

K-3rd

Large Group

September — Week 2

Large Group Leader Guide

Today's Suggested Schedule

Kids arrival : 9:25 / 11:10

Play high-pitch music as kids arrive

Countdown : 9:30 / 11:15

Start the countdown with excitement!

Large Group : 9:30-9:55 / 11:15-11:40

- Opener
- Bible Story
- Talk It Out!
- Memory Verse
- Prayer

Transition to Small group : 9:55-10:00 / 11:40-11:45

Kids move with their leader to small groups

Small group : 10:00-10:25 / 11:45-12:10

Creating a safe place to connect.

✦✦ Need activities for a K-5th group? Check out the 2nd-3rd guide.

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

10 MINUTES

Opener

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Opener

AUDIO → Play high-energy music as kids enter.

SLIDE → Theme

Optional Video → Theme Loop

→ Host enters.

Optional Video → Countdown

Optional Video → Theme Intro

Optional Video → Theme Loop

HOST: "Hey movers! Welcome! I'm so glad you're here today! Our theme is 'On the Move,' and we're definitely going to do some moving today! Are you ready to travel? To be a mover?"

→ Pause for cheers.

"Awesome! Let's start with a super-fun game called 'Transportation Freeze Dance!' I'm going to play some music, and when the music plays, I'll call out different ways to travel, and you move like that! When the music stops, FREEZE! Got it?"

→ Quickly demonstrate moving like a car, then freezing.

"Okay, everybody, stand up! And then find some space to **move!**
(PAUSE WHILE THE KIDS CREATE SPACE TO MOVE.)

"Great! First up . . . let's be AIRPLANES! Spread your wings!"

AUDIO → Play high-energy music

Start the music either with the coordination of the tech booth, or with a music player the Host controls.
(STOP THE MUSIC RANDOMLY AND ABRUPTLY.)

"Okay, freeze! Great job, everyone! You are definitely 'On the Move!' This time, let's be something different. Let's be TRAINS! Everyone move on down the tracks!"

→ Lead the game for several rounds, calling out different modes of transportation: airplane, train, boat, car, walking fast, skipping, hopping, camel, maybe even rocketship!
Encourage fun movements. Stop the music abruptly each time for the freeze.

10 MINUTES

Opener

(AFTER THE LAST FREEZE) “Fantastic freezing, everyone! That was some serious traveling! You know, God’s people in our Bible Story today did a LOT of traveling. They were definitely ‘On the Move’! But sometimes, on a big journey, things can seem scary, but since God is always with us, we can trust Him, and that can give us courage. He is the biggest! Now, 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!”

10 MINUTES

Story

Bible Story

SLIDE -> Bible Story Lab W2

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "Wow. The people were really scared. God wanted them to go into the Promised Land and take it over. He had promised that He was giving it to them! Over and over, they had seen Him do strong and powerful things! God's people knew He is strong and powerful. But they focused and focused on the tough things that were in front of them. And their fear got really big, while their view of God got really small.

But that's not what happened with Joshua and Caleb! Even though they were facing the same tough things as the other spies, they chose to focus on God. Their view of Him got bigger and bigger, and their fears got smaller and smaller. They trusted God, and He gave them the courage to face the tough things.

5 MINUTES

TALK IT OUT

“Wow! That was such a great story from the Bible. I love how God’s Word shows us amazing things we can learn and live out every day. Now, before we move on, I have a question for you... (lean in and whisper) do you know what time it is?”

It’s time to... (pause, cup your hand to your ear) **TALK IT OUT!** 🎉 That means it’s your turn to do the talking! You get to share your thoughts, ask questions, and see how this story connects to YOUR life.

So, let’s put on our ‘thinking caps’ 🧠... zip up our listening ears 🎧... and get ready to Talk. It. Out!”

SLIDE -> Talk It Out

Talk It Out Questions

- When the people were hungry and thirsty in the wilderness, how did God take care of them?
👉 He gave them water from a rock, manna (special bread) from heaven, and even quail to eat!
- What did the twelve spies see when they went to check out the Promised Land?
👉 They saw huge fruit, beautiful land with milk and honey, but also very tall, strong people and big city walls.
- How did Joshua and Caleb’s report differ from the other ten spies’ report?
👉 Joshua and Caleb trusted God and said, “We can do it!” The other ten spies were afraid and said, “We can’t!”
- Why did most of the people listen to the ten spies instead of Joshua and Caleb?
👉 Because they let their fear get bigger than their trust in God.
- What does Joshua and Caleb’s story teach us about facing scary or hard things in our own lives?
👉 God can give us courage when others are afraid. We can trust His strength instead of focusing on our fears.

SLIDE -> Bottom Line

[BOTTOM LINE] “God can give you courage when you don’t feel ready. Say that with me.”

STORYTELLER and KIDS: [BOTTOM LINE] “God can give you courage when you don’t feel ready!”

09_SLIDE -> Memory Verse

Prayer

HOST: "Dear God, thank You for the story of Joshua and Caleb. Thank You for showing us that You give us courage, especially when others around us might be afraid. Help us to focus on You and how strong You are, instead of on the scary things. Thank You for giving us the Holy Spirit to live inside us and help us be brave every single day. When we're afraid, remind us that You are with us and help us to put our trust in You. We want to go through our lives knowing You are with us, and You are the biggest. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

Transition -> Dismiss kids to their small groups.