

K-5TH

Large Group

August–Week 2

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

PRE-SERVICE

GAME 15 MIN

LARGE GROUP [33 MIN]

OPENING GAME 10 MIN

WORSHIP 5 MIN

STORY VIDEO 13 MIN

BOTTOM LINE

WHAT'S OUR PART IN THE STORY

SALVATION MOMENT 5 MIN

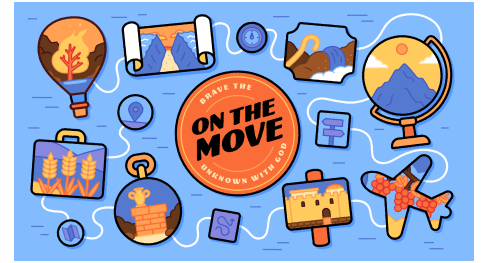
SMALL GROUP [30-35 min]

APPLICATION 1 12 MIN

APPLICATION 2 12 MIN

CLOSING PRAYER 6 MIN

THIS MONTH



Today's Bible Story

Joshua and the Spies •
Numbers 13–14

Bottom Line

God can give you
courage when others
are afraid.

Memory Verse

“When I’m afraid, I put
my trust in you”
Psalm 56:3

PRE-SERVICE GAME

What You Need

☐ No supplies needed

What You Do

Greet each kid with a big smile and by name as they arrive!

Gather the kids in a circle.

Explain that you'll be playing a few games that you might play in the car on a road trip!

Explain how to play:

→ You will quietly pick a color and an item in your head and start describing it without sharing its color yet.

→ For example, you might say, "This fruit is pretty sour! It grows on a tree and is used to make a drink that many people love!" (answer: yellow, lemon)

→ Give the kids time to guess the item.

→ Once someone gets the item right, celebrate them and play another round with a new color and item.

Play as many rounds as time allows. Item Suggestions

Red: roses, watermelon, a stop sign, a bird, a firetruck, a lobster, a heart

Green: an apple, a grape, a lime, a plant, broccoli, an avocado, a tractor, a frog, a leaf, money

Yellow: a banana, corn, a bumblebee, a sun, a lemon, cheese, a rubber duckie, a baby chick

Orange: a pumpkin, a basketball, a goldfish, a peach, a tiger, a carrot, a fox

Blue: a bird, the ocean, eyes, peacocks, a shark, jeans, blueberries

Purple: an eggplant, an octopus, a plum, cabbage, an iris, grapes, grape jelly

"That was SUPER fun! You were like detectives figuring out all the items with the clues given to you! [TRANSITION] In today's true story from the Bible, we're going to hear about some really brave spies. They weren't brave because they were the strongest, but because they knew God was with them. He is the strongest!"

LARGE GROUP

OPENING GAME

What You Need

- ☐ Tape

WORSHIP

STORY VIDEO

SALVATION MOMENT

What You Need

- ☐ Salvation cards
- ☐ Salvation sheet

What You Do

HOST: “Hey, hey, movers and shakers! Welcome! I’m so glad you’re here for another day of our ‘On the Move’ adventure! “Today, we’re playing ‘Which Way Would You Move?’! On any big journey, there are moments when you have to make a choice—do you charge ahead or do you hold back? I’m going to describe an exciting, maybe a little bit tricky, adventure situation. If you think, ‘Awesome! Let’s GO for it!’ move to THIS side of the room!

→ Point clearly to one side. Optional: Use painter’s tape to make a line down the middle of your room to clearly create two sides of the room.

“But if you think, ‘Whoa, that sounds a little scary! Maybe NOT!’ you’ll move to THIS side!

→ Point clearly to the other side.

“Got it? Listen carefully to the adventure, then make your move!

AUDIO -> Play high-energy music

“Okay, first adventure! Imagine you’re hiking deep in the jungle, and your map shows there’s a hidden waterfall nearby . . . BUT the path to get there looks super-dark and spooky! Which way would you move? To the ‘Let’s Go!’ side or the ‘Maybe Not?’ side? Make your move!

→ Pause as kids move. Comment on the split—maybe ask a kid or two briefly why they chose their side. Keep it light and fun.

“Interesting choices! Okay, back to the middle for the next adventure!

You’re at a super-tall adventure park, and you have a chance to try zip- lining way, way, WAY up high above the trees! Which way would you move? ‘Let’s Go!’ or ‘Maybe Not?’ Move it, move it!

→ Pause as the kids move. Comment again.

“Alright, one more! You’re exploring, and you find a shaky old rope bridge crossing over a wide, pretend canyon! It looks like it might hold you . . .

LARGE GROUP

OPENING GAME

What You Need

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WORSHIP

STORY VIDEO

SALVATION MOMENT

What You Need

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Which way would you move? To the 'Let's Go!' side or the 'Maybe Not?' side? Show me your move!

→ Pause as the kids move. Comment. Continue as many rounds as there is interest.

