, 7:1-5**

WEEK 1

**READ Genesis 6:5-22, 7:1-5** Today your student learns about obedience and trust! Noah obeyed God and followed His command and instructions at all times, but he also trusted that God was doing what was best for him and his family. Sometimes things may not always make sense, but we need to believe that God will always do what is best for us! God will always take care of us!

**EXPLORE TOGETHER** As a family, read Genesis 6:9-22. Ask your family these questions:

- 1) Why do you think that God chose Noah?
- 2) Do you think that Noah ever got tired of doing the right thing?
- 3) Do you think that it was hard for Noah to give up his time and dedicate his life to building the ark?
- 4) How can our attitudes reflect Noah's obedient one?

*Pray that your student learns how to listen to God and that they are obedient to God in all that they do!*

### **THE RAIN CAME DOWN - GENESIS 7:11-8:22**

WEEK 2

**READ Genesis 7:11-8:22** Today your student learns about Noah and his family and how they relied on God for their safety, but also how they were patient! They were stuck on the ark for a long time! They learned how to be patient and to wait on God's timing. We also need to be patient and to wait for God's timing. We may have a plan set for ourselves, but God has the ultimate and best plan for our lives!

**EXPLORE TOGETHER** Write the names of different animals on pieces of scrap paper (at least one per family member). Place the pieces in a bowl. For each turn, have one family member choose an animal from the bowl. Have them show all but one family member. Tape the paper to the back of the shirt of that one family member. That person is then allowed to ask the others some 'yes' or 'no' questions to guess the animal on their shirt. Talk about what it may have been like to be on the ark with all of the different animals for over a year!

*Pray that your student seeks God in all that they do! Pray that they also know and realize the full love of their Heavenly Father!*

### **GOD SCATTERED THE PEOPLE - GENESIS 11:1-9**

WEEK 3

**READ Genesis 11:1-9** Today your student learns how the people disobeyed God because they wanted to do what pleased them. They had too much pride in their hearts. They learned that when God says something, they really needed to listen. God became unhappy with their disobedience and they were punished. God doesn't punish us to hurt us, but He does it to teach us that safety comes through Him and that He only wants the very best for us!

**EXPLORE TOGETHER** Provide an assortment of food items to make a tower (cookies, pretzel sticks, graham crackers, frosting or peanut butter, etc.). Allow family members to build a tower using the items! While building the towers, discuss different types of pride and how pride led the people away from God. Once the towers have been built, enjoy eating them together as a family!

*Pray that your student makes good choices and that they choose actions and words that are good and pleasing to God!*

### **GOD'S PROMISE TO ABRAHAM - GENESIS 12:1-9; 15:1-6**

WEEK 4

**READ Genesis 12:1-9; 15:1-6** Today your student learns about how God made a covenant promise with Abraham! Abraham and Sarah were very old when they finally were given their son, Issac. They waited 25 years after God made the promise to them. Sometimes we have to wait for awesome things to happen, but waiting is part of the journey and it makes the blessing that much more amazing! God has a plan! Trust in His will and in His timing!

**EXPLORE TOGETHER** Give each family member an index card. Allow everyone to take a guess about a certain topic (how many free throws a certain person can make, how many jumping jacks a person can do, etc.). Challenge each member do the activity and discuss how accurate the other family members were. Discuss how God's promises to Abraham were 100% accurate and how we know God is always 100% reliable. God's promises are always true! We can always trust in God!

*Pray that your student chooses to let God into their hearts and that they realize that God wants what is best for them at all times!*

# CONNECTING AT HOME

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## 601 Miracles

*This past weekend we collectively got to witness the greatest of all miracles...the salvation of someone we love. Through fifteen services and three days at each of our campuses, 601 elementary aged children gave their hearts and lives to Jesus for the first time or as a recommitment! If your child came home with one of our **BLUE SALVATION** cards we really want to hear from you. Please text 'VICKIDS' to 66866 along with your email. We want to celebrate with you and talk about the next steps of your new believer!*

## Outdoor Water Baptism Dates

The experience of water baptism is one of the most treasured times in any believer's life. It's a public celebration of your decision to follow Jesus Christ and honor Him as Lord & Savior of your life.

Water Baptism will take place after each service. **Pre-register at [Victoryatl.com](http://Victoryatl.com)!**

**Norcross - April 21 & 22**

**Hamilton Mill - April 22**

## Campus Calendar

### Norcross

4/7 - Victory at Home - 9:30am  
Preparing for Teen Years Workshop

5/5 - Victory at Home - 5:45pm  
Parent/Child Dedication Workshop

5/12 - Victory at Home - 10:30am  
Parent/Child Dedication Celebration Service

### Hamilton Mill

5/6 - Victory at Home - 1pm  
Parent/Child Dedication Workshop

5/13 - Victory at Home - All Services  
Parent/Child Dedication Celebration

5/24 - Seize The Summer Kick-off Party

**Family Camp - Aug 31, Sept 1-2, 2018**

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Minimum Age - 5 yrs old

Cost - \$149 per adult, \$99 per child - for a whole weekend!

## Campus Service Times

**NORCROSS - SAT 6 PM, SUN 9 & 11 AM, 1 PM**

**HAMILTON MILL - SUN 9 & 11 AM, 1 PM**

**MIDTOWN - SUN 9 & 11 AM**

## PARENT PRINCIPLE

*"Affirming words from moms and dads are like light switches. Speak a word of affirmation at the right moment in a child's life and it's like lighting up a whole roomful of possibilities."*

- Gary Smalley

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## MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

'The Lord is merciful and compassionate, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love.' **Psalm 145:8 NLT**

## Additional Resources

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