

VOUS KIDS LEGENDS LESSON: WEEK #1

#SelfieSwitch

VIRTUE: God made us with a special identity

MAIN POINT: God Made Me to Encourage

TAKE AWAY TERM: Israelites - the people of the 12 tribes of Israel

BIBLE STORY: Moses Encourages God's People - Exodus 14:8-14 / 21-29

MEMORY VERSE: "I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well." Psalm 139:14

Line Up / Greeting (Line Up Leaders)

- **JDD OPTION:** Start off inside with an organized game such as simon says or charades. As kids come into the room invite them to join in.
- Main Host stands at the door to high-five every kid as they come inside. Let's get them hype!
- Greeter: Identify new kids with stickers on their nametags and give them a VIP lanyard as they come in the door.

SAY: Hey guys! We're so excited to have you all in VOUS Kids today! Before we get started, let's go over our VOUS Kids Values! These values are who we are INSIDE VOUS Kids and OUTSIDE VOUS Kids. Let's go over them together!

1. LISTENING EARS

(Hand Motion: Hands behind your ears)

I will listen twice as much as I speak.

2. KIND MOUTH

(Hand Motion: Hands on the side of your mouth facing out)

I will use kind words to honor others and speak life.

3. HELPING HANDS

(Hand Motion: Hands with palm up, one hand on top of another)

I will use my hands for helping and sharing.

4. HUMBLE HEART

(Hand Motion: Both hands forming the shape of a heart on your chest)

I will think of others before myself.

5. POSITIVE ATTITUDE

(Hand Motion: Each pointer finger on their cheek dimples as they smile)

I will always choose joy.

Countdown Video - 2 min

Worship Intro

Worship leader stands up front to start getting kids pumped for worship and introduces with stretches and aerobics.

Worship Song 1 - Devotion by VOUS Worship

Worship Song 2 - Uncontainable Love by Elevation Worship

Welcome & VIP - 2 min (Host)

Welcome the kids by name and ensure each VIP gets a lanyard.

(Host and Offering speaker stand together)

Host: “Hello VOUS Kids and welcome back for another amazing Sunday! I’m so glad to see each and every one of your smiling faces today! I hope you’ve all had a great week up to this point. We are going to make your week even better today here in VOUS Kids!

Offering Lead: “Yes! We are SO excited to see all of you here! We are starting a new series today called *#SelfieSwitch*. Over the next 4 weeks we will be focusing on how we can use our special identities or unique gifts to help and serve others the way God has called us to.

Host: “Right now I want to take a moment to recognize our VIP’s. VOUS Kids, can you help me by shouting out what VIP stands for?” (Everyone shouts: VERY IMPORTANT PERSON!)

Offering Lead: That’s right! And if you are at VOUS Kids for the very first time today, you are one of our VIPs! You should have received a special lanyard when you walked in the door!

Host: *(Ask each VIP their name and thank the VIP’s for coming today.)*

SAY: “We are so excited that you’re here! We’re all family here in VOUS Kids so if you have any questions, don’t be afraid to ask any of the servant leaders you see here in the room!”

Offering Lead: “VOUS Kids, let’s put our hands together and help me welcome our VIPs!”
(Make sure its LOUD!)

Prayer / Praise Moment

Main Host: Before we go into our time of offering, we want to take a moment to pray together, as well as thank God for all He’s done. Many of you written down what you’re praying for on these Prayer/Praise cards in Kids Crew. (show cards)

We believe in the power of prayer and that God hears each and every single one of our prayers. Someone in VOUS Kids is praying for...(read 2-3 prayer cards).

Not only does God listen to our prayers, but He answers them and wants what's best for us. Someone in VOUS Kids is praising God because... (read 2-3 praise reports).

Offering - 3 min (Offering Lead)

Host: “Amazing! We are so excited for all of our newcomers here. We believe you will experience something special here today!”

Offering Lead: “Well right now we are going to move into another form of worship: our offering.”

Present the offering verse and breakdown.

Offering Verse: “Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” - 2 Corinthians 9:7

Offering Prop: Cheerleading pom pom

Key Verbiage: We aren’t giving to God for a blessing. We are giving from a blessing. Generosity is our privilege.

Prop Application: God has made us in His image and one of His characteristics is His generosity. Since God is so generous to us, we can know that we are made to be generous with our resources and gifts. When God gives to us, He is joyful to do so, and does not hold back. We too are made to be cheerful when giving, because it is an opportunity to share Christ’s love. Let’s put on our biggest cheerleading smiles today as we practice what it means to be a CHEERful giver!

