

Today's Suggested Schedule—September 2025, Week 1

Bible Story: Moses (Burning Bush, Plagues, Red Sea) • *Exodus 3–6:12, 7–12:42, 13:17–14:31*

Bottom Line: God can give you courage when you don't feel ready.

Monthly Memory Verse: *When I'm afraid, I put my trust in you.* Psalm 56:3 (NirV)

SLIDE: Theme

OPENER

LEADER: “Hey, everyone! Welcome! I'm SO pumped you're here today as we kick off a whole new month all about COURAGE! We're calling it ‘On the Move,’ because sometimes, being brave means taking a step, making a move, even when it feels tough or you don't know the way.

“And sometimes, the tasks ahead of us feel . . . well, HUGE! Like trying to build something amazing out of practically nothing.

WORSHIP

LEADER: Now, we get to switch gears just a little bit and do something super-important, something that helps us connect with God, the One who gives us strength and courage for all those challenges. Let's worship! This is our time to sing, to shout, to focus on how amazing God is, and to tell Him how much He means to us. Are you ready to make some noise and give God your best today? Awesome! Let's get started!

Video: Make Room

“Yeah! Sometimes being brave starts with remembering who God is and what He promises. Our Memory Verse this month reminds us where to put our focus when things feel scary. When we're scared, we can always come to God for help because He loves us. Let's check out our Memory Verse—it's from Psalm 56, verse 3.

SLIDE: Memory Verse

“Let's read it together:”

LEADER and KIDS: *“When I'm afraid, I put my trust in you. —Psalm 56:3”*

LEADER: “Trusting God when we're afraid . . . that takes courage. And knowing He is our hope makes all the difference. Now, let's get comfortable, find our seats, and get ready to dive into God's Word to hear an amazing true story from the Bible!”

BIBLE STORY

VIDEO: So and So Show

SLIDE: Bottom Line

LEADER:[Bottom Line] “God can give you courage when you don't feel ready.

“God didn’t wait for Moses to become brave on his own. God provided courage through His presence and power. And that Passover lamb? That blood on the doorframe that saved God’s people? That was pointing ahead hundreds of years to Jesus. Jesus is the ultimate Passover Lamb. He gave His life, shedding His blood, so that we could be saved from sin, passed over from judgment. When Jesus poured out His blood, He paid for our sin, and now we can be close to God again!

APPLICATION

LEADER: “When we follow Jesus, God gives us His Holy Spirit to live inside us. The Spirit is our helper, our guide, and He will give us everything we need, when we need it. God is closer than close through His Spirit inside of us, and we never face anything alone.

“We might still feel afraid. Remember our Memory Verse? Psalm 56:3? It says: *‘When I’m afraid . . .’* It doesn’t say IF, it says WHEN! Fear is normal. But the verse continues: *‘I put my trust in you.’* We can choose to trust God, even with shaky knees and scared hearts, and ask Him for the courage we need for that next step. Because God can give you courage when you don’t feel ready.

LANDING

LEADER: “When we think about Moses, we can remember that in spite of his fears, God always promised to be with him. God gave Moses signs, He gave him his brother to help him speak—all of these things to help him. But most importantly, God gave Moses His presence. He promised that He would go with him.

“And the same is true about you. God is with you everywhere you go. So even when you face something hard, remember that God is always with you. You can trust Him even when you don’t feel like you can do what you’re facing alone. He will give you the ability to do it, even if you’re scared, and He will go with you every step of the way.

“As you head back to your Small Groups, I want you to keep thinking about this question:

SLIDE: Conversation Starter

[Conversation Starter] “What makes it hard to feel brave?”

SLIDE: Theme Background

Let’s pray before you go.”

PRAYER

COMMUNICATOR: “God, thank You for the story of Moses. Thank You for showing us that You don’t need us to feel perfectly ready or brave on our own. You just ask us to trust You. We admit, God, that sometimes it’s really hard to feel brave. We feel scared, we make excuses, we feel like we’re not enough. But please help us to trust and believe You are with us and You are enough. Thank You for giving us Your Spirit. Thank You for going with us everywhere we go. Please, fill us with Your courage for whatever we face this week, especially when we don’t feel ready. Help us remember to put our trust in You. And thank You for Jesus, our Passover Lamb, who saves us. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

Dismiss kids to their Small Groups.