"Awesome job making those choices, adventurers! It's interesting to see how some of us feel super-brave about one thing, and others of us feel brave about something else! Sometimes, even when a lot of people around us feel scared or want to turn back, we might feel God helping us to be courageous. Today, we're going to see how God is always with you! And because God is with you, something awesome happens: you get more courageous. God can give you courage when others are afraid.

Say it with me!"

SLIDE -> Bottom Line

HOST AND KIDS: [BOTTOM LINE] "God can give you courage when others are afraid!"

HOST: "He absolutely can! Now, let's get our hearts ready to worship the God who goes with us and gives us courage!"

SMALL GROUP

APPLICATION 1

What You Need

☐ “Story Review” Activity

Page

☐ Index Cards

☐ Markers

☐ Timer

What You Do

Divide the kids into teams of 3-4.

Give each team two index cards and a marker.

Instruct them to write large letters on the index cards:

→ Card 1: “A” on one side, “B” on the other

→ Card 2: “C” on one side, “D” on the other

Play Together:

1. Say, “Here’s how we’ll play: I’ll read a question about the Bible Story with four possible answers (A, B, C, or D). Each team will have 15 seconds to quickly discuss and choose an answer together. When the time is up, your team is to hold up the card with the letter of your chosen answer!”

2. One by one, read the questions and choices out loud from the “Story Review” Activity Page.

3. Set the timer for 15 seconds, and start it you’ve read all of the multiple-choice answers.

4. Award points for correct answers and celebrate teamwork!

“Can you imagine being sent on a secret mission? That’s what happened when 12 spies went to explore the land God had promised His people. It was exciting, and also a little scary. For 40 days, they saw two big things—the land was amazing with lots of food, but the people and their cities were BIG and strong!

“Most of the spies came back and said, ‘Nope. No way! The people are too big!’ BUT Joshua and Caleb trusted that God was with them and that He was bigger and stronger than any people they faced. They focused on God, and their view of Him got bigger and bigger, while their fears got smaller and smaller. And that helped them have courage even when everyone else was afraid.

“God was with Joshua and Caleb, and He is also with you. When you choose to follow Jesus, He gives you a helper, the Holy Spirit, who lives in you. So you are never alone, and you don’t have to work up courage on your own.

“This week, you might end up around people who are nervous, or scared to do the right thing. But you don’t have to be! Focus and focus on God, ask the Holy Spirit to help you, and to give you the courage to face the difficult things you’re facing. Remember, [BOTTOM LINE] God can give you courage when others are afraid.”

SMALL GROUP

APPLICATION 2

What You Need

- ☐ Bibles
- ☐ “Verse Pieces” Activity

Page

What You Do

Give each kid a Bible.

Direct the kids to look up Psalm 56:3 using the Bible Navigation tips below.

Repeat the verse together several times.

Take a moment to explain any words that might be unfamiliar to the kids.

Move Together:

1. Review the verse motions from Week 1.

→ The NIrV is:

→ When I’m afraid, (Make a frightened face.)

→ I put my trust (Cup hands together.)

→ in you. (Point both fingers to the sky.)

→ Psalm 56:3 (Hold hands like an open Bible.)

Play Together:

Divide the kids into two teams.

Give each team a mixed-up set of puzzle pieces from the “Verse Pieces” Activity Page.

Say, “When I say ‘Go!’, your team is to race to put the puzzle together. Once the verse is in order, recite it out loud as a team.”

“Awesome job, everyone! I loved seeing you all work together. Psalm 56:3 was written by a man named King David. Sometimes people were chasing David, so he had plenty of experience with fear. But instead of letting fear take over, David made a choice. He said, ‘I put my trust in You, God.’ And guess what? You can do the same. This verse reminds us that when we feel nervous, afraid to stand up for what’s right, or even left out, we can trust God! We can stop, breathe, and ask God to give us courage.

This week, when everyone around you is afraid, choose to take a step and trust God [BOTTOM LINE] God can give you courage when others are afraid.”

SMALL GROUP

CLOSING PRAYER

What You Need

☐ No supplies needed

What You Do

Invite the kids to sit in a circle.

Remind the kids that prayer is a conversation they can have with God anytime, anywhere, about anything!

Ask: "What do you need courage for this week?"

→ For example, kids might say: "to stand up for a classmate who's being mistreated," or "to apologize to a friend."

Close in prayer, pausing to pray for each kid by name.

"Dear God, thank You for each of my friends here today.

(NAME EACH KID IN YOUR GROUP AND PRAY A SENTENCE PRAYER FOR EACH ONE AS THE HOLY SPIRIT LEADS YOU.)

Fill us with courage! You, God, are bigger than anything we face! That means You are bigger than any fear. Help us believe that You are the biggest! Give us courage to do and say what's right and stand up for what You would even when other people are afraid. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

GETTING READY

What You Need

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- ☐ ...
- ☐

PRE-SERVICE GAME

LARGE GROUP

OPENER GAME

WORSHIP

SALVATION MOMENT

SMALL GROUP

APPLICATION 1

APPLICATION 2

CLOSE OUT IN PRAYER