

K-3rd

Large Group

September — Week 1

# 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

## 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.**

Memory Verse

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

10 MINUTES

# OPENER

## Opener

AB01\_AUDIO → Play high-energy music as kids enter.  
01\_SLIDE → Theme Loop

→ Host enters.

02\_Video → Count  
01\_Video → Theme Loop

HOST: "Hey, everyone! Welcome, welcome! I'm SO excited you're here today! Give me a wave if you're ready for some fun!"

→ Pause for waves.

HOST: "Awesome! This month, we're talking all about COURAGE!  
(GESTURE TO SLIDE.)

01\_SLIDE -> Theme Slide

"Courage is when God helps you to be brave enough to do hard things. Sometimes God asks us to do things that feel big or scary, or maybe just things we don't feel ready to do. Have you ever felt like that? Like maybe you weren't big enough, or strong enough, or brave enough?"

→ Allow brief responses or nods.

"Yeah, me too! But here's the amazing thing: God can help you have courage!"

"That's right! And to get us thinking about that, we've got a super-fun challenge called the 'Don't Feel Ready' Obstacle Course!"

04\_SLIDE -> 'Don't Feel Ready!'

"It's a pretty simple course—you'll have to step over things, crawl under things, and weave around things. BUT . . . here's the 'don't feel ready' part! You have to do it while holding onto this super-awkward pool noodle. (HOLD UP POOL NOODLE.)

"It might feel a little clumsy, a little weird . . . maybe like you're not even sure you can do it! Ready to try? Let me tell you how we'll go through this course."

10 MINUTES

# OPENER

## Obstacle Course Instructions

1. Teams: We will split into two teams. Each team will have 4 kids from every grade.
2. Starting Point: Each team will line up behind their starting cone.
3. One at a Time: The first kid in line will go through the obstacle course while the rest of the team cheers.
4. Course Steps (you can adjust depending on what you set up):
  - Crawl under the tunnel (or chairs).
  - Hop through the hoops.
  - Balance on the beam (or taped line).
  - Run around the cone and back.
5. Hand out the team noodle to the Next Player: When you finish, run back and hand the team noodle to the next teammate so they can start.
6. Finish the Race: The first team with all players through the obstacle course wins!

"Alright, let's get our first racers ready! Grab your noodles! On your mark, get set, GO!"

AB02\_AUDIO → Play high-energy music as kids enter.

→ Run the game. Cheer enthusiastically for everyone. Focus on participation and trying! It should be awkward carrying the pool noodle through the course—that's the point!

"Woohoo! Amazing job, everyone! You faced the challenge—even with that pool noodle! For some of you, that took some courage to try something new and different! Let's give everyone a big round of applause!"

→ Lead applause. Gather props.

"That was awesome! 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

01\_SLIDE -&gt; Theme Background

### INTRODUCTION.

"Let me tell you about something amazing we're doing this year! We're going through the story of the entire Bible together!

"Why are we going through the Bible? you might wonder. Well, God gave us the Bible so we can learn who He is and what He is like! So we're going to go through the Bible to help us get to know God.

### GOD'S BIG STORY OPENER (OPTIONAL)

"We're going to go through God's Big Story!" (GESTURE TO SLIDE.)

05\_SLIDE -&gt; God's Big Story

"Each week, we'll talk about a different story in the Bible that's important in God's Big Story. And then, to help us see the entire story that the Bible tells, we'll add a picture to this timeline. (GESTURE TO TIMELINE.)

"Okay! now let's dive into this week Bible story.

06\_SLIDE -&gt; Bible Story Lab W1

### WRAPPING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "Even though Moses had been afraid and didn't feel ready, he trusted God. And God gave him courage when he didn't feel ready.

"Remember that Passover lamb? The lamb whose blood saved God's people? God had them celebrate that every year. Why? Because it was a picture pointing to JESUS! Hundreds of years later, God sent His Son, Jesus. Jesus is like God's perfect Passover Lamb. He gave His life, His blood, to save US from our sin so we can be close friends with God forever !

So when you're in a situation where you feel scared, or unsure what to do, God probably won't ask you to part a sea. But He WILL ask you to do

things that take courage. And if He does, He will go through it with you every step of the way. Maybe it's something big like your family moving or starting at a new school, or maybe something small like talking to someone new or apologizing first after an argument. You might not feel ready. But that's okay! Guess what?

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!”

07\_SLIDE -> Talk It Out

## Talk It Out Questions

1. Who spoke to Moses from the burning bush?

👉 Answer: God did! He even called Moses by name.

2. What did God tell Moses to do?

👉 Answer: Lead His people out of Egypt.

3. Can you name two plagues God sent to Egypt?

👉 Possible Answers: water turned into blood, frogs, gnats, flies, all the Egyptians’ livestock died, painful boils, locusts, darkness, hail, or the death of the firstborn son.

4. Why did Pharaoh keep saying “No” to God?

👉 Answer: Pharaoh’s heart was hard. He didn’t want to give up control.

5. How did God help His people escape Pharaoh’s army?

👉 Answer: God parted the Red Sea so His people could walk through on dry land.

08\_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

5 MINUTES

# Prayer

HOST or STORYTELLER: “Dear God, thank You for the story of Moses. Thank You that You are with us every step of our lives! Help us trust that You are with us, so it can help us be brave. Give us courage to do the things You ask us to do, big or small. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”