

Hello, friends! I'm [YOUR NAME], and
I can't wait to tell you a true story
from the Bible.



Our true story from the Bible begins with a beautiful queen named Esther. Esther was a part of God's people, and she was married to a very powerful king.



But one day, the king was tricked! And he made a decision that was going to hurt God's people! Everyone, say, 'Oh no!'

Everyone: "Oh, no!"

The king didn't know Esther was a part of God's people. Everyone, say a really BIG "Oh, no!

Everyone: "Oh, no!"



Esther knew she needed to talk to the king. There was just one problem. The king had a rule. No one, not even the queen, could talk to the king unless he asked them to come and see him. Esther could get in big trouble if she went to talk

to the king without being asked to come see him.

(*Take a deep breath and exhale.*) Esther needed to be... (*Pose like a superhero.*) BRAVE.



So, Esther asked God's people to pray and talk to God with her. And they did! They prayed for three days! Count to three with me. (*Hold up fingers as you count*.)

**Everyone**: "One...two...three!"

After Esther and God's people prayed, Esther trusted that God could help her be brave, and she went to the king. What do you think the king did when he saw Esther? Do you think the king let Esther talk to him? Give me a thumbs-up if you think the king will say, 'Yes.' (Hold two thumbs up.) Give me a thumbs down if you think the king will say, 'No.' (Hold two thumbs down.) Well, the king ... said ... (Hold two thumbs up.) YES!



Yay! (*CLAPS*.) Queen Esther was brave and asked the king to keep God's people safe, and the king said yes! Everyone, celebrated. Let's celebrate too! (*Do the ASL sign for "applause":* Hold open hands up and twist hands at wrists. See an example on Pinterest: pin.it/3WjqLFNDI)

Say: "Hooray!"

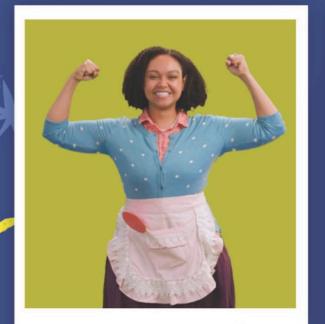
**Everyone**: Hooray!

Wow! Esther prayed, and God helped her be brave. And do you know what? You can pray, and God can help you be brave too! That's why when I ask, who can help you be brave, I want everyone to say, God can help me be brave! Ready? Who can help you be brave?

**Everyone**: "God can help me be brave!"

Yes, God can help you be brave, and God can help me be brave! Our story time is over, but we're not through. Let's talk to God because God loves you!

**Prayer**: Dear God, Thank You for hearing us when we pray to You. Help us remember that we can talk to You when we have hard things to do, and You will help us be brave. In Jesus' name. Amen.



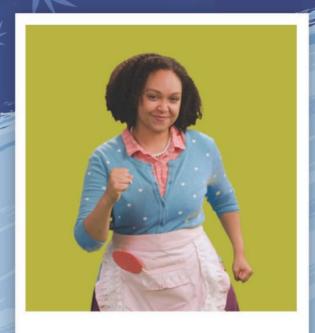
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**Deuteronomy 31:6** 



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Our true story from the Bible begins with a young man named David. Can you say, 'David?'

Everyone: "David!

Yes! David! David was a shepherd, and he loved God. A shepherd's job was taking care of sheep. What do sheep say?

Everyone: "Baaaa! Baaaa!

That's right! There is another man in this story...another BIG man. His name is Goliath. Can you say 'Goliath?

**Everyone**: "Goliath!

Goliath was a soldier, and when I say Goliath was a big man, I mean Goliath was a REALLY, big man! Like really, REALLY, big! Everyone, stand up and stomp like a giant. Ready? (*Stomp your feet several times*.) Stomp, stomp, stomp, and stop. You can sit down now.



Goliath was bigger and tougher than all the other people, and every day, Goliath would shout to God's army in his big, giant voice. (IN A BIG BOOMING VOICE.) Who's going to face me? When God's army heard Goliath, no one would say anything because they were SO afraid! No one was brave enough to face Goliath. That is, until David came to the field where God's army was. David heard Goliath yelling. (IN A BIG BOOMING VOICE) Who's going to face me? David looked at God's army and saw how afraid they were. David was surprised that no one was brave enough to face Goliath. So, David said, 'I'll do it!' David was ready to be super brave because David knew God was with him. It didn't matter how big and tall Goliath was. David knew that God is bigger! And that made David super brave! (Pose like a superhero.) Now, when King Saul saw David, he said, 'You can't fight big, tall Goliath! You're too small!' But David knew that God was with him, and God would help him be brave!



