Large Group

## September — Week 3

## **Large Group Leader Guide**

**Today's Suggested Schedule** 

Kids arrivial: 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.





### Today's Bible Story

### Rahab / The Promised Land

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** 



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

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#### **10 MINUTES**

## Opener

### Opener

AUDIO→ Play high-energy music as kids enter. SLIDE → Theme

→ Host enters.

SLIDE → Countdown SLIDE → Theme Intro

HOST: "Hello, adventurers! Welcome back! Are you ready to do some serious moving today? Because this month, we're 'On the Move'!

→ Pause for cheers.

SLIDE -> 'Hidden Treasure Travel' quest!

"Great! For our first adventure, we're going on a 'Hidden Treasure Travel' quest! Imagine we're explorers on a big journey, and there are amazing treasures hidden all along our path that we need to find for our expedition!

"I've hidden some special 'travel treasures' all around this room—they could be shiny gems, cool explorer tools,or ancient map pieces! When I shout 'GO!' and the music starts, your mission is to carefully travel around the room, find ONE treasure, and bringitback here to our 'Explorer Base Camp,' which is right here!

(POINT TO DESIGNATED BASE CAMP AREA—THE BOX TO COLLECT THE "TREASURES" IN.

"Once you drop it off, you can go search for another one! We want to see how many treasures we can collect for our big journey!

→ Make sure kids know to take only one treasure at a time and to move carefully.

"Ready, explorers? Get your traveling shoes on! On your mark . . . get set . . GO FIND THOSE TREASURES!

→ AUDIO: Play fun, upbeat "Adventure" music

"Wow, look at this amazing haul! You are all incredible treasure hunters and travelers! Give yourselves a cheer! You know, sometimes on a big journey, or even in everyday life, we meet new people.

"Sometimes those people need our help, or maybe we need their help. Helping someone, especially if it seems a little awkward or different, takes courage. Courage is being brave enough to do hard things.

"And that's exactly what we're learning today! 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!"

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#### **10 MINUTES**

## Story

### **Bible Story**

SLIDE -> Theme Background

SLIDE -> Bible Story Lab W3

#### WRAPPING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "Did the spies remember their promise? Yes! After the walls of Jericho came down, the two spies went right to Rahab's house—the one with the red rope still hanging in the window—and they brought Rahab and her whole family out safely!

"Rahab trusted God. She knew He was strong and powerful and that gave her the courage to help someone in need. And she and her whole family were saved! Even though she wasn't a member of God's family, she wanted to be! God even made her a special part of His family because she trusted Him. God brought her into Jesus' family tree! Rahab is one of Jesus' great-great-great . . . many greats . . . grandmothers!

"Rahab took a huge risk, but she chose to trust the One True God and showed incredible courage to help others.

"Remember this:

SLIDE -> Bottom Line

[BOTTOM LINE] "God can give you courage to help someone in need.

"Say that with me."

SLIDE -> Memory Verse

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#### **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'  $\rightarrow$ ... zip up our listening ears ?... and get ready to Talk. It. Out!"

SLIDE -> Talk It Out

#### **Talk It Out Questions**

- 1. Who did God choose to lead His people after Moses died?
- Joshua.
- 2. What brave choice did Rahab make when the spies came to her house?
- She hid the spies and protected them instead of turning them in to the king.
- 3. Why did Rahab want to help God's people?
- She had heard how powerful God was and she believed He was the one true God.
- 4. What was the special sign Rahab used so her family would be safe when Jericho's walls came down?
- A bright red rope hanging from her window.
- 5. What can we learn from Rahab's story about helping others?
- God can give us courage to help someone in need.

SLIDE -> Theme Slide

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## Prayer

### **Prayer**

HOST: "Dear God, thank You for the story of Rahab and her amazing courage. Thank You for showing us that You go with us and You can help us be brave enough to help others, even when it feels risky or we feel afraid. Please help us to notice when people around us need help, and give us Your courage to reach out and show Your love. Help us to always trust in You. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Transition -> Dismiss kids to their small groups.