

Today's Suggested Schedule—November 2025, Week 4

Bible Story: Esther • *Esther*

Conversion Starter: When has someone stood up for you?

Bottom Line: God can help you stand up for others.

Monthly Memory Verse: *Those who trust in the LORD will receive new strength. They will fly as high as eagles. They will run and not get tired. They will walk and not grow weak.* Isaiah 40:31 (NirV)

SLIDE: Theme

OPENER

LEADER: “Hey, hey, hey! What’s up, [Name of environment]? I’m absolutely pumped to see you! Let’s make some noise for the awesome people around you—give your neighbor a confidence-powered high five or a big ‘You’re awesome!’

“Whoa! You guys brought EPIC energy! All month, we’ve been diving deep into something super-important. Confidence!

“But the kind of confidence is not just feeling good about ourselves. We’re talking about the kind of confidence that comes straight from God. It’s confidence that comes from knowing and living in the reality that God is with us! And when we know God is with us, we can have confidence to try what seems impossible, confidence to do what’s right and follow God’s ways, and as we’ll see this week in our Bible Story, confidence to stand up for others.

“And you know what means even more? When someone stands up for you, when someone looks out for you. Today, we’re going to talk about someone who realized God had put her exactly where she was to stand up for a whole group of people. But before we do that, let’s head to worship!”

Video: “HOUSE OF THE LORD”

“Great worshipping! And this is a cool thing about life—so much of what your heart lights up for, God is! He is kind. (We love kindness!) He is fair. (We love fairness!) He is faithful. (We love faithfulness!) God is good, good, good! “God is so good that even though He asks us to do a lot in our world—like showing the world how good He is by following His ways—He gives us the strength to do it! That’s what our Memory Verse this month promises. It’s Isaiah 40:31. I’ll read it and then we can say it together!

SLIDE: Memory Verse

LEADER: “*Those who trust in the LORD
will receive new strength.*

They will fly as high as eagles.

They will run and not get tired.

They will walk and not grow weak. —Isaiah 40:31

“Let’s say it together!

LEADER AND KIDS: “*Those who trust in the LORD*

*will receive new strength.
They will fly as high as eagles.
They will run and not get tired.
They will walk and not grow weak. —Isaiah 40:31*

“Wow! What a great promise! God will give us the strength to do what He asks us to do!

“Today’s Bible Story is an example of exactly that. God put Esther in the exact right time and place to stand up for her people, and then He gave her the strength to do it. Let’s sit down and hear our true story from the Bible today!”

LANDING

LEADER: “Wow—what an epic story we explored today! Esther was an ordinary person, but she showed extraordinary confidence—not because she was the biggest or the bravest, but because she realized that God had put her right where she was to stand up for people!

“God has put you right where you are so you can show your world His love too. God has put you right where you are to stand up for people!

“God was with Esther every step of the way, and He is with you every step of the way too. Let’s give God a thunderous round of applause and a cheer so loud the roof shakes!

Pause as the kids clap and cheer.

SLIDE: Bottom Line

“Here’s the big thing I want you to take home: God can help you stand up for others. Let’s shout it out together—on the count of three! One, two, three!

LEADER and KIDS: “God can help you stand up for others!

LEADER: “Fantastic! Let’s be real—standing up for others isn’t always simple. Sometimes your heart pounds, your palms get sweaty, and you feel butterflies in your stomach. But God promises to be with you, in you, giving you the strength and courage you need.

“Sometimes, standing up means using your voice when you see someone being teased or left out. Other times, it’s as simple as noticing someone sitting alone at lunch and inviting them to join you, or speaking up to a trusted adult if someone needs help. These moments might look small, but they shine brightly—like little sparks of God’s love in a dark world. You don’t have to do something huge. Just care enough to take a step, even when it feels scary.

“When you stand up for others, you’re living out God’s love in a real, powerful way. You’re being a leader, just like Esther. Next time you see someone who needs a friend, or you notice something unfair, ask God for confidence. You might be the answer to someone’s prayer!

“As you head to your Small Groups, really think about this Conversation Starter:

SLIDE: Conversation Starter

[Conversation Starter] “When has someone stood up for you?”

“How did it feel when someone stood up for you? You can make someone feel the same way by standing up for them!”

“Let’s pray and ask God to help us stand up for others.”

PRAYER

COMMUNICATOR: “God, thank You for giving Esther the confidence to stand up for her people. Thank You for being with us, giving us what we need to stand up for others too. Help us trust You and reflect Your love, even when it’s tough. We love You and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

After prayer, Communicator dismisses kids to Small Group.

SLIDE: Theme