So, young David went out to face big, tall Goliath. Goliath was angry when he saw young David walking out to him, but David was brave! David looked at Goliath and said... "You come at me with all your big weapons, but GOD is with me!' Then David took one stone, put it in his sling, and threw the stone as hard as he could! One ... two ... three! (*Pretend to* sling a stone at Goliath.) The stone flew through the air and hit Goliath in the middle of his forehead! And big, tall Goliath fell down on the ground!



Woo hoo! David did it! God helped David be brave! God was always with David, and God helped David be brave! Do you think God can help you be brave too? (*PAUSE*.) Yes! God can help me be brave, and God can help YOU be brave! Everyone, stand up and make a Super Kid pose! (*Pose like a superhero*.) Tell me: Who can help you be brave?

**Everyone**: "God can help me be brave!"

Can God help you be brave at school?

**Everyone**: "YES!

Can God help you be brave when you meet new people?

Everyone: "YES!

Can God help you be brave at the doctor's office?

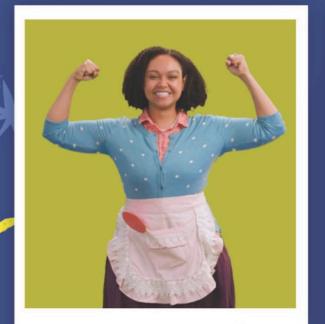
**Everyone**: "YES! (*Motion for everyone to sit down.*)

Okay, everyone, have a sit and listen very closely. God is always with you, and God can help you be brave. So let me hear you say it! Who can help you be brave?

**Everyone**: "God can help me be brave!"

Yes, God can help me be brave! (*Pick up and close Bible*.) Our story time is over, but we're not through. Let's talk to God because God loves you!

**Prayer**: Dear God, no one is bigger or more powerful than You! Thank You for being with us and helping us be brave. You're the best, God. We love You! In Jesus' name. Amen.



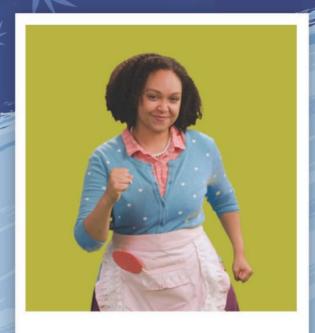
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Gideon was hiding in a hole. Gideon was hiding because Gideon was afraid. In fact, all of God's people were hiding because they were afraid too. You see, there was a BIG army called the Midianites! Show me your big muscles. (Flex your biceps and encourage children to do the same.) Yes, the Midianites were very big and strong. They were SO big and strong they would take everything Gideon and God's people had! And that is why Gideon was hiding in a hole! He was hiding so no one would see him.



One day, God sent an angel to Gideon. The angel said: "The Lord is with you, mighty warrior!" Say that with me!

**Everyone**: "The LORD is with you, mighty warrior!"

And Gideon was like... 'Who me?' Then the angel told Gideon that God wanted him to lead an army to defeat the Midianites. Wow! God wanted Gideon to lead an army! But wait, how do you think Gideon felt about that? (*LISTEN*.) Yes. Gideon was afraid. Can you make an afraid face, like Gideon? (*Make an afraid face*.) Being afraid is why Gideon told the angel: 'How can I do this? I'm the smallest in my family! And that is when the angel told Gideon, 'God will be with you.' Say, 'God will be with you' to Gideon with me.

**Everyone**: "God will be with you!"

Again!

**Everyone**: "God will be with you!"

Gideon did what God said. He lead God's army! Knowing that God was with him helped Gideon be brave!



One night, while Gideon was leading God's army, he gave the soldiers trumpets, jars, and torches. Then Gideon told them to follow him and do what he did. Everyone, stand up and walk very quietly with me. (*Tiptoe across the area*.) God's army walked and walked until they got to where the Midianites were. Then they waited. (*Freeze in place*.) And when Gideon told them to, they made a really loud noise by ... blowing their trumpets! Blow your hand trumpets with me, like this! (*Blow a pretend trumpet*.) And smashing their jars! Clap your hands together like this! (*Clap your hands*.) And letting their torches shine! (*Pretend to hold a torch in the air*.) Pretend you are holding up a torch in the air. Then they all shouted, 'For the Lord and for Gideon! Shout that with me!

**Everyone**: "For the Lord and for Gideon!"

Let's say it again, louder!