PASS OFFERING CONTAINERS NOW

Host: Pray over the offering and church once containers are passed.

SAY: “We’re not done with worship quite yet. Stay on your feet as we sing louder!”

Worship Song 3 - Trust by Hillsong

Episode Introduction - 1 min (Host)

Main Host: “I love when we worship all together! You can have a seat.”

(wait for kids to be seated)

SAY: We are starting a new series this month called *#SelfieSwitch*. We are excited to learn throughout this series that God’s created us with a special identity as well as the different characteristics that help make up that identity. Let’s watch!

Main Virtue & Point - 1 min (Host) (There will be a slide on the screens).

Main Virtue: God made us with a special identity

Main Point: God made me to encourage

EPISODE VIDEO / WEEK 1

Memory Verse Review - 2 min (Host)

VERSE: “I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.” Psalm 139:14

ACTIVITY: Teach hand motions and memory verse for the first time. At the end split the room into two teams and see what side can say the memory verse the loudest and the clearest. Let’s try to repeat the memory verse a couple of times to help the kids remember.

TAKE AWAY TERM: Israelites - the people of the 12 tribes of Israel

LARGE GROUP LESSON - 15 min (Storyteller)

**Note: Please use our Adventure Bible*

COSTUME: Ancient Israelite costume (if you're down, wear the beard!)

SUPPLIES: A staff or rod

STORY: Moses Encourages God's People - Exodus 14:8-14 / 21-29

SAY: What's up VOUS Kids Legends my name is _____ and today's Bible story is from the book of Exodus.

Before we start our **sword drill** today I wanted to make sure that everyone has a Bible or is sitting next to someone with a Bible. Let's go ahead and partner up if you didn't bring your Bible with you today.

1. Let's practice looking up our Bible story! We are going to do a **SWORD DRILL** today! Who knows what a sword drill is? (Allow kids to answer).
2. A sword drill is when we use our Bibles as a sword. A little while ago in VOUS Kids we learned that the Bible is like a double edge sword- powerful and useful! When I say "swords up!" I need you to raise your Bibles over your heads like this (show the kids). Then, I am going to say the book, chapter, and verse that you will be looking up. When I say "GO" you go! The first person to find the verse will shout "GOT IT" and a servant leader will come over to check. The first person to locate the verse wins!
3. SAY: "Swords up! Exodus 14, verse 1!" (First kid to find the verse will get a piece of candy).

SAY: Everyone should be on Exodus 14:1. Servant leaders, can we check that everyone is in the right spot! Today we are going to be reading about a man named Moses and how with God's favor he was able to rescue the Israelites from Pharaoh and the Egyptian army. There is our **take away term** again! Before we move on, can someone remind me who the Israelites were? (Allow response). That's right, they were God's chosen people who were enslaved by the Egyptians! Today, let's take a look at how God used a man named Moses to lead these chosen people out of Egypt.

SAY: Before we read today, let's get caught up on where we are in our Bible passage. We have the Israelites - God's chosen people who became slaves in Egypt. Can anyone tell me what it means to be a slave? (Allow one response).

Right - a slave is someone who does not have the freedom to do as they'd like. They MUST obey a master - in this case, the Egyptians. Well, the Bible tells us that God heard the cry of His people and chose to rescue them. He chose a man named Moses to speak to Pharaoh and lead His people out of Egypt.

But Pharaoh didn't want to listen to God at first. The Bible says his heart was hard and that he wouldn't let the Israelites go. So God sent 10 plagues or problems to get the Egyptians' attention and show them that He was serious about setting His people free! FINALLY, after sending frogs, bugs, and diseases upon the Egyptians, Pharaoh agreed to let God's people go!

Super excited, the Israelites packed up and started to leave Egypt to go to their Promise Land - the land God had set apart for them to live! But listen to this- just after they left, Pharaoh changed his mind! He decided he wanted the Israelites back to be his slaves again! That's where our story picks up: Chapter 14, verse 8. Everyone put their finger on the little 8 and follow along as I read out loud.

READ: EXODUS 14: 8-14 (Read dramatically.)

SAY: As you can see, Moses and the Israelites are trapped between the Sea and the oncoming army of Egypt! They believe there is no way out! But what does Moses say to them? He tells them "The Lord will fight for you, you need only to be still." Let's set the scene. I need 2 volunteers to be the Egyptians.

DO: Pick two kids. Have them stand on one side of the stage.

SAY: Now I need 2 Israelites with the Storyteller (who will be Moses.)

DO: Choose 2 kids. Have them stand with the storyteller (Moses) opposite the Egyptians.

