

Small Group Leader Guide



THIS MONTH



Today's Bible Story

Rahab Helps the Spies

Joshua 2

(Supporting: Joshua 6:22-25)

Bottom Line

God can give you courage to help someone in need.

Memory Verse

**"When I'm afraid, I put my trust in you."
Psalm 56:3**

Today's Suggested Schedule

Greeting & Prayer (5 minutes)

The leader greets the children and asks how they are doing. After a brief time of sharing, the group participates in a short prayer activity to prepare their hearts for the lesson.

Small Group Activity (20 minutes)

Groups: Creating a safe place to connect

1. Maze Template

Pray & Dismiss (5 minutes)

After small group time, the leader closes in prayer. Then the children are dismissed.



Inclusive Pro Tips

This leader guide is designed to be inclusive of children with a disability who attend a group with their peers. See highlighted sections below for additional inclusive pro-tips. Check out the Special Needs Resource Kit for more ideas for adapting each segment.

SOCIAL

Opening Activity



What You Need

- ☐ A Spinning Wheel
- ☐ Prayer Chart

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What You Do

Pray for your group before they arrive -> Pray for kids who will visit your group for the first time. Recall a time when God gave you the courage to do something you didn't think you were ready for. Thank God for sending the Holy Spirit to live inside of you and help you take the next step! Ask God to help the kids trust Him when they feel nervous or unsure. Whether it's a big change or something small, pray that kids would know God is with them even when they don't feel ready.

- Choose a child to spin the wheel.
- Each color matches a prayer prompt on the chart.
- After spinning, the child finds the matching prompt, reads it, and prays.
- Let a few more children take turns spinning the wheel and praying.

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What You Say

"Prayer is how we talk with God, our loving Father. The Bible tells us to pray without ceasing—talking to Him anytime, anywhere. Whatever you do, begin with prayer. When you do, you can trust that God is in control and working in every situation."

Transition -> Lead your group to the small group activity

ACTIVITY ONE

Verse Maze

Memory Verse Activity

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Explore

Faith Skills

Hear from God

Pray to God

Talk about God

Live for God

What You Need

- ☐ "Maze Template" Activity Page
- ☐ Paper Plates
- ☐ Glue Sticks
- ☐ Scotch Tape
- ☐ Marbles

Inclusive Pro Tips



- Consider the needs of your group and adjust the activity accordingly.

What You Do

1. Give each kid the pieces from the "Maze Template" Activity Page and paper plates.
2. Review the verse together on the circle on of the "Maze Template" Activity Page by saying it out loud several times.
3. As you demonstrate the craft, instruct the kids to follow what you are doing.

- Encourage kids to color the memory verse and strips
- Ask kids to cut out the memory verse and the strips.
- Glue the Bible verse circle into the middle of the paper plate.
- Place the paper strips into the shape of an asterisk around the Bible verse in the middle of the paper plate.
- Tape down the outer edges of each paper strip.
- Make an arch with each strip, and tape the other end of each paper.
- Glue the Start / Finish line to the paper plate.

4. Instruct the kids to place a marble at the start line, try to get it through each arch, and back to the finish line.

What You Say

"Great job creating your paper maze! Just like you had to figure out how to guide your marble through the maze to the finish line, we also need to learn how Jesus can transform our fears into courage by trusting in Him. When we're afraid, it can feel like being stuck in a maze—lost, unsure of which way to go, and maybe even feeling alone. But here's the good news—just like there's always a way out of a maze, God provides a way through our fears. It is trusting that He is with us! Our verse reminds us that whenever we feel scared or uncertain, we can trust that God is right there with us! He will give us the courage we need!"

"When we feel afraid to step up and help someone in need. God doesn't want us to stay stuck in fear—He wants to transform those feelings into courage. He is with you and He is bigger and stronger than anything! So next time you feel nervous about helping someone, remember to ask God for courage to be kind like He is, because [BOTTOM LINE] God can give you the courage to help someone in need."

Pray and Dismiss

Prayer Activity

Faith Skills

Hear from God

Pray to God

Talk about God

Live for God



Inclusive Pro Tips

- Consider the needs of your group and adjust the activity accordingly.
- Be mindful of kids who may not want to pray out loud. Assure them that God hears every prayer, even the ones that aren't spoken aloud!
- Provide adaptive seating and offer fidget tools to all kids.

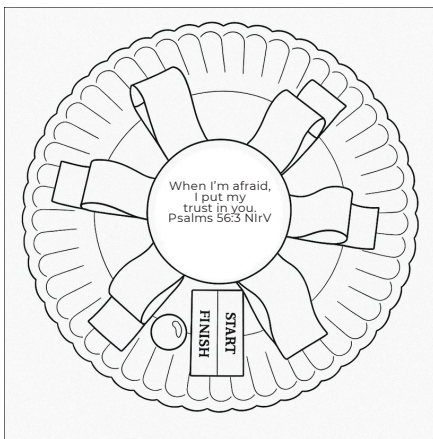
What You Say

"Dear God, thank You for always being with us through Your Holy Spirit. Give us the courage to be kind like You are. Help us in the situations we've shared in this chain. Teach us to listen to Your Spirit so we can be courageous and kind as we go throughout our day. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

As adults arrive to pick up, encourage the kids to show them the Courage-In-Action Chain and share today's [BOTTOM LINE] God can give you courage to help someone in need."



Reference:



What to Do:
Print on cardstock, one for every kid and Small Group Leader.

"Maze Template" Activity Page, NIrV
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