**Everyone**: "For the Lord and for Gideon!"

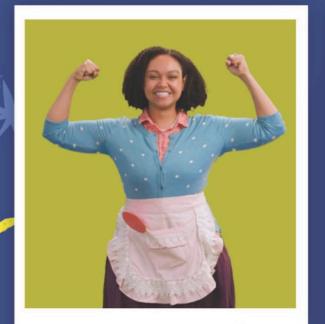
Wow! That was so loud! You can sit back down now. When the Midianites heard the loud sounds, they were so afraid, they ran away! Yay! God did it! God helped Gideon be brave when he was afraid. And God can help you be brave too! So, every time I ask you, who can help you be brave, I want you to stand up, make a super kid pose, and say in your bravest voice, God can help me be brave! Ready? Who can help you be brave?

**Everyone**: God can help me be brave.

Yes, God can help me be brave, and God can help you be brave! You can sit back down now. Our story time is over, but we're not through. Let's talk to God because God loves you!

**Prayer**: Dear God, I love how you helped Gideon be brave and get out of that hole so he could lead Your army. Wow!

Please help me and all my friends be brave when we are afraid, because we know that You are always with us. You're the best, God! In Jesus' name. Amen.



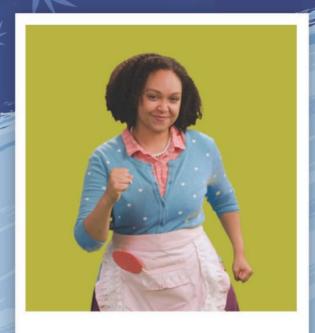
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She was about to do something very special—something that would help a lot of people! If you're ready to hear about the super thing Abigail did, clap two times with me!

Everyone: One (CLAP)! Two (CLAP)!

Abigail and her husband Nabal had a lot of sheep. Everybody, say 'Baaa,' like sheep!

Everyone: Baaaa!



One day, Nabal's shepherds brought ALL of his sheep to a place where a man named David and his men were. David and his men were soldiers. David was also a shepherd, so he knew a lot about taking care of sheep. When David and his men saw all those sheep, they helped protect the sheep and the shepherds so nothing bad would happen to them. Wow! David and his men helped keep Nabal's sheep safe! (Hold two thumbs up.) Sometime later, Nabal's shepherds were giving all of those floofy sheep haircuts. It was such a fun time! They even had a party! So David sent a few of his men to ask if they could have some food from the party.



But Nabal was very mean, and he said, 'No! Why should I give you any food?' Well, now David was upset! David and his men had helped Nabal's men and sheep, and Nabal did not want to help them! David wasn't just upset. He was mad! He was angry! And he was going to do something about it. Now this is where Abigail comes in. Abigail heard about what happened. She knew that if she didn't do something to help, a lot of people would get hurt. It was time for Abigail to be brave and help! Abigail quickly grabbed a lot of food and drinks and put them on some donkeys to carry to David and his men. That looks like enough food and drinks.



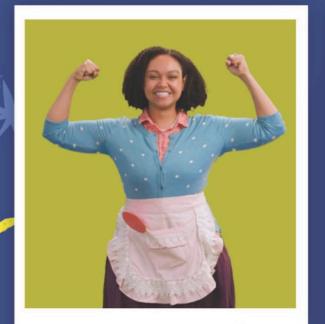
When Abigail got to David and his men, she kneeled down and told David the food and drinks were a gift for him and his men. Abigail hoped David would not be angry anymore. What do you think David did? Do you think David was happy when he saw Abigail with food and drinks, or do you think David was still angry? (*LISTEN*.) Yes! David was SO happy! David and his men took the food and drinks and told Abigail, 'Thank God for you and for your help!' Did you hear that? David thanked God for Abigail! Hooray for Abigail! Abigail was brave and helped a lot of people! And guess what! We can be brave and help others, too! It's true! YOU can be a Super Kid because God can help you be brave!

Everyone, stand up ... show me a super kid pose ... and tell me in your super kid voice ... who can help you be brave?

**Everyone**: God can help me be brave!

Yes, God can help me be brave! You can sit back down. Our story time is over, but we're not through. Let's talk to God because God loves you!

**Prayer**: Dear God, thank You for the story of Abigail and how she was brave and helped save a lot of people from getting hurt. Please help us be brave and help others, too. You're the best, God, in Jesus' name. Amen.



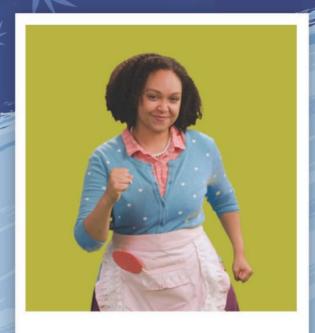
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