SAY: Now the rest of you are going to be the Red Sea.

DO: Have both side of the room face each other and create wave motions with their arms.

SAY: This is what it would have looked like for the Israelites. They felt like they were stuck in between the water and the egyptians, with no way out. How many believe that God will always make a way for us even when it doesn't look like it to us. Let's keep reading to see how God made a way for the Israelites.

READ: Exodus 14: 21-29 (dramatically.)

SAY: Now let's reenact this for you guys.

DO: Have the Storyteller act out Moses and stretch out his hand over the "water" then then have the kids raise their hands over their heads as if to open up the sea. Then Moses and the 2 Israelite Kids walk freely between the water wall (aisle). When you reach the other side, have the Egyptians follow but then Moses (Storyteller) will stretch out his hand again and the water wall will turn into a giant hug / killing the Egyptians.

SAY: Let's give our volunteers a round of applause.

DO: Have them sit back down.

SAY: Does anyone remember what Moses said to his people when they thought they weren't going to be able to cross the Red Sea? In verse 14 it said "The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still." When the Israelites were feeling discouraged, Moses realized that he was made to encourage them. When we feel stuck between what could feel like a sea of worry and an army of fear, when we stick close to God, He will let us walk right through it without being harmed.

Isn't it crazy that at any moment when we are feeling like we cannot overcome our situation there is someone we can turn to? Anybody know who that person is? That's right, Jesus. Whenever you feel stuck, like there is no way out of your situation, all you have to do is pray and to Jesus and he will always help us find a way even if we didn't see it or thought it was possible. Right? Who would have guessed that God was going to

separate an entire sea? But how many of us know that nothing is impossible for our God! If he can separate a sea, He can get you through whatever you're going through!

How many of us would like a relationship with a God like that but have never made that decision?

Salvation Prayer - 5 min (Storyteller)

Jesus, who was perfect in every way, died on a cross so that you and I would never have to die. All of us in here have done wrong things, but Jesus never did. Yet when he died, he took with him all of our sins, the wrong things we have done, so that we never have to be ashamed of them again and so that we can be with God in heaven.

But did Jesus stay dead? NO! He defeated death and he is alive today! He wants to know you, and even though we can't see him right now, we still get to talk to him and have a relationship with him through his WORD and through prayer! But first, we have to accept the gift of salvation that he offers to us. If you have never prayed and accepted this gift that Jesus has to give you, you have that chance right now!"

With every head bowed and every eye closed all over this room. I want to offer anyone who feels God is speaking directly to them. I want to give you the opportunity to accept Jesus into your heart.

If that is you, I want you to raise your hand. So I can include you in our closing prayer.

1. Today is the day of salvation. Don't put off to tomorrow what you can take care of today.
2. Don't look at your neighbor, this is between you and God.
3. Okay, if you want to pray this prayer with us for the first time and accept Jesus today, raise your hand.

Amazing, let's all put our hands up in the air as we pray this prayer together.

Dear Jesus,

I love you. Please forgive me for all of my sins. Thank you for loving me and dying for me on the cross. I ask that you would be the Lord of my life. I give you my past, my present, I even place my future in your hands. I'm yours Lord. Totally surrendered to you. I love you and thank you, Jesus.

And all of VOUS Kids said: AMEN!

Transition to chant: Amen, amen! If you prayed that prayer today for the first time, welcome to the family! We all have the incredible privilege to be called sons and daughters of God. I want you to know it is by far the best decision you've ever made! But don't keep it to yourself! Be sure to talk to one of the servant leaders in this room before you leave today about the decision you just made!

Chant - 5min (Main Host)

(Take the time to teach it to the kids slowly, and build up speed as they get more comfortable with it.)

We've Got!!!

Hey VOUS Kids y'all know what we got?!

Host: The strength of

Kids: David!

Host: I'm determined like

Kids: Jacob!

Host: Dreams like

Kids: Joseph!

Host: But most of all...

Kids: We've got a friend named Jesus!

Host: And?

Kids: The Grace of God!

Transition to Kids Crew - 2min (Host)

Have all the kids have a seat and focus their attention to the front.

Crew leaders make their way to the front of the class with their colored signs for their crew ages.

SAY: “If you are 5 or 6 years old raise your hand! Okay, if you have your hand raised right now, your crew leaders are going to be _____. Okay, now put your hands down.”

(Continue with 7-8 year olds and then finally 9-11 year olds)

SAY: “Okay, so now that everyone knows who their crew leader is you have ONE MINUTE to get into your crews. Wait for my mark.... Ready, set, GO!

(Start two minute countdown on screens).